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## **ANNEX B**

### **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 6**

##### **MINIMUM REMOVAL SIZE FOR COCKLES**

No person shall remove from any fishery any cockle (*Cerastoderma edule*) which will pass through a gauge having a square aperture of 20 millimetres measured along each side of the square.

Provided that it shall not be an offence under this Byelaw to remove cockles (*Cerastoderma edule*) that will pass through a gauge having a square aperture of 20 millimetres measured along each side of the square when permission has been granted by the Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority for:-

- a. Scientific purposes.
- b. Stock management purposes.

*Explanatory Note:- This Byelaw sets the minimum removal size for cockles. The 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 provision for the Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority to grant permission for the removal of small or immature cockle when it is deemed necessary for scientific or stock management purposes.*

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

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