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NWIFCA Potting Permit Byelaw 2020

Applying for Whelk Permits

Applications for whelk permits must be made within six months from the date of submission of this byelaw for approval.

- a) Category One permits will only be issued to an applicant to fish for whelks using a relevant fishing vessel.
- b) Owners of vessels who can establish Track Record can apply for a Category One whelk permit with 1000 pot limitation.
- c) Owners of vessels under 10m OAL without Track Record can apply for a Category One whelk permit with 400 pot limitation.
- d) Applications for whelk permits must be made in writing using the Potting Permit application form, available on the NWIFCA website or from the Carnforth office.
- e) Application forms must be returned to the Carnforth office either by post or email.

Method for Assigning Track Record for Whelk Permits

- f) Applications to establish track record for whelk potting must be made within six months from the date of ***submission of this byelaw for approval.***
- g) Applications must be made in writing using the Track Record application form, available on the NWIFCA website or from the Carnforth office.
- h) Application forms must be returned to the Carnforth office either by post or email.
- i) Track record is established once for a vessel and is not transferable between permit holders. In the case of shared ownership of a vessel, only one track record will be assigned.
- j) A track record may be transferred from a donor vessel to a recipient vessel providing the ownership of the recipient vessel is the same as that of the donor vessel. Transfer of a track record removes all of the track record from the donor vessel.
- k) Evidence that will be accepted to establish Track Record must show whelk potting for the period 2015-18 only in:
 - i. 0 – 6 nm in ICES rectangles 35E7, 36E6, 36E7, 37E7 and those parts of ICES rectangles 35E6 and 37E6 that fall within the NWSFC District;
 - ii. 6 -12 nm in ICES rectangle 37E6;
 - iii. Those areas outside of the CSFC District in 38E6.

- l) The evidence must show a minimum landings of whelks of 5 tonnes.
- m) Evidence that will be accepted is:
 - i. Sale notes / proof of payments for vessels under 10m OAL;
 - ii. Positional data from vessel plotter or navigation aid;
 - iii. Logbooks for vessels over 10m. VMS tracks for vessels over 12m will be cross referenced with logbooks.

Explanatory Notes:

- (1) “nautical mile” means an international nautical mile of 1,852 m;
- (2) the area “0 - 6 nm” is defined as a distance of 6 nm from the 1983 baselines;
- (3) the area “6 – 12 nm” is defined as the area between 6 nm from the 1983 baselines to 12 nm from the 1983 baselines;
- (4) “the 1983 baselines” means the baselines for the measurement of the breadth of the English territorial sea of the United Kingdom as they existed at 25th January 1983 in accordance with the Territorial Waters Order in Council 1964(a).
- (5) NWIFCA provides a Track Record Appeals Procedure should you consider you have a legitimate claim but fall marginally outside of this eligibility criteria. Application forms for appeal are available on the NWIFCA website or from the Carnforth office.

