



Byelaw Work

Timelines, Status & Changes

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Introduction

D&S IFCA (the Authority) has statutory duties as specified within the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (MaCAA). The Act contains several sections relevant to IFCA working; however, Section 153 (Management of Inshore Fisheries) and Section 154 (Protection of Marine Conservation Zones) are of particular significance.

The Authority inherited many byelaws from its predecessor organisation Devon Sea Fisheries. For its byelaw review, and when new management has been required, the Authority has adopted an activity-based approach and the use of permit-based byelaws that introduce flexible and inclusive management.

The introduction of a permit-based model has enabled large numbers of management measures to be retained or introduced to manage different fishing activities, rather than retain or increase the numbers of standalone byelaws. Current permit-based byelaws include:

- **Mobile Fishing Permit Byelaw**
- **Potting Permit Byelaw**
- **Netting Permit Byelaw**
- **Diving Permit Byelaw (for specified shellfish)**

The Authority has delegated powers to the Byelaw and Permitting Sub-Committee to undertake byelaw related working, including the review of any permit conditions introduced under the permit-based byelaws.

A separate guide (A Guide to the Work of the Byelaw & Permitting Sub-Committee) can be viewed [here](#) and is available on the Authority's website.

Information for Readers:

This guide is intended to provide key information relating to the development of the Authority's byelaws and permit conditions.

The Authority is transparent with information that has been created and used in the decision-making processes.

Reports created for the Byelaw & Permitting Sub-Committee (B&PSC) and the minutes from B&PSC meetings can be found in [Section B of the D&S IFCA Resource Library](#).

Key:

Green = Consultation/Engagement

Red = Implemented Management or Decision Making

Orange = Environmental Information

Mobile Fishing Permit Byelaw

Key Dates	Comments	Information
1st January 2014	<p>Byelaw came into force.</p> <p>The whole Byelaw must be reviewed in 2019 (5 years).</p> <p>The Permit Conditions must be reviewed at least every 3 years</p>	<p>Provides Catch, Gear, Spatial & Time Restrictions (2 Categories - At sea & Estuary)</p> <p>Incorporated several legacy measures – 7 Old stand-alone Byelaws revoked.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scallops - Closed Periods • Escallops – Methods of fishing • Prohibition of Trawling in Start Bay • Restrictions of Trawling in Estuaries • Definition of Trawling • Dredging in Salcombe Estuary • Dredging in Dart
30th November 2016	<p>Mandatory Consultation for a Three-year Review of Permit Conditions Required</p>	<p>Multi-phase consultation begins</p>
27th March 2017	<p>Focussed Consultation on specific items (6 week)</p>	<p>a) Demersal Towed Gear in Torbay MCZ b) Demersal trawl gear Lundy SAC c) Scallop dredge Lundy SAC d) Prohibition on the removal of Spiny Lobster – Tranche 1 & 2 Sites</p>
15th May 2017	<p>Byelaw & Permitting Sub-Committee Meeting</p> <p>Findings of Consultation and the evidence submitted was discussed. The proposals were revised and then agreed at the Full Authority meeting in June 2017.</p>	<p>Revised Proposals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Torbay MCZ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scallop dredging & Trawling activity separated • Scallop Dredging Prohibited in Torbay MCZ • Seasonal Trawling (End of March to end of June permitted subject to impact study, gear trials detailed within a Control & Monitoring Plan. 2. Lundy Island (Trawl) Monitoring & Control Plan required to gather information, monitor activity levels and assess gear impact on subtidal coarse sediment sub feature of Lundy SAC. 3. Lundy Island (Scallop) To prohibit scallop dredging on the subtidal coarse sediment sub feature of the Lundy SAC. 4. Protection of spiny Lobster in MCZ areas Prohibit removal of spiny lobster by demersal towed gear in Lundy, Skerries Bank & Surrounds and Bideford to Foreland Point MCZ
15th June 2017	<p>Full Authority Meeting</p>	<p>Revised proposals approved, and the new Permit Conditions & Annexes finalised</p>

28th July 2017	New Mobile Fishing Permit Conditions came into force	All existing permit holders and new applicants to receive the amended Permit Conditions.
August 2018	Reporting	A Final Report created to document complete process. Report is still published on D&S IFCA Website (File F) – “The Mobile Fishing Permit Byelaw – A three-year review of the permit conditions” – August 2017.
11th September 2017	A “Further Review” of the Mobile Fishing Permit Conditions begins with a six-week consultation	Specific items already identified by D&S IFCA subjected to a Multi -Phase consultation process – Specific Items as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of IVMS • Replacing a reliance on a Deeming Clause • Introducing the size of a scallop (100mm) as a Permit Condition • Permit Conditions to manage the IPA • Permit Conditions to manage access for ring netting activity in Plymouth Sound
31st January 2018	2nd phase Consultation (six-week period begins)	Same proposals as above subjected to consultation with proposed Permit Conditions also detailed in consultation reports.
12th April 2018	Byelaw & Permitting Sub-Committee Meeting	All proposals approved as set out. Permit Conditions & 8 separate Annexes were then refined in preparation for issue whilst IVMS units were still being fitted. Other documents changed such as Application Forms. New Documents prepared including Policy.
28th August 2018	New Mobile Fishing Permit Conditions & 8 Annexes came into force	A mail shot to issue the new Permit Conditions was conducted and the new Mobile Fishing Permit Conditions, Annexes, Application Forms (& Policy) posted on D&S IFCA website. <p>Other Environmental Information: There is an expectation that D&S IFCA continues development of a plan to introduce a Fully Documented Fishery (Shad bycatch) by contacting and including interested parties which include Plymouth University, Environment Agency, and potentially SIFCA and CIFCA.</p>
September 2018	Reporting	A Final Report – “Mobile Fishing Permit Byelaw – Development Report for Additional Changes to Permit Conditions” Edition 4 – Final Report – August 2018 is posted on website (File F)
October 2018	Byelaw & Permitting Sub-Committee Meeting	Members began review the whole Mobile Fishing Permit Byelaw; however it was agreed to delay the discussions until 2019.

July 2019	Officer Work	Working documents prepared for the Byelaw Technical Working Group (BTWG)
16 th July 2019	BTWG Meeting	Initial re-drafting work highlighting discussion items and recommendations for the B&PSC
15th August 2019	Byelaw & Permitting Sub-Committee Meeting	Members presented with a Report – Mobile Fishing Permit Byelaw – The Five-Year Review of the Byelaw (30 th July 2019). Report includes environmental information relevant to discussions on vessel access within MPA areas. Members actioned the BTWG to conduct drafting work including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of new permits to manage sand eel trawling • Develop amended text within overarching Mobile Fishing Permit Byelaw • Develop amendments to Cat 2 permits • Develop amendments to Cat 1 permits
10 th September 2019	BTWG Meeting	Continued drafting work with Byelaw and Cat 1 & 2 permits to reflect decision making of B&PSC. Discussion items relating to the drafting work highlighted in a BTWG report for the B&PSC to consider in November 2019.
14th November 2019	Byelaw & Permitting Sub-Committee Meeting	Members presented with a Report – BTWG Progress Report – Mobile Fishing Byelaw Review (Oct 2019). Members approved drafting work to date, clarified answers to specific questions and agreed to recommendations as set out in report. Officers actioned as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To consult on the development of 2 new types of permit conditions to manage sand eel trawling for recreational and commercial fishers.
December 2019	Officer Work	Information prepared for consultation on the development of permit conditions (Cat 3 & 4) to manage sand eel trawling. 4-week consultation expected to begin on 13 th December 2019.
13th December 2019	Consultation on Proposals to manage Sand Eel Trawling via Permit Conditions	The “Have Your Say” consultation highlighted proposals to manage the activity of sand eel trawling by commercial and recreational fishers via the use of permit conditions. Information was directly circulated (Mail Chimp) to contacts on the mailing list and all permit holders. The responses were summarised into a report: A Summary of Response from the Consultation on Proposals to Manage Sand Eel Trawling via Permit Conditions (29th January 2020). This report was presented to the B&PSC on 11th February 2020.
11th February 2020	Byelaw & Permitting Sub-Committee Meeting	The consultation response was discussed, and elements of management were agreed for continuing development work. Members requested further work by officers regarding vessel size and trawl length restrictions.

10 th July 2020	Officer Work	Refreshed Annexes 1 to 8 produced, but not directly circulated to existing permit holders. The refreshed annexes were made available on the website and issued to new applicants from 10 th July.
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Potting Permit Byelaw (Including the Live Wrasse Fishery)

Key Dates	Comments	Information
1st March 2015	<p>Byelaw came into force.</p> <p>The whole Byelaw must be reviewed in 2020 (5 years).</p> <p>The Permit Conditions must be reviewed at least every 3 years</p>	<p>Provides Catch, Gear, Spatial & Time Restrictions (2 Categories – Commercial & Recreational Fishers)</p> <p>No Annexes were issued with original Permit Conditions Incorporated several legacy measures. 2 Old stand-alone Byelaws revoked.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potting Restriction – Lundy Island MCZ • Pots used for Fishing for Crustacea
March/April 2015	Consultation to increase the MCRS of female brown crab to 150mm.	A change to the Catch Restrictions element of the Potting Permit
1st May 2015	Permit Conditions with new MCRS for female Brown Crab in force	All Permit Holders now have Potting Permit Conditions with the 150mm MCRS for female Brown Hen Crab
4th November 2016	Live Wrasse Pot Fishery	After seeing the emergence of the Live Wrasse Pot Fishery, D&S IFCA informs all commercial Potting Permit Holders that it is considering new management measures
24th February 2017	Consultation for the Live Wrasse Pot Fishery	<p>5 Proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement a Fully Documented Fishery • Pot Limitation (60 pots per vessel) • Requirements to mark gear • Closed season (between 1st April & 31st July) • Min & Max Sizes <p>120mm to 230mm (Rock cook, Goldsinny & Corkwing) 150mm to 230mm (Ballan & Cuckoo)</p>
15th May 2017	Byelaw & Permitting Sub-Committee Meeting	<p>Decisions Taken:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implementation of Fully Documented Fishery 2. 120 Pot limits per permit holder 3. Gear marking “WRA” required 4. Closed Season – 1st April - 30th June 5. Introduction of Min & Max sizes as set out in proposals. 6. Issue of a Policy Statement,

		<p>7. Requirements for fishers to allow officers aboard for surveys</p> <p>8. Voluntary Closed Areas</p> <p>9. Formal Review set for Nov 2017</p>
July 2017	New Potting Permit Conditions came into force	A mail shot to issue the new Permit Conditions was conducted
August 2017	Reporting	A Report created to document complete process. Report is still published on D&S IFCA Website (File F) – “Management of the Live Wrasse Pot Fishery” Version 3 – August 2017
September 2017	Mandatory Consultation for a Three-year Review of Permit Conditions Required	Multi-phase consultation begins (general Potting Conditions) – Phase One “open consultation” - (11 th September to 23 rd October 2017)
November 2017	Formal Review of the Live Wrasse Pot Fishery	Members of the Byelaw & Permitting Sub – Committee began the Formal Review by studying a Live Wrasse Fishery Data Analysis Research Report (November 2017) by Dr Libby West & Stephanie Davies. Consultation actioned.
31 st January 2018	Consultation conducted for the Live Wrasse Pot Fishery	<p>2 Specific Proposals including proposed Permit Conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change to closed season to be 1st May to 15th July inclusive. • Change in the slot size for Corkwing Wrasse to be 140mm to 180mm.
31 st January 2018	Consultation conducted for general Potting Permit Conditions	<p>6 Focussed Items (including proposed Permit conditions) that could result in changes to general Potting Conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potting Permit Conditions to replace a reliance on a deeming clause. • Potting Permit Conditions to prohibit the removal of spiny lobster from MCZ areas – Adding Bideford to Foreland Point MCZ to already protected Skerries Bank & Surrounds and Lundy MCZ. • Protection for spiny lobster that has recently cast its shell. • Gear restrictions to protect otters in estuaries • Managing the Whelk Fishery • Lundy Island “No Take Zone” (as a Potting Permit Condition) • Changes to Category Two Permit Conditions (hauling pots that belong to others)

March 2018	End of both consultations	Information collated was presented to Byelaw & Permitting Sub-Committee in April 2018.
12 th April 2018	Byelaw & Permitting Sub - Committee Meeting	<p>Decisions Taken (general potting):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potting Permit Conditions to be implemented as proposed to replace a reliance on the deeming Clause. • Potting Permit Conditions to be implemented as proposed to protect spiny lobster that has recently cast its shell. • Potting Permit Conditions to be implemented to prohibit removal of spiny lobster from MCZ (this adds Bideford to Foreland Point MCZ) – New Annexes created. • Potting Permit Conditions to be implemented to protect Otters in estuaries (gear restrictions in areas defined in new Annexes) • Potting Permit Conditions to be implemented to introduce a phased in new MCRS for Whelk (45mm to 65mm in 10mm increases over two years from November 2018)
12 th April 2018	Byelaw & Permitting Sub -Committee Meeting	<p>Decisions Taken (Live Wrasse Pot Fishery)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potting Permit Conditions to be implemented to amend closed season to be 1st May to 15th July each year. • Potting Permit Conditions to be implemented to amend the slot size for corkwing wrasse to be 140mm to 180mm. • New guidance to be issued (Voluntary closed areas) • A date set for another review in November 2018
May/June	Legal advice taken to refine wording in the Potting Conditions	4 New Annexes prepared for the general Potting Permit Conditions and, also new Application forms, policy and guidance made.
13 th August 2018	New Potting Permit Conditions & 4 Annexes came into force	A mail shot to issue the new Permit Conditions was conducted and the new Potting Permit Conditions, Annexes, Application Forms (& Policy) posted on D&S IFCA website.
September 2018	Reporting	Two Final Reports posted in file F of website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Potting Permit Byelaw – A Three-Year Review of the Permit Conditions” Edition 3 – July 1st2018. • “Potting Permit Byelaw – Development and Management of the Live Wrasse Pot Fishery” Edition 2 – July 1st, 2018.
20 th November 2018	Byelaw & Permitting Sub-Committee	A Formal Review of the Live Wrasse Fishery (2018-19) began.

	Meeting (Non-Quorate Meeting)	<p>Members were presented with a Supplement Report: Formal Review of the Live Wrasse Pot Fishery. The report was a compilation of information including details about management already introduced and information and evidence compiled by D&S IFCA.</p> <p>Members were also presented with a report: Live Wrasse Data Analysis (Nov 2018) by Sarah Curtin & Dr Libby West (D&S IFCA).</p> <p>Members were also presented with a summary paper compiled by Sarah Clark (D&S IFCA): Current Research relating to the Live Wrasse Fisheries in the South West.</p> <p>Members <u>recommended</u> that (subject to the findings of further evidence presented by D&S IFCA Officers) there should be no changes to the current management of the Live Wrasse Pot Fishery. Management includes both the Potting Permit Conditions and separate Policy & Guidance.</p>
26th February 2019	Byelaw & Permitting Sub-Committee Meeting	<p>Members were presented with an addendum to the Live Wrasse Data Analysis (Nov 18).</p> <p>Decisions Taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members endorse findings of the reports presented to them to date • That existing management measures for the Live Wrasse Pot Fishery be Maintained • That a comprehensive review of the Live Wrasse Pot Fishery will be conducted to reflect the three years of data that will have been collected and collated. <p>Members were presented with a report about the work of the Technical Byelaw Working Group which highlighted an issue with the Potting Permit Condition 2.5.3 (Bait restriction for general potting)</p> <p>Decision Taken: That Permit Condition 2.5.3 is subjected to consultation with a view to its removal.</p>
8th March 2019	Consultation conducted on the potential removal of Potting Permit Condition 2.5.3	Consultation ended on 12th April 2019. Responses assembled into a Supplement Report to be discussed by the Byelaw & Permitting Sub-Committee on 16th May 2019
16th May 2019	Byelaw & Permitting Sub-Committee Meeting	Decision taken to remove the Potting Permit Condition 2.5.3 that related to a bait restriction.

June/July 2019	Officer Work	Permit Conditions amended. Annexes refined. Preparation for circulation of new permits with a start date of 1 st August 2019.
1st August 2019	New Potting Permits and Annexes came into force	New Potting Permits Issued (Direct Circulation). Website & Facebook news items posted to raise awareness.
11th February 2020	Byelaw & Permitting Sub-Committee Meeting	<p>The B&PSC received and discussed the following report: Three Year Comprehensive Review of the Live Wrasse Fishery in Devon & Severn IFCA's District V 1.3.</p> <p>Members recognised the finding of the report and concluded that additional protection was required to protect rock cook wrasse.</p> <p>Decisions Taken: That D&S IFCA continues to manage the Live Wrasse Pot Fishery using permit restrictions and the continuation of the Fully Documented Fishery (research), whilst having regard to changes in permit conditions relating to rock cook wrasse.</p> <p>That the Potting Permit Conditions are to be examined by the Byelaw Technical Working Group (BTWG) and amended in such a way as to require all rock cook wrasse to be returned to the sea.</p> <p>To continue the onboard observer programme appropriate to the resources available to D&S IFCA and proportionate to the continued commitment to the conservation objectives of the fishery.</p> <p>A formal consultation was required.</p>
March 2020	Officer/BTWG Work	Drafting of the Potting Permit Conditions in preparation for the formal consultation.
April/May 2020	Formal consultation conducted on potential changes to the Potting Permit Conditions	The formal consultation "Amendments to the Permit Conditions to Manage the Live Wrasse Pot Fishery" ended on 15th May 2020. The responses and associated decision-making reports were assembled for presentation to the B&PSC at their next meeting.
April 2020	Officer Work	Data review and re-analysis of the Three-Year Comprehensive Review of the Live Wrasse Fishery in Devon & Severn IFCA's District. Version 1.6 was produced and published.
18th June 2020	Byelaw & Permitting Sub-Committee Meeting	Decision Taken: That the Habitat Regulation Assessments (HRAs), relevant to the Live Wrasse Pot Fishery, are reviewed by officers and submitted to Natural England for formal advice.

		<p><i>That the proposals for amendments to the Potting Permit Conditions are applied and amended permits circulated before 15th July 2020.</i></p> <p><i>That the formal advice received from Natural England is considered by the B&PSC at the earliest opportunity.</i></p> <p>The Potting Permit Conditions would now prohibit the removal of rock cook wrasse from a fishery within D&S IFCA's District. The slot size for rock cook wrasse would be removed from the Potting Permit Conditions as it would no longer be relevant. A schedule would be added to the Potting Permit Conditions to assist fishers measuring sea fisheries resources taken.</p>
July 2020	Officer Work	Permit Conditions amended in preparation for circulation of new permits with a start date of 10 th July 2020.
July 2020	Officer Work	Revised HRAs relevant to the Live Wrasse Pot Fisher were submitted to natural England for formal advice.
July 2020	New Potting Permits came into force	New Potting Permits Issued (Direct Circulation). Website & Facebook news items posted to raise awareness.

Diving Permit Byelaw

Key Dates	Comments	Information
1st March 2015	<p>Byelaw came into force.</p> <p>The whole Byelaw must be reviewed in 2020 (5 years).</p> <p>The Permit Conditions must be reviewed at least every 3 years.</p>	<p>Provides Catch, Gear, Spatial & Time Restrictions (2 Categories – Commercial & Recreational Fishers)</p> <p>Permits only required for Divers that intend to take scallops, lobster & crab – not other forms of Diving.</p> <p>Incorporated several legacy measures into the Permit Conditions but no revocation as relevant legacy measures still apply to “any person”.</p> <p>No Annexes are issued with original Permit Conditions.</p> <p>The Diving Permit Byelaw includes a deeming clause which will be highlighted in the review.</p> <p>Annexes will be created and used following a review.</p>
13th November 2017	Byelaw & Permitting Sub – Committee Meeting	Officers actioned to begin the mandatory Three-Year review of Diving Permit Conditions
1st December 2017	Mandatory Consultation for a Three-year Review of Permit Conditions Required	Multi-phase consultation begins – Phase One “open consultation” - (1st December 2017 to 12th January 2018.
February/March 2018	Findings collated	Supplementary report created for Sub - Committee
12 th April 2018	Byelaw & Permitting Sub – Committee Meeting	Diving Discussions deferred until next meeting where identified & focussed items will be highlighted for a 2 nd phase of consultation.
August 2018	Byelaw & Permitting Sub – Committee Meeting Cancelled	The meeting was rearranged for October 2018
Sept 2018	Reporting	The Diving Consultation Phase 1 Supplement published as a member’s paper on the Meetings Page of the D&S IFCA Website.
11th October 2018	Byelaw & Permitting Sub – Committee Meeting	<p>Members were presented with a Supplement Report: A Summary of Response from the Phase 1 Consultation.</p> <p>Members agreed that some specific items be subjected to a 2nd and focused period of consultation. Items included: Protection of Spiny Lobster, Scallop Bag Limit, Deeming Clause, Lundy No Take Zone</p>
8th March 2019	Consultation conducted on 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of scallops that can be taken by a recreational diver

	specific items within the Diving Permit Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection of spiny lobster that have recently cast their shell • Prohibition on the removal of spiny lobster from Tranche 2 Marine Conservation Zones (Bideford to Foreland Point) • Incorporating the Lundy Island - No Take Zone into the Diving Permit Conditions • To use Permit Conditions to replace a reliance on the deeming clause • Prohibition on the removal of parts of spiny lobster • Amending the Knoll Pins (Lundy Island) restrictions
16 th May 2019	Byelaw & Permitting Sub-Committee Meeting	<p>Decisions taken about changes to the Diving Permit Conditions.</p> <p>Decision Taken: Number of scallops that can be taken by a recreational diver per calendar day increased from 15 to 25. Other items set out in consultation list above all agreed for implementation.</p>
June/July 2019	Officer Work	Diving Permit Conditions amended. 3 New Annexes created. Preparation for circulation of new permits with a start date of 1 st August 2019.
1 st August 2019	New Diving Permits and Annexes came into force	New Diving Permits Issued (Direct Circulation). Website & Facebook news items posted to raise awareness.

Netting Permit Byelaw

Key Dates	Comments	Information
<p>1st March 2018</p>	<p>Byelaw provisions (Effective Date) came into force.</p> <p>Byelaw signed by Secretary of State on 8th May 2018.</p> <p>The whole Byelaw must be reviewed after 5 years.</p> <p>The Permit Conditions must be reviewed at least every 3 years</p>	<p>Provides Catch, Gear, Spatial & Time Restrictions (2 Categories – Commercial & Recreational Fishers)</p> <p>Incorporated several legacy measures into the Permit Conditions, but some stand-alone measures are still relevant as they apply to “any person”.</p> <p>3 old legacy measures were revoked.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prohibition of Netting – River Exe • Trawling & Netting Prohibition – part of Lundy Island Marine Conservation Zone • River Exe – Prohibition of Netting <p>Legacy Byelaw 17 was not revoked as its legal definition still includes “long lines” which has yet to be subjected to a review by D&S IFCA</p> <p>No Deeming Clause was placed in the Byelaw. The Permit Conditions are already used effectively so it is not needed.</p> <p>5 Annexes are issued with these original Permit Conditions.</p> <p>Key Conditions –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Netting within estuaries is now very restrictive – no fixed or drift nets. 20 metre seine net permitted in estuaries for sand eel (20mm mesh) • Netting closing line generally harmonise

		<p>with Bass Nursery Area closing lines.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restrictions in coastal zones (Annex 3) maintained as per legacy Byelaw 17 with a 3-metre headline restriction for fixed nets – subject to potential review if the EA provide evidence to support change. • Gear limits for recreational fishers – 25 metre max length at sea. • Catch restrictions introduced for recreational fishers • Protection for Spiny lobster (prohibition on removal) in three sites including Bideford to Foreland Point already established (Annex 1) • Old EA measures in Somerset areas re-established (Annex 5) which harmonise with Voluntary Angling Zones.
June/July 2018	Presentation & GDPR	Presentation of Permit Conditions amended but not the content. Also, changes have been made to Application Forms (including privacy notices)

Managing Hand Working Fishing Activity

There are many fishing activities that will be reviewed as part of this work. The Byelaw & Permitting Sub Committee (B&PSC) began to examine the management of these activities in October 2018. A draft planning report - Managing Hand Working Fishing Activity – 28th June was presented, refined and agreed to be suitable for use.

The planning report divided the activity into three key sections and the required work would be divided into three key sections:

1. **The use of crab tiles**
2. **Bait Collection**
3. **A mixture of methods that have been categorised as “Hand Gathering”.**

It was planned so that each topic would be examined at B&PSC meetings during 2019.

It was planned so that the submitted information for each topic will include:

- **Environmental assessments/summaries of the assessments**
- **Reports of any relevant completed surveys**
- **An overview of any potentially relevant legacy Byelaw measures**
- **An overview of any relevant voluntary codes.**

Key Dates	Comments	Information
November & December 2018	D&S IFCA Preparation	Information and evidence are assembled relating to crab tiling. The information is to be used in a three-phase information gathering exercise throughout 2019 enabling all stakeholders to engage
4 th January 2019	Start of a “Call for Information” engagement campaign (Crab Tiles)	A collection of information about the method and research work undertaken was assembled into a mail chimp circular that was directly circulated to stakeholders that had provided an email. Campaign was supported by the D&S IFCA website and Facebook. Multiple options were provided for stakeholders to respond by 8 th February 2019.
26 th February 2019	Byelaw & Permitting Sub-Committee Meeting	A supplement report – Information & Evidence (Feb 2019) was presented to members. The report included a summary of response from stakeholders and a summary of Research and Assessment work . Members did not formulate an initial position at this time on how the activity could or should be managed.
March 2019	D&S IFCA Preparation	Information and evidence are assembled relating to bait digging. The information is to be used in a 2 nd Phase information gathering exercise enabling all stakeholders to engage.
29 th March 2019	Start of a “Call for Information” engagement	A collection of information about the method and research work undertaken was assembled into a mail chimp circular that was directly circulated to stakeholders that

	campaign (Bait Digging)	had provided an email. Campaign was supported by the D&S IFCA website and Facebook. Multiple options were provided for stakeholders to respond by 26 th April 2019.
16 th May 2019	Byelaw & Permitting Sub-Committee Meeting	A supplement report – Information & Evidence (May 2019) was presented to members. The report includes a summary of response from stakeholders and a summary of Research and Assessment work.
28 th June 2019	Start of a “Call for Information” engagement campaign (Hand Gathering)	A collection of information about the different methods, the relevant legacy byelaws and research work undertaken was assembled into a mail chimp circular that was directly circulated to stakeholders that had provided an email. Campaign was supported by the D&S IFCA website and Facebook. Options were provided for stakeholders to respond by 26 th July 2019.
15 th August 2019	Byelaw & Permitting Sub-Committee Meeting	A supplement report – Information & Evidence (30 th July) was presented to members. The report includes a summary of response from stakeholders and a summary of Research and Assessment work all relating to hand gathering fishing activities.
September 2019	Officer Work	Officers begin preparing an “options for management” discussion report for the B&PSC to consider in November 2019.
14 th November 2019	Byelaw & Permitting Sub-Committee Meeting	Options for Management: Decision taken to manage hand working fishing activity via a hybrid type of Hand Working Permit Byelaw. This will include the establishment of a series of bag limits for different resources and spatial management as fixed provisions. It was envisaged that permits and the criteria to gain a permit would be developed in 2020. Further consideration of initial bag limits by B&PSC was planned for 23 rd January 2020 with consultation on the proposed bag limits planned for February 2020.
23 rd January 2020	Byelaw & Permitting Sub-Committee Meeting	A discussion report “Structure and Bag Limits” was presented to the B&PSC in preparation for consultation work. Decision taken to conduct a consultation on the setting of bag limits (catch thresholds) for a range of sea fisheries resources.
7 th February 2020	Start of a “Have Your Say” Consultation – The	A four-week consultation was undertaken and ended on 9 th March 2020. A series of bag limits (catch thresholds) were proposed

	Development of Bag Limits for Recreational Fishers	as fixed provisions within a potential Hand Working Permit Byelaw. A mail chimp circular was directly circulated to all consenting stakeholders on the D&S IFCA mailing list. The campaign was supported by the D&S IFCA website and Facebook. The responses from the consultation were assembled into a report for presentation to the B&PSC at their next meeting.
18th June 2020	Byelaw & Permitting Sub-Committee Meeting	A consultation report (Developing Catch Thresholds – Reference Report – 20 th May 2020) was presented to the B&PSC as an information item. Due to the complexity of the subject matter, there was no decision-making requirement at this B&PSC meeting.

Emergency Application Byelaw - Exemptions Byelaw 2019

The Emergency Application Byelaw was introduced on 9th May 2018. This byelaw enables dispensations to be issued. The content of the Byelaw is focussed on the following:

- a. Scientific Purposes
- b. Stocking Purposes
- c. Breeding Purposes

The Byelaw & Permitting Sub Committee (B&PSC) discussing how to proceed and introduce a replacement at their meeting in October 2018. Establishing the scope of the Byelaw formed part of those discussions. Members of the B&PSC agreed to formulate a Byelaw Technical Working Group (BTWG) to conduct drafting work on their behalf and terms of reference were agreed which included a reporting requirement.

Key Dates	Comments	Information
26 th November 2018 & 8 th February 2019	In house preparation and 2 separate meetings to conduct drafting work	A replacement "Exemptions" Byelaw was drafted by the BTWG. A report to explain aspects of this drafting process and the outcomes was formulated in preparation to be presented to members of the B&PSC in February 2019.
26 th February 2019	Byelaw & Permitting Sub-Committee Meeting	A BTWG report was presented to and discussed by the B&PSC. The Exemptions Byelaw 2019 had been drafted with a wider scope than the Emergency Application Byelaw. Members were satisfied with the draft Exemptions Byelaw 2019 and requested that an Impact Assessment be created to accompany the Byelaw in preparation for formal consultation.
March 2019	Extending the Emergency Byelaw	The Acting Chief Officer notified DEFRA that a six-month extension to the Emergency Byelaw was required so D&S IFCA has enough time to implement a replacement.
May/June 2019	Officer Work	Officers created the consultation Impact Assessment to accompany the draft Exemptions Byelaw. Two weeks' notice was provided to Defra that D&S IFCA will consider "making" the Byelaw in June 2019.
13 th June 2019	Byelaw & Permitting Sub-Committee Meeting	Draft Byelaw and consultation Impact Assessment presented to the B&PSC. Byelaw "made". Both approved to be subjected to a formal consultation.
1 st July 2019	Start of the formal consultation. Includes newspaper adverts, D&S IFCA Website, and direct notification using Mail Chimp email circulars.	Consultation due to end on 15th August 2019.

15 th August to 23 rd August 2019	Officer Work	Report prepared for B&PSC. Exemptions Byelaw 2019 – Formal Consultation Report (23 rd August 2019). The report highlighted how the consultation was conducted and documented the 3 supportive responses that were received.
12 th September 2019	Byelaw & Permitting Sub-Committee Meeting	B&PSC members recognised responses and no changes were required to the Byelaw as advertised. B&PSC agreed to submit the Exemptions Byelaw for quality assurance prior to submission to Defra
September & October 2019	Officer Work	Consultation responses managed by officers. Final Impact Assessment created, and a byelaw package assembled and sent to the MMO Byelaw QA Team for 28 working day assessment. Comments expected to be received by 21 st November 2019.
9 th November 2019	Exemption/dispensation issue	The Emergency Application Byelaw lapses. This limits the types of exemptions that D&S IFCA can issue.
21 st November 2019	Byelaw QA/MMO	Comments were received regarding the Exemptions Byelaw 2019 and the Impact Assessment. Changes to the Exemptions Byelaw 2019 were recommended to reduce its scope in line with the Emergency Application Byelaw to apply to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientific Purposes • Stocking Purposes • Breeding Purposes
12 th March 2020	Authority Meeting	The status of the Exemptions Byelaw and the delay having it confirmed by Defra was reported to members. It was explained that to satisfy Defra, the scope of the Exemptions Byelaw 2019 had been reduced and an amended Impact Assessment produced to reflect the changes.
14 th April 2020	Byelaw Confirmed	A signed copy of the Exemptions Byelaw 2019 (as amended) was received by D&S IFCA.
April/May 2020	Officer Work	A new application form was produced. A website display page was created to host the application form and provide information about the authorisations granted by the Authority.

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