

NWIFCA Quarterly Meeting

5th December 2019; 11.00 a.m.

AGENDA

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TSB Summary Report 5th November 2019

Purpose: For Information

The following is a summary of the main discussion points at the meeting pending ratification of the Clerk's Minute at the next TSB.

- 1. Minutes 6 August meeting. AOB Pilot Nephrops creel fishery:** Mr Graham asked for points from his intervention to be minuted as follows: The lack of fishing activity in the mud areas around the proposed site for the project should not be read to suggest there is little interest in the area from West Cumbria boats. The Nephrops fishery is a seasonal fishery and very important. Mud areas have already been lost to fishing as a result of MPA designation. Mr Graham suggested that the project creels be set in the Plaice Box to reduce the risk of creels being towed away.

With this change, the minutes were approved.

- 2. Item 5. Byelaw Review:** Actions outlined in paragraph 9 i), ii), and iii) of the report were approved: A further meeting will be arranged including the TSB Chair and Vice Chair and senior Officers to discuss future byelaw priorities. This meeting has been booked for 19 December in Carnforth Office. Following that meeting outcomes will be reported to TSB for further discussion at the Feb 2020 TSB. The aim of that meeting will be to develop a list of measures to be included in each byelaw and set an order of priority.
- 3.** Mr Manning again asked that byelaw 3 contain measures to protect local fishing communities. After an extended discussion, no practical proposals were forthcoming. Mr Manning was invited to put his proposals in writing for the Authority to consider. The background to this is that the Authority cannot include in a byelaw any measures which would discriminate based on where a person lives, their heritage or family background.
- 4. Item 7 Science Report** was for information only. The report is available from the Clerk and on the website if required
- 5. Potting Byelaw Whelk Potting Track Record Appeals process:** Ownership of track record (vessel owner or vessel itself) requires clarification. Science team were asked to reconsider the track record scheme.
- 6. AOB: Update: Byelaw 3 (Cockle and mussel permit) and Byelaw 4 (Potting).** The 1 month statutory consultations will conclude on 9 November following advertising of the byelaws in Fishing news, District local papers and circulation of the byelaws to all stakeholders on NWIFCA databases. Members requested that responses and the Authority replies should be circulated to TSB members before being sent to correspondents. CEO noted that this stage is additional to the Government byelaw making guidance and has not been the Authority practice in the past.

CEO

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