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MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009

NWIFCA BYELAW 8

PROHIBITION OF FOUL HOOKING

The Authority for the North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation District in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 155 and 156 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 makes the following byelaw for that District.

Interpretation

1. In this byelaw:
 - a) **'the Authority' means the North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority as defined in articles 2 and 4 of the North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Order 2010 (SI 2010 No. 2200);**
 - b) **'the District' means the North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation District as defined in articles 2 and 3 of the North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Order 2010 (SI 2010 No. 2200).**

Prohibitions

2. A person must not use any instrument for the exploitation of sea fisheries resources to intentionally foul hook a sea fish.

Exception

3. This byelaw shall not apply to any person performing an act which would otherwise constitute an offence against this byelaw if that act was carried out in accordance with a written permission issued by the Authority permitting that act for scientific, management, stocking or breeding purposes.

Revocations

4. The byelaw with the title "Byelaw 18: Foul Hooking of Sea Fish" made by the North Western and North Wales Sea Fisheries Committee on the 9th of July 1985 is revoked.

5. The byelaw with the title “Byelaw 17 Taking of fish other than by hooking them in the mouth” made by the Cumbria Sea Fisheries Committee on the 21st of April 2004 is revoked.

Explanatory Note
(This note does not form part of the byelaw)

This byelaw is designed to prevent unnecessary injury to sea fish by prohibiting the practice of foul hooking sea fish.

I hereby certify that the above byelaw was made by the Authority at the meeting on 12th June 2015

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The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs in exercise of the power conferred by section 155(4) of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 confirms the Byelaw 8 Prohibition of Foul Hooking made by the North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority on 12th June 2015

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A Senior Civil Servant for, and on behalf of, the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Date