



Agenda Item B1

By: Assistant Chief IFCO

To: Kent and Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority –
6 March 2015

Subject: **Bottom Towed Gear Prohibition Byelaw – Folkestone
Pomerania**

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: To make a new byelaw to include existing prohibited areas and one new one at Folkestone Pomerania

At the KEIFCA meeting held on 22 January 2015 Members instructed Officers with regard to the Byelaw they required to be made. The principles of the previous Byelaw made by KEIFCA have been retained and additional wording to include the Folkestone Pomerania MCZ within the byelaw added. The draft byelaw and its associated Impact Assessment have been discussed with the Marine Management Organisation (MMO). This proposed Byelaw is now formally presented to you for making.

As required, Members have been given 14 days' notice of the intention to make this Byelaw.

In addition you were also presented with the Impact Assessment for this Byelaw which should be considered before making the Byelaw.

If the Byelaw is made it will be necessary to seek the Secretary of State's confirmation of the Byelaw before it is operational. The next stage in this process will be to advertise notice of the Byelaw for two consecutive weeks in publications which target stakeholders affected by it. Notice will also be placed on the KEIFCA website where the full wording of the Byelaw will be available for viewing. Persons wishing to comment or object will be given 28 days to respond to KEIFCA and MMO. Following this, consideration will be given to comments or objections received as set out in Defra Guidance.

Members are asked to **APPROVE** the making of the Byelaw taking account of the Impact Assessment provided.