

Planning B&PSC Work for 2024

Officers' Recommendation

That Members' note the anticipated plan for the work of the B&PSC during June to September 2024.

1. Background

D&S IFCA's Annual Plan for 2024/2025 highlights the anticipated "making" of three byelaws. For clarity, the "making" of three byelaws is not implementation of the byelaws, it is progressing them to a stage when formal consultation can begin.

The potential development of the three byelaws to manage potting, netting, and diving (for specified species) is dependent on the initial discussions and decision making of the B&PSC.

If the development of three byelaws begins, decision making of Members will dictate further actions and presented information. This can include pre-consultation (scoping) and will include drafting work, assisted by the Byelaw Technical Working Group (BTWG).

Other factors are also relevant in the development of the three byelaws. This includes the successful implementation of the Mobile Fishing Permit Byelaw 2022, which can act as a template for some additions to each byelaw. The implementation of the Mobile Fishing Permit Byelaw 2022 can provide the basis for a consistent approach for elements such as relevant interpretations, fees, the review process for permit conditions and fees, and scope for the use of monitoring technology for the exploitation of sea fisheries resources.

Each topic (Netting, Diving and Potting) will be examined individually and there is scope for a continuation of exemptions clauses including maintenance, with the possibility to consider wider exemption clauses that include "educational" needs.

2. Planning – (June to September 2024)

With so many variables, it is impossible to provide a detailed plan or an accurate timeline for completion of the task. The following two phases have been anticipated by officers.

Phase 1 - B&PSC Meeting (June 2024)

- **Presentation of officers' papers – background information – planning.**
- **To review the byelaw review work principles.**
- **Consider voluntary measures.**

Phase 2 - B&PSC Meeting (August/September 2024)

- **To discuss strengths and weakness of the Netting, Potting and Diving permit byelaws.**
- **To consider the scope of each byelaw & the criteria to gain a permit.**

Background Papers

B&PSC - Officers' papers and minutes of meetings – [Section B of D&S IFCA website Resource Library](#).