

Marine Protected Area Management Implementation Process

STAGE 1: Evidence Gathering

- Gather information from stakeholders and the community about the fishing activity in question
- Source best available scientific evidence to maximise knowledge and understanding of the fishery and the designated features requiring protection
- Consideration of all available evidence by either a Technical Panel comprised of experts and Authority members or by a meeting of the full Authority

STAGE 2: Draft measures

- Authority instructs officers to develop appropriate management options
- Public consultation and stakeholder engagement to identify potential impacts of measures on stakeholders
- Authority confirm most appropriate measure to go forward with

STAGE 3: Draft byelaw

- Draft byelaw and supporting documents e.g. impact assessments
- Continued engagement with the community throughout byelaw drafting
- Feedback from legal representatives, the Marine Management Organisation and local community on draft byelaw considered and amendments made if necessary

STAGE 5: Byelaw confirmation

- Marine Management Organisation make final quality assurance checks before sending to the Secretary of State
- Byelaw comes into force once the Secretary of State has confirmed it

STAGE 4: Make byelaw

- Notify the Marine Management Organisation and Secretary of State of intention to make byelaw
- Byelaw formally advertised for 2 weeks providing an opportunity for objections
- Any changes required to byelaw are made before final Authority approval