

NWIFCA Technical, Science and Byelaw Committee

1st February 2022: 10:00 a.m.

Agenda Item
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BYELAW REVIEW UPDATE

Purpose: To report on the progress of Byelaw 4 - Potting byelaw.

Recommendation: Approve the following:

- a) Receive the report
- b) Agree to a 3 month deadline (3rd April 2022) for outstanding information regarding whelk permit applications to be submitted to the Authority.
- c) Agree to a 3 month deadline (3rd April 2022) for outstanding information regarding track record appeals to be submitted to the Authority.

1. Byelaw 4 – Potting Byelaw

a) Byelaw status

Byelaw 4 was reviewed and sent back to MMO for final sign off on the 1st of December 2021. A response is due by the 2nd of February 2022. Possible verbal update if an update is received prior to meeting.

b) Permit applications

I. Whelk permit applications

All information provided to NWIFCA regarding applications for a whelk permit under the new Byelaw 4 – Potting permit byelaw have been collated and are under review. For a number of applicants there is still outstanding information required before permits can be issued.

Should MMO refer the byelaw for sign off, we will contact the applicants with outstanding information requests by close of play on the 3rd of February.

We ask the committee to approve a 3 month timeline for applicants to provide outstanding information with regards to their whelk permit application, and should this information not be received their application will not progress further. Deadline for providing outstanding information being close of play on the 3rd of April 2022.

II. Whelk track record appeals

Information regarding the appeals process has also undergone review. A number of applicants also have outstanding information required for their appeal.

Should MMO refer the byelaw for sign off, we will contact the appeal applicants with outstanding information requests by close of play on the 2nd of February.

We ask the committee to approve a 3 month timeline for appeal applicants to provide outstanding information with regards to their appeal, and should this information not be received their appeal will not progress further. Deadline for providing outstanding information being close of play on the 3rd of April 2022.

NWIFCA, 17th January 2022