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Dear Stakeholders,

Proposed Revisions to NEIFCA Fixed Netting Provisions

Since 2011 North Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority has been undertaking a comprehensive review of all its legacy byelaw regulations which has included its fixed netting byelaw regulation (Byelaw XVIII 'Fixed Engine Byelaw') which was last updated in 2010.

The Authority's Executive Committee met on 27 April 2016 to further consider amendments to Byelaw XVIII and supported the inclusion of the following revisions:

- General simplification of provisions including removal of Tees, Tyne and Wear conservation areas and the legacy cod netting derogation.
- Mandatory standardisation of all surface markers to include a 1.5 m stick, float and 30 x 30 cm flag.
- Establishment of a new conservation zone covering the boundaries of the Filey and Flamborough Special Protection Area (birds) where the setting and use of fixed nets will be prohibited between March and September (inclusive).
- New maximum net length restriction of 100 m for hobby vessels inclusive of shellfish entitlement.
- Mandatory requirement that all nets carry acoustic deterrents
- Changes to Holderness permitted (sea bass) fishery as follows:
 - (i) Commencement from 1 October (previously 15 October)
 - (ii) New mechanism enabling suspension of permits
 - (iii) Annual permit renewal fee to be confirmed.
- No change to any other existing provision

At this stage I am seeking informal views from all affected stakeholders. You should ensure that these are submitted in writing to ensure that they are fully recorded and documented:

Comments and submissions can be emailed to the following address:

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Please title as: 'Shellfish Permit Revisions'

Comments and submissions can also be submitted by post as follows:

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Please can you ensure that all comments are submitted by Friday 22 July 2016.

Yours sincerely



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