



**North Western
Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority
Meeting 4: 30 September 2011
Morecambe Town Hall: 10.30 a.m.**

Agenda Item: 11

**TO MAKE THE NEW BYELAWS 1 (APPLICATION OF BYELAWS),
2 (MECHANICALLY PROPELLED VESSELS – MAXIMUM LENGTH,
4 (MINIMUM REMOVAL SIZE FOR MUSSELS, AND
6 (MINIMUM REMOVAL SIZE FOR COCKES)**

Purpose of Report

To present evidence and justification for the making of the new Byelaws 1, 2 4 and 6.

Recommendations

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Authority 'makes' the draft Byelaws 1, 2 and 4 at Annex A.
3. That the Authority 'makes' the draft Byelaw 6 at Annex B.

Background

1. Staff have carried out a review of the byelaws that have been inherited by the NWIFCA and new byelaws are being prepared in order of priority.
2. Byelaws 1, 2 and 4 were discussed at the Technical Science and Byelaw Sub-Committee held on 21st June 2011 and approval given by that sub-committee for these byelaws to be 'made' at the September meeting of the NWIFCA. Impact Assessments (IAs) have been prepared for each byelaw and are attached at Annex A together with copies of the proposed byelaws.
3. Byelaw 1 (Application of Byelaws) replaces Cumbria SFC Byelaws 1 and 2, and NWSFC Byelaw 1. It defines the area to which the NWIFCA byelaws apply and make provision for the Authority to issue consents to fish for scientific, restocking or breeding purposes. Byelaw 2 (Mechanically Propelled Vessels – Maximum Length) restricts the size of mechanically propelled vessels that may be used within the District and Byelaw 4 (Minimum Removal Size for Mussels) will establish a unified minimum landing size (MLS) for mussels throughout the NWIFCA District.
4. The proposed new Byelaw 6 (which is to replace Cumbria Byelaw 6 and NWSFC Byelaw 12) was not discussed by the TSB Sub-Committee but recent events in the cockle fishery have highlighted the need for this byelaw. Officers would recommend that this byelaw is also made at the September meeting. A copy of the byelaw and IA are attached at Annex B.

**Clerk
13 September 2011**