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MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009

The North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority in exercise of its powers under Section 155 of The Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 hereby makes the following byelaw.

BYELAW 4

MINIMUM REMOVAL SIZE FOR MUSSELS.

1. No person shall remove from any fishery within the District any mussel measuring less than 45 millimetres in length.
2. It shall not be an offence under this Byelaw to remove mussels of less than 45 millimetres in length for:
 - a. Scientific purposes.
 - b. Relaying or stock management purposes.

Provided that written authorisation has first been obtained from the Authority.

Explanatory Note:- This Byelaw sets the minimum removal size for mussels. This measure is designed to protect small and immature stock that has not had a chance to spawn and enhance the bio-mass of the species. This byelaw also makes the provision for the Authority to grant permission for the removal of mussels of less than 45 millimetres in length when it is deemed necessary for scientific, relaying or stock management purposes.

I hereby certify that the above Byelaw was made by the Authority at its meeting on 30th September 2011