

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

**That Members note the content of the officers' report.**

### Recent B&PSC Meetings

The most recent meetings of the B&PSC were held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024. The draft minutes from the June B&PSC meeting are published on the website, and the draft minutes from the September B&PSC meeting are currently being prepared.

The June meeting included discussion and agreement relating to byelaw review principles. It was explained to the B&PSC that the Vice Chair of the B&PSC (Professor Mike Williams), and the Chair of the B&PSC (Dr Emma Bean) would be preparing a draft paper on the use of the precautionary principle for the AIFCA. The B&PSC agreed that the paper, when ready, could be of use for D&S IFCA's byelaw review work and therefore the B&PSC deferred a decision regarding updating D&S IFCA's own 'Explanation of Decision Making and the Precautionary Principle.' The June B&PSC meeting also included discussions on the planning for the byelaw review work during 2024/2025.

### B&PSC Meeting – 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024

The B&PSC were informed that the time taken to date relating to the Marine Management Organisation's (MMO's) quality assurance (QA) of the Mobile Fishing Permit Byelaw 2022, had impacted on the planned work for the B&PSC, as set out in D&S IFCA's Annual Plan. The September B&PSC meeting included three main agenda items:

#### **Amendments to the current Category One Mobile Fishing Permit Conditions.**

The officers' paper, and the decision making of the B&PSC, reflected the need to push forward with already agreed changes to management measures. The B&PSC recognised the delay in process relating to the QA and confirmation of the Mobile Fishing Permit Byelaw 2022, and as an alternative agreed that current permit conditions (that work with the current Mobile Fishing Permit Byelaw) be amended before the end of 2024. The amendments relate to the protection of the South Australian Heritage Asset Site (wreck) and to implement required management measures to protect features within Bideford to Foreland Point MCZ and Morte Platform MCZ.

#### **Prohibition of Scallop Dredging and a Review of the Potential Management of Demersal Trawl Gear in the Hartland Point to Tintagel MCZ**

The B&PSC confirmed that the current Category One Mobile Fishing Permit Conditions should be amended by the end of 2024 to prohibit the use of scallop dredges within the Hartland Point to Tintagel MCZ. Regarding the use of demersal trawl gear in the MCZ, officers will now discuss appropriate management with Natural England, with the potential use of a Monitoring and Control Plan, as an alternative to formal management. Depending on the outcome of those discussions, officers will prepare information for a formal consultation on changes to permit conditions, if this is the appropriate course of action.

## **Conducting Informal Consultation regarding the Management of Pot Fisheries in D&S IFCA's District**

Members were presented with the outputs from a series of port meetings and other assembled information. The package of information, added to information already provided to all Authority Members and set out the concerns of fishers about pot fisheries in the District. The B&PSC agreed that officers begin an informal consultation to gather more information.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

### **Background Papers**

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

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

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