

TSB Nominations 2025 – Supporting Information

Nick Baxter

I have been on the TSB for some years and during that time I have used my legal knowledge and experience to critically analyse those bye laws which have come up for review.

My knowledge of the Bay area and the environmental issues surrounding sustainable fishing go back over 60 years since accompanying my grandfather on his inshore trawler fishing for shrimp and flatfish in the Bay.

Allied to this my experience in the enforcement sector where my beat included the tidal and estuarine water of the Bay and River Lune with significant interface with NWIFCA and EA Officers. I speak only when I know something about the subject I'm speaking about or to question issues that I feel need clarification in order to make informed decisions.

Steven Brown

I have already served on the TSB subcommittee for a number of years and at present hold the post of vice chair.

I have been involved in the inshore fishery since childhood starting on family inshore trawlers and lately owning shares in two vessels. I have held a command qualification for fishing vessels since 1980.

Subsequently I served the Authority for 29 years as an SFC/IFCA officer and have an excellent knowledge of the fishery and the fishing gear used within the District. I am approaching my 8th year as a Member.

My knowledge of fishing gear, particularly nets, is second to none. When needed I make my own shrimp nets which I use to catch shrimp and prawn for domestic needs.

With a lifetime of "hands on" experience in the fishery I still feel I have a great deal of expertise to offer.

Georgia de Jong Cleyndert

I have a strong interest in marine conservation, supported by an MSc in Marine Environmental Management and experience as a Research Associate on a sustainable fisheries project. As Head of Marine at the North West Wildlife Trusts, I lead work on marine policy and conservation. My focus is on the ecological health and sustainable use of the North West's marine environment. I would welcome the opportunity to contribute to the TSB and support its work.

Garry Pidduck

I joined the committee in February 2020, was reappointed in May 2024 and subsequently joined the TSB committee in December 2024.

I am a dedicated intertidal fisher, based in Barrow-in-Furness. I have over 35 years of experience harvesting mussels, whelks, crabs, and lobsters. My current vessel is a Sutton Work Cap, the Sheila Mary, BW28. She is my third vessel and is used for both netting and potting.

My commitment to sustainability is evident in my careful adherence to local regulations.

Lewis Stainton

I believe my current experience in recreational fishing as well as my past experience of small scale commercial fishing in West Cumbria is a useful addition to the TSB discussions.

I own and operate a 22' fishing boat in Workington, fishing recreationally for crabs and lobster. I set beach nets and beach fish in the north of the NWIFCA region.
I am retired after 40 years in the nuclear industry and latterly as the Harbour Operations Manager at Whitehaven Harbour.

Kelsey Thompson

I started working in aquaculture in 1982 employed by a Kent based company to farm juvenile oysters in saline-lagoons on Walney Island. I became a company director after around 10 years and became the main point of contact for selling worldwide close to 100 million seed oysters/annum and large quantities of half-grown oysters from the beach operation in Morecambe Bay.

In 2000 I formed a new company called Seasalter (Walney) Ltd. to buy the northern operations from the Kent based owners by which time we had also built a hatchery adjoining the nursery.

The hatchery/nursery site forms part of South Walney Nature Reserve so I work closely with Cumbria Wildlife Trust. Since I started farming oysters both the hatchery site and the farm in Morecambe Bay have been ensconced in conservation zones and our working practices are all undertaken with the consent of Natural England with whom I work closely to draw up site management plans etc, also I was one of the stakeholders involved in the two year process of selecting Irish Sea MCZs.

Since 2013 Morecambe Bay Oysters (our trading name) has been partly owned by Loch Fyne Oysters. I remain as Managing Director, however instead of producing half-grown oysters we now supply Loch Fyne with fully grown ones. The Loch Fyne group also farms salmon, mussels, seaweed and scallops, some of those species are farmed in Integrated Multi-Trophic Aquaculture Sites and by partner growers all over Scotland.

I was one of the original supporters of the Morecambe Bay Partnership sponsoring their work for many years and I am a member of the Shellfish Association of Great Britain and attend their Mollusc Committee meetings and their Technology and Training meetings. I am also an active member of the Association of Scottish Shellfish Growers.

Trevor Jones

Trevor Jones has been mucking about in boats for the last fifty years and more. One of his deeply held passions is sustainable seafood. Formerly a member of the North West and North Wales Sea Fisheries Committee, his interest in being a member of the NWIFCA is driven by the opportunity to help create equitable management measures driven by the vision of the IFCA, namely:

"Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities will lead, champion and manage a sustainable marine environment and inshore fisheries, by successfully securing the right balance between social, environmental and economic benefits to ensure healthy seas, sustainable fisheries and a viable industry."

He is also passionate about safety at sea and is an active Sea Fish Industry Approved Instructor delivering safety training to fishermen, thereby enabling them to attain their under 16.5 metre skipper's ticket.

He holds a Republic of Ireland Skipper Full ticket and a UK Class One (Fishing) Certificate of Equivalent Competence.

"There is nothing, absolutely nothing, that is better than mucking about in boats".