

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

Venue: Exeter Racecourse, Exeter, EX6 7XS

Date: Thursday 16th October 2025 (1230hrs 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.
2. Declarations of interest.
3. To consider and approve the draft minutes of the B&PSC meeting held on 26th June 2025.
4. Matters requiring urgent attention.
5. Members of the public – questions for the meeting.
6. To consider the implementation of a Potting Permit Condition to prohibit the storage of sea fisheries resources in a vivier tank with a volume of over 2m³, whilst a vessel is fishing in the District.
7. To consider the development and implementation of a Voluntary Code of Conduct to minimise the impact of potting on defined areas of seagrass within the Torbay MCZ.
8. To note the Officers' paper regarding the progress of the Mobile Fishing Permit Byelaw 2022.
9. To consider the Officers' recommendations regarding the development of the Netting Permit Byelaw.
10. To note the different approaches that may be taken to maintain the alignment of Category One Mobile Fishing Permit Conditions with the Inshore Potting Agreement (IPA) Licence Condition.
11. To note the update on the influx of octopus into the South of the D&S IFCA's District and the research being undertaken.
12. Date of Next Meeting - the date of the next meeting will be confirmed via email correspondence.