

**NWIFCA Technical, Science and Byelaw
Committee**

7th February 2017: 10:00 a.m.

**AGENDA
ITEM NO.**

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Draft Byelaw: Restrictions on the use of a dredge

Purpose: To discuss further amendments to the draft byelaw and present a revised version.

Recommendations:

- 1. Note further delay to the byelaw.**
- 2. Agree revised byelaw text**

Update

1. The draft byelaw (latest version) was discussed at TSB on 1 November 2016. A number of amendments were suggested. Following the meeting a further version dated 18 November was circulated to members and further comments received.
2. A further draft of the byelaw is at Annex A taking account of these comments which are summarized at Annex B.
3. The byelaw could not be made at the December quarterly because the question of a permit charging scheme is outstanding. As reported at TSB, a Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) explaining the need for different charges for permits for small and large vessels is being considered by Defra who have referred the question to the Treasury.
4. In light of the delay, TSB agreed to apply for a 6 month extension to the emergency byelaw as permitted under MACA. An application has been sent to Defra via MMO.
5. Extension of the emergency byelaw until 1st August 2017 has been approved and can be found at Annex C.

CEO

31st-January 2017