

26 EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL, SCIENCE AND BYELAW SUB-COMMITTEE on 19<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026 AT TRUCKHAVEN, CARNFORTH 13:45PM.

PRESENT – MEMBERS

Mr. T. Jones	Chair	MMO Appointee
Mr. S. Brown		MMO Appointee
Mr. P. Capper		MMO Appointee
Mr. B. Leigh		MMO Appointee
Mr. N. Baxter		MMO Appointee
Mr. K. Thompson		MMO Appointee
Mr. L. Browning		Natural England

NWIFCA OFFICERS ATTENDING

M. Taylor CEO, J. Moulton HOE, A. Plumeridge HOS, C. Silverwood Admin Officer

MEMBERS OF INDUSTRY PRESENT

Mr. M. Rowlings, Mr. P. Harrison, Mr. T. Davies

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. L. Stainton, Mr. J. Turner, Ms. G. de Jong Cleyndert and Mr. C. Proud

27 CHAIR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS (Agenda Item 1)

The Chair extended a welcome to all members present.

28 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

29 RESULTS OF THE COCKLE FISHERY OPEN SEASON DATES CONSULTATION (Agenda item 3)

The Chair explained the purpose of the Extraordinary TSB meeting and the recommendation being made.

The Chair reviewed the content of the report, including the results from the most recent consultation with stakeholders.

Discussion took place around the number of respondents, whether it is representative of the permit holders and that the level of response is similar to previous consultations. Reasonable effort had been taken to engage with the stakeholders as contact was made via both text and email. The Authority should listen to the opinion of the people who have voted.

Mr. B. Leigh explained that the obligation upon us as an Authority is to undertake reasonable survey and to commit reasonable resource and we have met both these requirements.

Additional discussion took place around the need for flexibility in the Byelaw to reflect environment and climate change and to allow us to embrace the element of flexibility.

Recommendation: Approve that the NWIFCA cockle open season dates remain as the 1<sup>st</sup> of September to April 30<sup>th</sup> as specified in Byelaw 3.

Proposed: Mr. P. Capper, Seconded Mr. B. Leigh

All in Favour  
Carried

The Chair thanked everyone for attending – meeting closed at 14:05pm.