

**NWIFCA Technical, Science and
Byelaw Committee
17 August 2021: 10:00 a.m.**

**AGENDA
ITEM NO.
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Byelaw Review July 2021

Purpose of Report: To report progress with byelaw development.

Recommendation: Receive the report

1. The table shows the position of byelaws in development July 2021

Byelaw in Development	Progress to date	Next stage	Target
Byelaw 1 MCRS	Byelaw submitted to MMO for confirmation Response received from MMO 23 July.	Comments to be addressed and byelaw returned to MMO as soon as possible.	Confirmation by Defra December 2021
Byelaw 2 North Wirral Foreshore Bivalve Molluscs	Byelaw submitted to MMO for confirmation. MMO comments received 30 June 2021.	Comments and byelaw returned to MMO as soon as possible.	Confirmation by Defra December 2021
Byelaw 3 Cockle and mussel permits	Further comments on Byelaw and RIA received from MMO July 2021	Comments to be addressed and byelaw returned to MMO as soon as possible..	Byelaw operating for 2022-23 cockle season
Byelaw 4 Potting permits	Further comments on Byelaw and RIA received from MMO March 2021	Complete comments and return byelaw and RIA to MMO	Byelaw operating in 2022
Consolidation of netting byelaw	Research and discussions continuing	Draft proposals were prepared for May 2021 TSB	Draft byelaw by March 2022

Suggested next priorities

2. IVMS byelaw: Similar IFCA byelaws to implement iVMS in all IFCA Districts are expected to become urgent once iVMS technology has been agreed by all fishery regulators
3. A vessel size byelaw to limit size or engine power or some or all fishing vessels in the District has been discussed by members on various occasions since 2010. No clear requirement for such a byelaw has been defined and byelaw measurers have not

been proposed. There is no enforcement priority for a general limit on vessel size or engine power within the District.

4. A District wide shrimp byelaw has been proposed as a priority, however, with different shrimp measures across the District and in adjoining areas, research would be needed to identify if district wide measures are needed, possible and if so what they would consist of.
5. Research is required into most appropriate MCRS for each species in the MCRS byelaw to create stronger scientific underpinning.

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