

NORTH EASTERN INSHORE FISHERIES AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009

**EMERGENCY BYELAW FOR THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE OF DREDGES
FOR FISHING OR ANY OTHER PURPOSE**

The Authority for the North Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation District considers that there is an urgent need for this byelaw. In addition the need to make the byelaw could not reasonably have been foreseen. Accordingly, the Authority, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 155, 156 and 157 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, makes the following byelaw for that District.

1. No person shall be permitted to use any type of dredge at any time for the purpose of fishing or any other use within the area defined in point 2.
2. From a line drawn true east from the end of Filey Brigg (Lat $54^{\circ} 12.91'N$) intersecting the 6 nautical mile limit to a line drawn true east from Spurn Head light house (Lat. $53^{\circ} 34.49'N$) intersecting the 6 mile limit inclusive.

3. In this byelaw-

- (a) 'the Authority' means the North Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority as defined in articles 2 and 4 of the North Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Order 2010 (S.I. 2010 No. 2193);
 - (b) 'the District' means the North Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority District as defined in articles 2 and 3 of the North Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Order 2010 (S.I. 2010 No. 2193);
4. *This emergency byelaw supersedes byelaw XXIII Method and area of fishing (dredges) byelaw within the area outlined above at anytime
 5. This emergency byelaw will come into force on the date specified in the byelaw. The byelaw will be kept under review by North Eastern IFCA and will either be replaced by a permanent byelaw, be revoked or will expire after 12 months, unless extended by up to 6 months by the Secretary of State.

Emergency byelaw template (no footnote)

NEIFCA Signatory

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I hereby certify that the above byelaw was made by the Authority at their meeting on the 12th day of April 2012

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Explanatory Note

(This note does not form part of the Byelaw)

The purpose of this Byelaw is to ensure the protection of the shellfish grounds between Filey Brigg and Spurn Head lighthouse with a line intersecting the six nautical mile limit.

From Flamborough Head to Spurn Point a voluntary agreement has been previously adhered to by the fishing industry to support an "exclusive potting zone" within this area, from the 12 mile limit to baselines. Due to a recent escalation in local scallop dredging activity there is evidence to suggest non-adherence to the agreement which would result in the commencement of scallop dredging activities within the NEIFCA district, in an area which has been afforded voluntary protection from trawling activities since at least October 2006.

An extension of the existing voluntary agreement area from Flamborough Head to Filey Brigg has been put in place to afford a buffer zone to the Special Area of Conservation and constitutes an extension of the same habitat. This will also ensure the protection of vital artisanal fishing grounds to the east of Filey prohibited area where no previous sightings of scallop dredging have previously been recorded.

The North Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority and the North Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation District are defined in articles 2,3 and 4 of the North Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Order 2010 (S.I. 2010 No. 2193).