

By: Chief IFCO and Byelaw and Projects Officer

To: Kent and Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation  
Authority – 12 September 2016

Subject: **Essex Estuaries Bottom Trawling (Prohibited Areas)  
byelaw**

Classification Unrestricted

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**Summary:**

Members are presented with the draft Byelaw (Appendix A) and associated Impact Assessment (Appendix B) for approval.

**Recommendation:**

- **the Authority is asked to APPROVE the making of the Byelaw taking account of the Impact Assessment provided**

**Background:**

At the KEIFCA meeting held on 12 May 2016, Members instructed Officers with regard to the Byelaw they required to be made. The draft Byelaw and its associated Impact Assessment have been discussed with the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) who have approved the wording of it. 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 and in addition were also provided with the associated Impact Assessment 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.

The IFCA has received a letter from Defra which gives advice on the position of IFCAs with regard to their duties and responsibilities following the recent vote to leave the EU. This is attached as Appendix C.

**Financial implications:**

See Impact Assessment for full details.

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