

## Byelaw and Permitting Sub-Committee (B&PSC) Report Officers' Recommendation

That Members note the content of the B&PSC Report

The draft minutes from the last B&PSC meeting are published on D&S IFCA's website. There has not been a B&PSC meeting since the last written update to the Authority in March 2023.

### Byelaws – Quality Assurance by the MMO

Officers have made the required changes as agreed by the B&PSC and completed final Impact Assessments for both the Mobile Fishing Permit Byelaw 2022 and the Size of Fishing Vessels Byelaw 2022.

Packages of information, as required by the Marine Management Organisations' (MMO) Byelaw Quality assurance Team have been prepared and sent to them. The MMO have confirmed receipt of the information and have begun their quality assurance work that will run until late July 2023.

The stakeholders who responded during the formal consultations have been contacted by D&S IFCA Officers to explain how their response was considered.

### Review of the Netting Permit Conditions

D&S IFCA must review the existing Netting Permit Conditions, and this is set out within the Annual Plan for FY 2023-2024.

The review of the Netting Permit Conditions will be an extended process, including collating information and evidence, and decision making by D&S IFCA's Byelaw and Permitting Sub-Committee (B&PSC). The review may or may not lead to changes to the existing Netting Permit Conditions.

As part of the review, the Authority has a duty to consult in writing with permit holders and such other stakeholders, organisations and persons as appear to the Authority to be representative of the interests likely to be substantially affected by the proposed future management options.

The first phase of this review is to conduct an open phase of consultation – a "Have Your Say" information gathering exercise. This began on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023 and will end on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023. Information for the consultation has been widely circulated to stakeholders on the contact data base, with supporting information posted on the website and Facebook.

After 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023, the responses will be documented in a report for the B&PSC. The findings will be discussed at the next B&PSC meeting and a decision taken how to take the review forward.

### Background Papers

- B&PSC papers
- B&PSC reports
- Minutes from B&PSC meetings

(All are available within Section B of the [D&S IFCA Website Resource Library](#))