

D&S IFCA BYELAW & PERMITTING SUB COMMITTEE (B&PSC) MEETING

Venue: Exeter Racecourse, Exeter, EX6 7XS

Date: Thursday 22nd February 2024 (1200hrs to 1630hrs)

Public Meeting:

The B&PSC meeting is open to the public who can observe proceedings. Members of the public may submit written questions or comments for consideration at the meeting. These must reach the Chief Officer by 12:00hrs two working days before the meeting. The questions or comments should concern an item on the agenda for the meeting. Please contact D&S IFCA's Office for details.

Introduction:

Welcome to the meeting.

Action Items

1. Apologies for absence.

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2. Declarations of interest.

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3. To consider and approve the draft minutes of the B&PSC meeting held on 16th November 2023.

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4. Matters requiring urgent attention.

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5. Members of the public – questions for the meeting.

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6. Netting Review – Topic 1 – Salcombe Estuary

To consider the Officers' recommendation to continue with a prohibition on the use of fixed and drift nets in Salcombe Estuary.

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7. Netting Review – Topics 2 to 6

7.1 To consider the Officers' recommendation regarding topic 2 and 4 – a prohibition of commercial and recreational netting at the Emsstrom Angling Zone.

7.2 To consider the Officers' recommendations regarding topic 3 - management measures for recreational netting.

7.3 To consider the Officers' recommendations regarding topic 5 - Minimum Conservation Reference Sizes

7.4 To consider the Officers' recommendation regarding topic 6 – maximum soak times of nets at sea

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8. Amendments to Category One Mobile Fishing Permit Conditions.

To consider the Officers' recommendations regarding changes to the Category One Mobile Fishing Permit Conditions with an effective date of 1st March 2024.

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9. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be confirmed via email correspondence.

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Information Annexes relating to Agenda Items 6 and 7.

- Annex 1:
Report - A Summary of Responses from the Formal Public Consultation.
- Annex 2:
Rationale for Change – Decline in Profitability of Pot Fisheries.
- Annex 3:
Discrepancies in MMO Landings Data for Grey Mullet
- Annex 4:
Size of Maturity in Mullet Species and Gilthead Bream
- Annex 5:
Trials of Gear In Gear Out Sensors