

NWSFC BYELAW 16 – SHELL FISHERY -TEMPORARY CLOSURE.

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Where, in the opinion of the Committee, in any fishery, any bed or part of a bed of shellfish is so severely depleted as to require temporary closure in order to ensure recovery, or any bed or part of a bed contains mainly immature shellfish which in the interests of the protection and development of the fishery ought not to be disturbed for the time being, or any bed of transplanted shellfish ought not to be fished until it has become established, and where the bed, or part thereof, has been clearly defined in notices displayed in the vicinity prohibiting the removal or disturbance of the shellfish, no person shall, while the bed or part thereof is so defined, take away or otherwise disturb any shellfish therein.

Provided that no bed or part of a bed may remain closed under this byelaw at any one time for a longer period than one year, without review by the Committee.