

**NWIFCA – ANNUAL MEETING 22nd JUNE 2023
10.00AM
TO BE HELD AT TRUCKHAVEN, CARNFORTH**

AGENDA ITEM

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Election of Chair to the Authority

The following nominations have been received for the election of Chair:

Mr Phil Capper

Phil has had a long relationship with the Authority. He served for over 34 years as fisheries officer and at the same time he has been Chair of Governors of a local secondary school. He was recognised as UK Governor of the Year in 2010.

He has also served as Chair of Conwy County Council Education Committee during his service as a county councillor. Since his appointment by the MMO to NWIFCA he has been recognised by both staff and senior management as an 'honest broker' and was appointed as Employee Engagement Champion until being appointed Chair in 2022

Election of Vice-Chair to the Authority

The following nominations have been received for the role of Vice-Chair

Dr Jim Andrews

I am standing for re-appointment to the position of Vice-Chair of the Authority to provide continuity and stability in the senior Membership of the Authority and to carry forward the projects that I have been involved in and have initiated during the period since my appointment as Vice-Chair in December 2020. These include:

- Review of governance, policies and procedures that was started by the previous Chair in 2018;
- Review of the Annual Plan through the Annual Plan Working Group that was established at my initiative in September 2021; and
- Review of the Authority's byelaws through a Byelaw Strategy Working Group, also established at my initiative in August 2021.

I feel that the vice-Chair's role should be much more than simply being the person that fills in when the Chair is unavailable. It is, in my view, a role that requires a deep knowledge of the fisheries in the District, of fisheries science, and best practice in fishery management as well as the legal, practical and technical challenges that a statutory body such as NW-IFCA faces in the 21st century.

My personal goal as an MMO appointee to the Authority is to use my knowledge and experience to assist the Authority's staff to provide science-based and cost-effective fishery management in NW England. The current Chair excepted, I think I am alone among the current Members in having identified and progressed opportunities at the strategic policy level for improving and developing the Authority.

If re-appointed I will use my best endeavours to support the new Chair, to progress these key initiatives, and work with staff to identify and develop other strategies that will equip this Authority for future challenges.

Professional Background

I have formal scientific and legal qualifications and have worked in a professional capacity with NWIFCA and its predecessor organisations since the early 1990s. I was employed by the old North Western and North Wales Sea Fisheries Committee for a period of 9 years, including 4 years as its Chief Executive. I have subsequently worked with finfish and shellfish managers throughout the UK and in all of the Oceans around the world to evaluate and promote sustainable fisheries management, and to advise on good science, management and governance. Here in the UK I have carried out consultancy work to advise

government agencies and UK fishing businesses on sustainable fishery and environmental management practices. I also regularly work with leading UK fisheries lawyers to resolve disputes both in the Courts and through arbitration. In summary, my professional career has provided me with the breadth of knowledge that is needed by a senior Member of this Authority when determining matters involving fisheries science, environmental management, and the UK legal system.