

ANNEX B

Replies from TSB members to the proposal to open cockle beds in Morecambe Bay sent by email on 20th September 2018 by Senior Scientist

1. **Brian Leigh:** What you propose seems measured on the basis of the information provided. Subject to approval from NE, I am happy for you to proceed as suggested
2. **Emily Baxter:** I approve the opening of the cockle beds under derogation against NWSC Byelaw13a to restricted craam only fisheries at Pilling Sands, Flookburgh/Leven Sands and Newbiggin, especially given the amount of small cockle on other beds in the area that will be available as bird resource. The areas of size cockle on each of the beds looks relatively small – as such will there be a plan to re-survey at some point to assess the stocks before the fishery closes in spring?
3. **Kelsey Thompson:** I am happy to approve the opening of the cockle beds under derogation against NWSFC B13a, as per your attached email and restricted to craam only fishing at Pilling Sands, Flookburgh /Leven Sands and Newbiggin.
4. **Paul Williams:** Happy to send my approval to the opening of the beds as specified.
5. **Ron Graham:** Given that there appears to be no objections from BMWG I would support approval for the restricted cockle fisheries by way of issuing a derogation against NWSFC Byelaw 13a Management of the Fishery.
6. **Steve Brown:** I fully approve of the proposal to open Newbiggin and Pilling. Given the events at the last full and TSB meeting ref the new Byelaw 3 it might be helpful to define a craam. Incidentally I am a little surprised at the size of jumbo you suggest the traditional restriction in Morecambe Bay was 4ft 6 in. This of no consequence because if a hand craam is used you can only pick so many individual cockles before the ground goes hard again.

Mandy's Reply to SB. Thanks Steve

1. Can I just clarify - do you approve for all beds opening? Flookburgh / Leven Sands as well as Pilling and Newbiggin?
 2. Do you have a definition of a craam we can use? We know this should be in but are struggling to find one.
 3. Jumbo size - it's what was used on Leven last time round and worked well so happy to continue with it. Lots of cockle grew through so the spat survived.
7. **Steve Garner:** Stewart Mounsey I think put my name forward to work with the NW IFCA on the TSB and rest assured I do review the documentation passed to see if it chimes with any of our statutory duties / interests.

However I feel uncomfortable with approving decisions which are outside a direct EA sphere of influence / jurisdiction.

My thoughts are however that if the HRA submitted to NE is approved as the proposal is not deemed to have an adverse impact on site integrity for the European Site then no objections.