



Agenda item B3

By: Assistant Chief Fishery Officer

To: Kent and Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority –  
15 August 2014

Subject: **COCKLE FLEXIBLE PERMITTING BYELAW**

Classification: Unrestricted

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Summary: To report on the progress with the Cockle Flexible Permitting Byelaw

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Progress is currently being made with the full byelaw although a number of regulatory issues have arisen which will require additional regulations to be made within the Thames Estuary Cockle Fishery Order 1994. The byelaw is currently with the MMO and their legal department's review is awaited.

A copy of the byelaw wording will be submitted to the next full Authority meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> September with the aim being to make the byelaw at that meeting. After this, the byelaw will then be publicised for consultation and the statutory process followed, with the byelaw coming into force on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015.

The Authority is asked to **APPROVE** the actions listed above.