

Byelaw and Permitting Sub-Committee (B&PSC) Report Officers' Recommendation

That Members note the content of the officers' report.

At time of writing the most recent B&PSC was planned for 13th June 2024. The circulated papers for the June B&PSC meeting focus on planning for the potential re-making of three permit-based byelaws:

- Netting Permit Byelaw
- Potting Permit Byelaw
- Diving Permit Byelaw (for specified species)

The anticipated re-making of these byelaws is set out in the Annual Plan for 2024/2025. The papers circulated for the June B&PSC meeting included a review of byelaw review principles and also a discussion on the use of a regulatory framework for management rather than the use of voluntary codes.

Byelaw Work

In February 2024 the B&PSC agreed to some changes to the Netting Permit Conditions. The changes agreed were reported to the Authority in March 2024. Officers have drafted updated permit conditions and prepared new Annexes ready for circulation.

New Size of Fishing Vessels Byelaw:

The new Size of Fishing Vessels Byelaw 2022 was confirmed, with a signed copy sent to the Chief Officer on 7th May 2024. The Byelaw has been added to D&S IFCA's Byelaw Booklet. The Byelaw limits the size of a commercial vessel (registered and having a valid fishing licence) that can operate within the District to 14.99 metres in overall length.

The Byelaw has an exemptions clause that includes the standard scientific, stocking or breeding purposes, but also includes scope for authorisations to be issued that cover maintenance purposes.

Byelaws – Quality Assurance by the MMO:

The Mobile Fishing Permit Byelaw 2022 remains with the MMO. Officers have had further discussion with the MMO Byelaw Team and are awaiting advice regarding the inclusion of a specific provision relating to monitoring equipment. At time of writing, the MMO are seeking advice from their legal team.

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Background Papers

- B&PSC papers
- B&PSC reports
- Minutes from B&PSC meetings

(All are available within Section B of the [D&S IFCA Website Resource Library](#))

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