

NWSFC BYELAW 9 - MECHANICALLY PROPELLED VESSELS - MAXIMUM LENGTH.

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1. No mechanically propelled vessel which exceeds 12 metres overall length shall be used in fishing for or taking sea fish within that part of the District to the west of a line drawn 000° (T) from The Old Lighthouse, Great Ormes Head (53° 20.53'N, 03° 52.13'W, WGS 84 datum)
2. No mechanically propelled vessel which exceeds 15 metres overall length shall be used in fishing for or taking sea fish within that part of the District to the east of a line drawn 0000 (T) from The Old Lighthouse, Great Ormes Head (53° 20.53'N, 03° 52.13'W, WGS 84 datum)
3. This byelaw shall not be enforceable for those vessels:
  - (a) used in fishing for mussels (*Mytilus edulis*) using dredges; or
  - (b) used in angling with rod and line; or
  - (c) referred to in paragraph 4 and 5 below.
4. Vessels exceeding the length restrictions described in sections 1 and 2 above may be used provided:
  - (a) the vessel fished in the District for at least 60 days within the 24 months immediately prior to this byelaw being made; and
  - (b) the vessel remains in the same legal and beneficial ownership as on the date of this byelaw being made; and,
  - (c) the owner(s) of the vessel obtain an authorisation permitting the use of the vessel within the NW&NWSFC District within 6 months of this byelaw coming into force.
5. Newly constructed or purchased vessels exceeding the length restrictions set out in sections 1 and 2 above may be issued with an authorisation under paragraph 4(c) above provided that:
  - (a) the owner(s) can demonstrate that prior to the date of this byelaw being made they had entered into an enforceable financial commitment to construct or purchase such a vessel; and
  - (b) the owner(s) can demonstrate that the date of delivery prevented compliance with paragraph 4(a) above.
6. Authorisations issued under paragraph 4(c) above shall not permit a mechanically propelled vessel to be used in fishing for or taking sea fish within 3 nautical miles of baselines if it exceeds the following limitations:
  - (a) In the part of the District lying between the Northern boundary at Haverigg Point (54° 11.31'N, 03° 19.08'W, WGS 84 Datum) and Rhyl Coastguard/Lifeboat Station (53° 19.48'N, 03° 29.56'W, WGS 84 Datum), a registered length of 13.7 metres.
  - (b) In that part of the District lying between Rhyl Coastguard/Lifeboat Station (53° 19.48'N, 03° 29.56'W, WGS 84 Datum) and the Southern boundary at Cemaes Head (52° 07.07'N, 04° 43.91'W, WGS 84 Datum), a registered length of 15.24 metres.
7. For the purpose of this byelaw:
  - (a) the overall length shall be the overall length as shown on the Certificate of Registry of a British Fishing Vessel; and
  - (b) the registered length shall be the registered length as shown on the Certificate of Registry of a British Fishing Vessel.