

Review of Terms of Reference for the Byelaw and Permitting Sub-Committee

Background:

In June 2017 the Full Authority reviewed the terms of reference for the Sub-Committee; however, in the view of officers, the documented record of those discussions lacks some clarity. The membership of the Authority has now changed and this agenda item provides the opportunity to clarify aspects of the Byelaw and Permitting Sub-Committee's terms of reference.

Function

The role of the D&S IFCA Byelaw and Permitting Sub-Committee is fundamental as the Authority reviews different fishing activity with a view to introduce appropriate management which can also include the development of new byelaws.

The primary function of the Byelaw & Permitting Sub-Committee is to support the delivery of this task so D&S IFCA is able to complete its functions as set out in section 153 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.

Aspects of work include:

- **Reviewing the management of fishing activities and existing legacy byelaws;**
- **Where appropriate highlight amendments to existing byelaws;**
- **Create new byelaws;**
- **Create permit conditions to accompany new permitting byelaws;**
- **Review and amend existing permit conditions.**

The work can often be complex and the wide range of skill sets offered by the existing members are utilised to complete the required work. In 2017 D&S IFCA produced - A Guide to all aspects of the D&S IFCA Byelaw Review Work - and circulated it to all members. This guide is published on the D&S IFCA website and a revised copy can be re-circulated to all members.

Recommendations for voting

Membership

To confirm that the Byelaw and Permitting Sub-Committee is comprised of 14 members, including two representatives of the funding Authorities and the two Statutory Appointees (Natural England and the Environment Agency).

Quorum

It is proposed that Eight members from the total membership are required at any meeting of the Byelaw and Permitting Sub-Committee for it to be quorate and allow voting to take place.

Delegated Powers

It is proposed that delegated powers are retained by the Byelaw and Permitting Sub-Committee to complete the functions described above.