

At the meeting of the Kent & Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority on 18 January 2013, using its powers under sections 155 and 156 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, Authority Members approved the making of the Whelk Fishery Permit Byelaw.

This Byelaw was approved taking into account the Impact Assessment produced by the Authority. Application will now be made for confirmation of the byelaw by the Secretary of State.

Members noted that, prior to its first review, they were required to agree separately the Technical Permit Requirements of the Byelaw, again taking into account the Impact Assessment provided.

The Technical Permit Requirements of this byelaw had previously been recommended by a Technical Panel of the Authority after consideration of the data that formed the Impact Assessment. These control measures were also approved by KEIFCA at its meeting on 20 November 2012.

The Technical Permit Requirements set out in paragraph 28 of the byelaw and listed below were also approved by KEIFCA at its meeting of the 18 January 2013:

- (a)** The maximum number of whelk pots that may be set by the holder of a Category One Permit referred to in paragraph 4 will be **300**;
- (b)** The maximum number of tags to be issued to the holder of a Category One Permit referred to in paragraph 9 will be **300**;
- (c)** The maximum number of whelk pots that may be set by the holder of a Category Two Permit referred to in paragraph 10 will be **10**;
- (d)** The maximum number of tags to be issued to the holder of a Category Two Permit referred to in paragraph 14 will be **10**;
- (e)** The size of the gauge referred to in paragraph 21 will be **22 millimetres**;
- (f)** The number of escape holes referred to in paragraph 23 will be **2**;
- (g)** The diameter of the bar referred to in paragraph 23 will be **22 millimetres**