

National River Authority Byelaws – Regulating Fishing for Shellfish in the River Dee and its Estuary

BYELAW 2 – INTERPRETATION

In these Byelaws unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) “Authority” means the National Rivers Authority.
- (b) The “River Dee Sea Fisheries District” means so much of the River Dee and its estuary as lies upstream of a line across the River Dee from Hilbre Point to the north western extremity of Hilbre island in the County of Cheshire, thence to the disused lighthouse at the Point of Ayr in the County of Clwyd where the Authority has the powers of a local Fisheries Committee by virtue of Article (2) (3) of the North Western and North Wales Sea Fisheries District Order 1986(SI 1986/1201);
- (c) “Beam trawl” means any beam which has a net attached thereto which is constructed to take shellfish whilst being towed along the sea bed;
“effective length of beam” means the distance between the inner edge of the shoe or skid attached to one end of beam and corresponding part of the shoe or skid attached to the other end thereof, the measurement being taken at the most forward part of the shoe or skid which comes into contact with the sea bed when the beam is towed;
“Otter Trawl” means a conical bag of net rigged between two otter boards, the mouth of which is kept open as it is being dragged along the sea bed.