

Byelaw Review Meeting December 2019

See spreadsheet (Annex B) with byelaws defined by gear type.

Spreadsheet does not include the new cockle and mussel byelaw and the potting byelaw as I haven't had time to incorporate them. I have split the current byelaw measures by gear type, personally I think it makes it much clearer on how each of the current byelaws are linked and gives more detail to hopefully assist with better planning of the byelaws going forward.

A couple of points I have on the development of a byelaw plan:

- need for a more detailed plan and overview of the new byelaws.
- need for greater consideration on how the byelaws fit together and impact on one another, how they fit together with other national legislation (SI's and Tech Con) and be more specific about what they are going to cover, and which sectors they are going to apply to.
- include an approach for inherited Byelaws (non-SFC)
 - Environment Agency, National Rivers Authorities, Board of Conservators Byelaws. In the Dee there are still questions over which byelaws were inherited and not confident that the current list is complete.
 - Even once a full list is obtained, the difficulty is the Dee being a cross boarder site and only inheriting the byelaws on the NWIFCA side of the Dee.
 - Can byelaws be part revoked for a geographical area?
 - Do we know what Welsh Government are doing or planning to do with the byelaws?

For example as it stands, new Byelaw 9 states Shrimp and Prawn, what does this include, is it a species byelaw, gear byelaw or a species and gear byelaw:

- It is fishing for shrimp and prawns by all gears – if so it is linked with the potting byelaw.
- Commercial trawling from a vessel included – there is Tech con and shrimping SI legislation to consider.
- Commercial shore trawling – not covered by SI and Tech con – is it appropriate to bring in line with measures within the SI.
- What other non-NWIFCA legislation manages the fishery.
- Non-commercial – including all gears? Trawling, potting, push netting.
- Non-commercial bag limits? Linked to potting byelaw.
- Beam length current management varies – CSFC, NWSFC, Dee Byelaws.
- Consideration of Bass Nursery Areas, Heysham and Dee.
- Links with NWIFCA Byelaw 5, 6 NWSFC Byelaw 2, 6, 9, 19, 30, CSFC Byelaw 3, 9, 13, 14, 15.

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