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# **Inshore Fishery Legislation**

**(North Wales, 0-6 nautical miles)**

**(Text of the saved Byelaws of the former North Western and North  
Wales Sea Fisheries Committee)**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Prior to 1 April 2010 the inshore fisheries area around Wales was regulated by the South Wales Sea Fisheries Committee and the North Western and North Wales Sea Fisheries Committee. Those Sea Fisheries Committees (“SFCs”) were established under the Sea Fisheries Regulation Act 1966 (“the 1966 Act”).

On 1 April 2010, the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (Commencement No. 1, Consequential, Transitional and Savings Provisions) (England and Wales) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/630 (C.42)) (“the 2010 Order”) repealed the 1966 Act in relation to Wales with the effect that the two SFCs, in so far as they related to Wales, were abolished.

The 2010 Order is available on the Office of Public Sector Information website, at - [http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2010/pdf/uksi\\_20100630\\_en.pdf](http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2010/pdf/uksi_20100630_en.pdf)

The 2010 Order makes a number of consequential provisions and deals with the assets, staff, property, rights and liabilities of the two former SFCs in Wales. More significantly, for these purposes, it makes savings provisions in relation to the Byelaws regulating inshore fisheries management in Wales immediately before 1 April 2010.

Those byelaws of the South Wales Sea Fisheries Committee, the North Western and North Wales Sea Fisheries Committee (made using, primarily, section 5 of the 1966 Act) and the Environment Agency (made whilst exercising the powers of a local fisheries committee pursuant to section 18(1) of the 1966 Act), which were in force before 1 April 2010 and which related to Wales, now have effect (to the extent that they could have been made by the Welsh Ministers in a statutory instrument) as if made by the Welsh Ministers in a statutory instrument in relation to the same area of Wales as the area to which those byelaws originally applied (see Article 13 of the 2010 Order).

This document sets out, for information purposes only, the text of the byelaws of the former North Western and North Wales Sea Fisheries Committee as they apply, in relation to Wales, at the date of this text. The former North Western and North Wales Sea Fisheries Committee District is described below. This document is only relevant to the part of the former North Western and North Wales Sea Fisheries Committee District which lies within Wales (as defined by section 158 of the Government of Wales Act 2006).

Please note that the text of these provisions may be amended or repealed at any time and you should check what legislative provisions are currently in force. The Welsh Assembly Government is currently working on a project to review, rationalise and replace these provisions in order to produce a consolidated body of Welsh fisheries legislation.

You should also note that other legislation (fisheries and non-fisheries, domestic and European) will also be in force throughout this North Wales area.

## **THE NORTH WALES AREA**

The provisions of the byelaws of the former North Western and North Wales Sea Fisheries Committee (which now have effect as if made by the Welsh Ministers in a Statutory Instrument), set out in this document, apply in relation to the same area of Wales as those provisions originally applied.

**For the purposes of this document, all of the saved byelaws set out in this document apply in relation to the part of the former North Western and North Wales Sea Fisheries Committee District which lies within Wales (as defined by section 158 of the Government of Wales Act 2006), unless the byelaw indicates otherwise.**

The District of the former North Western and North Wales Sea Fisheries Committee was (prior to the repeal of the Sea Fisheries Regulation Act 1966 in relation to Wales) set out in article 2 of the North Western and North Wales Sea Fisheries District Order 1999 (S.I. 1999 No.1043).

For our purposes, these saved Byelaws apply in the following North Wales Area.

*“...the sea adjacent to Wales and ...within six nautical miles of the baselines (as they existed at 25<sup>th</sup> January 1983 in accordance with the Territorial Waters Order in Council 1964(c), as amended by the Territorial Waters (Amendment) Order in Council 1979(d)) from which the breadth of the territorial sea of the United Kingdom adjacent to England and Wales is measured, with the adjoining coast, as lies within the following limits, namely:- ...on the south, a line drawn true north-west from the northern extremity of Cemaes Head in the county of Ceredigion (being the northern boundary of the South Wales Sea Fisheries District)”*; and

on the north, the boundary between those parts of the sea within the Dee Estuary which are to be treated as adjacent to Wales and those which are not (as set out in Article 6 of and Schedule 3 to the National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/672).

The North Wales Area does not extend above a line drawn at or near the mouth of every river or stream flowing into the sea or into any estuary, or of the estuaries, within the area described above, as follows:-

*“A line drawn across the river Dee (Dyfrdwy) from Hilbre Point to the north-western extremity of Hilbre Island in the Metropolitan Borough of Wirral, thence to the disused lighthouse at the Point of Ayr, in the county of Flintshire;*

*A line drawn across the river Clwyd, along the seaward side of the bridge carrying the A548 road at Rhyl;*

*Lines drawn across the rivers Conwy and Aber, along the seaward side of the railway bridges across the said rivers near Conwy and Aber respectively;*

*A line drawn across the river Seiont, along the seaward side of the bridge carrying the A487 road at Caernarfon;*

*A line drawn across the mouth of Foryd Bay (river Gwyrfai) from Ty-calch to the flagstaff at Belan Fort;*

*A line drawn across the river Cefni, along the seaward side of the bridge carrying the A4080 road at Malltraeth;*

*A line drawn across the river Soch, along the seaward side of the bridge carrying the A499 road at Abersoch;*

*A line drawn across the river Erch, along the seaward side of the railway bridge at Pwllheli Harbour;*

*A line drawn across the river Rhyd-hir, along the seaward side of the bridge carrying the Embankment Road at the western side of Pwllheli Harbour;*

*A line drawn across the river Glaslyn, along the seaward side of the embankment near Porthmadog;*

*Lines drawn across the rivers Dwyryd and Artro, along the seaward side of the railway bridges across the said rivers near Llandecwyn and Llanbedr and Pen-Sarn Stations respectively;*

*Lines drawn across the rivers Ysgethin and Dysynni, along the seaward side of the railway bridges across the said rivers near Tal-y-bont and Tonfanau respectively;*

*A line drawn across the river Mawddach, from the point at which it is joined on the north shore by the Cwm-llechan stream near Bontddu to the point on the south shore where it is joined by the Gwynant stream;*

*A line drawn across the river Dyfi, from the point at Trefri to the south western abutment of the railway bridge across the Tre'r-ddol stream (river Clettwr);*

*A line drawn across the river Aeron, along the seaward side of the bridge carrying the A487 road at Aberaeron;*

*A line drawn across the river Teifi, along the seaward side of the bridge carrying the A487 road at Cardigan;*

*A line drawn across every river or stream not herein before specified, such line being in continuation of the coast at mean high water springs.”*

Note : Text in italics is taken from article 2 of the North Western and North Wales Sea Fisheries District Order 1999 (S.I. 1999 No.1043)

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## BYELAWS

### DISCLAIMER

1. This document does not set out all the legislation (fisheries or otherwise) that applies throughout the relevant area(s). The attention of fishermen and others is drawn to the existence of other legislation (including Acts, Statutory Instruments and European provisions) which apply throughout Wales and the Welsh territorial waters.
2. This document sets out, for information purposes only, the byelaws of the former North Western and North Wales Sea Fisheries Committee as they exist on the date of this document and the reader will need to check whether any amendments and/or repeals to the relevant texts have been made after that date.
3. Pursuant to Article 13 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (Commencement No. 1, Consequential, Transitional and Savings Provisions) (England and Wales) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/630 (C.42)) all functions formerly exercisable by the North Western and North Wales Sea Fisheries Committee in relation to Wales (pursuant to the text of these Byelaws) are, since 1 April 2010, now exercisable by the Welsh Ministers.

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### BYELAW 1

These byelaws shall have effect throughout the whole area of the North Western and North Wales Sea Fisheries District, unless otherwise specified, except in the cases to which the provisions of the 6th Section of the "Sea Fisheries Regulation Act, 1966", apply. Provided that nothing in these Byelaws shall apply to any person fishing for sea fish for scientific purposes, or for stocking or breeding purposes, under the written authority in that behalf of the local Fisheries Committee, signed by their Clerk or Superintendent, and in accordance with the conditions set out in that authority.

### BYELAW 2

#### ATTACHMENTS TO NETS

No artifice or device shall be used so as practically to diminish the size of the mesh of any net.

### BYELAW 3

#### PROHIBITION OF SEINE NETTING

No persons shall use in fishing for sea fish any seine net in the manner known as anchor seining (Danish seining) or fly dragging (Scottish seining).

### BYELAW 4

## MESH SIZE - TRAWL NETS

The regulations governing the use of trawl nets shall be that prescribed by Order and hereunder:-

No persons shall use in fishing for sea fish other than shrimps, prawns, sand eels or sprats any trawl net between the first day of April and the thirty-first day of December in the area of the District bounded on the north by a line drawn East true from Point Lynas (latitude 53° 25.0' North, longitude 04° 17.2' West) on the East by a line drawn North true from Rhyl Coastguard/Lifeboat Station (latitude 53° 19.4' North, longitude 03° 29.5' West) on the South by the coast of Wales as far as Belan Point (latitude 53° 07.4' North, longitude 04° 19.7' West) to Abermenai Point (latitude 53° 07.6' North, longitude 04° 19.7' West) and thence by the coast of Anglesey to the Eastward and Northward as far as Point Lynas, unless the mesh of the cod end is of such dimensions that when the mesh is stretched diagonally lengthwise of the net a flat gauge 99 millimetres broad and 2 millimetres thick shall pass through it easily and without pressure when the net is wet.

### BYELAW 5

#### PERMIT TO FISH FOR COCKLES (*Cerastoderma edule*) AND MUSSELS (*Mytilis edulis*).

1. Subject to paragraph 3, no person shall fish for, attempt to fish for, take, attempt to take, remove or attempt to remove, any cockle or mussel from a fishery without having in his possession at the time, a valid permit issued pursuant to this byelaw.
2. No person shall have in their possession any article for the use in the course of or in connection with fishing in contravention of this byelaw or any cockle or mussel taken or removed from a fishery in breach of this byelaw.
3. This byelaw shall not apply to any person who fishes for, takes, or removes less than 5kg of cockles and 5kg of mussels during any calendar day, or in respect of cockles or mussels caught from a licensed fishing vessel registered in the United Kingdom.
4. Application for a permit shall be made using the printed forms available from the Committee, or from the Committee website. Forms will be made available 2 calendar months before the date each permit term begins.
5. The holder of a permit under this Byelaw shall be required to submit to the Committee, no later than the 5<sup>th</sup> day of the month following, such information in regard to catches and fishing effort for the previous month, under the terms of such permit, as the Committee may require.
6. A 2009/2010 permit will be valid during the period 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010 and will be granted to an applicant on production of a 2008/2009 permit.
7. An application for a 2009/2010 permit will be considered after 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009.

8. A 2010/2011 permit will be valid during the period 1<sup>st</sup> September 2010 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011 and will be granted to an applicant on production of a 2009/2010 permit.
9. An application for a 2010/2011 permit will be considered after 1<sup>st</sup> July 2010.
10. A maximum of 40 2009/2010 permits and 40 2010/2011 permits will be issued to applicants who have not previously held a North Western and North Wales Sea Fisheries Committee District Wide Cockle and Mussel Permit, on production of:
  - a) evidence of the applicant's identity, containing photograph and signature, such as a valid passport; or a driving licence with photo, and
  - b) evidence of the applicant's address, such as a utility bill issued in the preceding 4 months of application, or a current tenancy agreement, and
  - c) evidence of the applicant's National Insurance Number, and
  - d) 2 recent passport style photographs of the applicant signed on the back by the applicant, and
  - e) a Foreshore Gatherers Safety Training Certificate.
11. Applications for permits under paragraph 10 will be considered in order of receipt and permits will be issued to the first 40 applicants where eligibility in accordance with this byelaw is established.
12. A permit issued pursuant to this Byelaw is not transferable and does not permit fishing in breach of any other Byelaw or restriction.
13. Failure to produce, on the reasonable demand of a Fisheries Officer, a valid permit during any period of fishing for cockles and mussels constitutes a breach of this byelaw.
14. Failure to notify the Committee of any change of name or address during the life of a permit constitutes a breach of this byelaw.
15. This Byelaw shall come into force on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009 and expire on the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011.

In this byelaw:

“Foreshore Gatherers Safety Training Certificate” means a document issued by the Sea Fish Industry Authority Group Training Associations, certifying the applicant's completion of a safety training course for intertidal shellfishing.

## BYELAW 6

### SHRIMP AND PRAWNS - RESTRICTION ON FISHING

This byelaw applies to all the Sea Fisheries Committee District within a line drawn on the seaward side of the baselines 6 nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea adjacent to the United Kingdom is measured. For the purpose of this paragraph “the baselines” means the baselines as they existed at 25<sup>th</sup> January 1983

in accordance with the Territorial Waters Order in Council 1964 (1965 III p.6452A) as amended by the Territorial Waters (Amendment) Order in Council 1979 (1979 II p.2866).

- (a) No person shall use in fishing for shrimps or prawns (*Crangonidae*, *Pandalidae*, *Palaemonidae*) any trawl, or shank or bow net or any mobile net except in accordance with the following regulations:-

The length of the beam, measured between its extremities and including all attachments, or in the case of an otter trawl the length of the headline or where more than one net is used from any vessel tractor, cart or other vehicle or unit the total length of such beams or headlines shall not exceed 10 metres.

- (b) Any net mentioned in (a) above shall have in all its parts a mesh of such dimensions that when the mesh of the net is stretched diagonally lengthwise a flat gauge 20mm broad and 2mm thick shall pass through it easily and with sufficient manual pressure.
- (c) With a view to limiting the destruction of immature fish every person in fishing for shrimps or prawns shall as soon as practicable after each haul thoroughly sift the catch in a riddle having a mesh such that the spaces between adjacent longitudinal wires are not less than 5 millimetres and the spaces between the adjacent lateral wires are not less than 60 millimetres.
- (d) The immature fish that pass through such riddle must be returned to the sea forthwith.

#### BYELAW 7

##### MESH SIZES - NETS OTHER THAN TRAWL NETS

No person shall use in fishing for sea fish other than shrimps, prawns, mackerel, herring, sprats, whitebait, sand eel or smelt any seine, draft, drift, set, stake or other net not being a trawl net permitted under Byelaw 4 unless such a net has in all its parts a mesh of such dimensions that when the mesh is stretched diagonally lengthwise of the net a flat gauge 89 millimetres broad and 2 millimetres thick shall pass through it easily and with sufficient manual pressure.

#### BYELAW 8

##### SMALL MESH NETS - OTHER THAN TRAWL NETS - RESTRICTIONS

No person shall use in fishing for shrimps, prawns, mackerel, herring, sprats, whitebait, or sand eels any seine, draft, drift, set, stake or any other type of net not being a trawl net, unless such net has in all its parts a mesh of such dimensions that when the mesh is stretched diagonally lengthwise of the net a flat gauge of 65 millimetres broad and 2

millimetres thick shall not pass through it when the net is wet, i.e. all meshes shall be less than 65 millimetres.

## BYELAW 9

### MECHANICALLY PROPELLED VESSELS - MAXIMUM LENGTH

1. No mechanically propelled vessel which exceeds 12 metres overall length shall be used in fishing for or taking sea fish within that part of the District to the west of a line drawn 000° (T) from The Old Lighthouse, Great Ormes Head (53° 20.53'N, 03° 52.13'W, WGS 84 datum)
2. No mechanically propelled vessel which exceeds 15 metres overall length shall be used in fishing for or taking sea fish within that part of the District to the east of a line drawn 000° (T) from The Old Lighthouse, Great Ormes Head (53° 20.53'N, 03° 52.13'W, WGS 84 datum)
3. This byelaw shall not be enforceable for those vessels:
  - (a) used in fishing for mussels (*Mytilus edulis*) using dredges; or
  - (b) used in angling with rod and line; or
  - (c) referred to in paragraph 4 and 5 below.
4. Vessels exceeding the length restrictions described in sections 1 and 2 above may be used provided:
  - (a) the vessel fished in the District for at least 60 days within the 24 months immediately prior to this byelaw being made; and
  - (b) the vessel remains in the same legal and beneficial ownership as on the date of this byelaw being made; and,
  - (c) the owner(s) of the vessel obtain an authorisation permitting the use of the vessel within the NW&NWSFC District within 6 months of this byelaw coming into force.
5. Newly constructed or purchased vessels exceeding the length restrictions set out in sections 1 and 2 above may be issued with an authorisation under paragraph 4(c) above provided that:
  - (a) the owner(s) can demonstrate that prior to the date of this byelaw being made they had entered into an enforceable financial commitment to construct or purchase such a vessel; and
  - (b) the owner(s) can demonstrate that the date of delivery prevented compliance with paragraph 4(a) above.
6. Authorisations issued under paragraph 4(c) above shall not permit a mechanically propelled vessel to be used in fishing for or taking sea fish within 3 nautical miles of baselines if it exceeds the following limitations:
  - (a) In the part of the District lying between the Northern boundary at Haverigg Point (54° 11.31'N, 03° 19.08'W, WGS 84 Datum) and Rhyl

Coastguard/Lifeboat Station (53° 19.48'N, 03° 29.56'W, WGS 84 Datum), a registered length of 13.7 metres.

- (b) In that part of the District lying between Rhyl Coastguard/Lifeboat Station (53° 19.48'N, 03° 29.56'W, WGS 84 Datum) and the Southern boundary at Cemaes Head (52° 07.07'N, 04° 43.91'W, WGS 84 Datum), a registered length of 15.24 metres.

7. For the purpose of this byelaw:

- (a) the overall length shall be the overall length as shown on the Certificate of Registry of a British Fishing Vessel; and
- (b) the registered length shall be the registered length as shown on the Certificate of Registry of a British Fishing Vessel.

#### BYELAW 10

#### SET AND DRIFT NETS

No person shall use any set or drift net set from or recovered by boat in fishing for sea fish except in accordance with the following conditions:-

- (a) No portion of the net shall be at a less distance than 200 metres from any portion of any other net.
- (b) The net shall be marked by substantial buoys visible above the surface of the water at all states of the tide.
- (c) The boat's name or port letters and numbers shall be clearly displayed on or attached to at least one of the buoys marking the net.

#### BYELAW 11

#### MARKING OF FISHING GEAR AND KEEP POTS

No person shall use in fishing for sea fish any set or staked net, line, pot, trap, keep pot or box, except in accordance with the following regulations:-

- (a) The site of the stakes, net, line, pot, trap, keep pot or box shall be marked by substantial buoys, non-metallic poles or perches visible above the surface at any state of the tide and such buoys, poles or perches shall be maintained as long as the stakes, pot, trap, keep pot or box are in position.
- (b) The owner's name, vessel number or other identifying mark shall be clearly displayed on or attached to at least one buoy, pole or perch.
- (c) No portion of a stake net shall be nearer the centre of any stream or channel than the edge of such stream at low water of the tide during which the net is fishing.

- (d) No portion of any net shall be nearer than 137.5 metres to any portion of another net not being a hose net or moored whitebait filter net.
- (e) No net shall exceed 275 metres in length.

## BYELAW 12

### RESTRICTIONS ON FISHING FOR BIVALVE MOLLUSCAN SHELLFISH

This byelaw applies to that part of the District within a line drawn on the seaward side of the baselines 6 nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea adjacent to the United Kingdom is measured. For the purposes of this paragraph "the baselines" means the baselines as they existed at 25th January, 1983 in accordance with the Territorial Waters Order in Council 1964 (1965 III p.6452A) as amended by the Territorial Waters (Amendment) Order in Council 1979 (1979 II p.2866).

1. No person shall fish for bivalve molluscan shellfish, except
  - a) by hand; or
  - b) in the case of cockles with a craam, rake, spade or jumbo; or
  - c) in the case of mussels with a rake or in that part of the District which is inshore of a line drawn North true from Penmaen-Bach Point (Latitude 53° 17.3' North, Longitude 03° 52.8' West) to the high water mark at Gt. Ormes Head with a rake, provided that the rake is no more than 1 metre in width and that it is only used from a boat when the mussel bed has at least 1 metre of water over it; or
  - d) when using a dredge or other appliance where:
    - (i) such dredge or appliance is of a pattern approved in writing by the Committee, the Committee having been advised by scientists who in the opinion of the Committee appear to be suitably qualified to comment on the conservation and environmental implications;
    - (ii) such use is in accordance with a written authorisation issued by the Committee and with any conditions subject to which that authorisation was issued, including prohibitions on use at particular times, or in particular areas and definitions of the fishing instrument. The Committee may also require as a condition that returns be made on the species and quantities of bivalve molluscan shellfish taken.
2. no person shall take or use on any mussel bed, any sledge or other contrivance which in the opinion of the Committee is likely to crush or loosen the mussels or loosen the foundations of the bed, without a written authorisation issued by the Committee.

3. no person shall dig in any mussel bed for any purpose without a written authorisation issued by the Committee.

### BYELAW 13

#### COCKLES - MINIMUM SIZE

No person shall remove from a fishery any cockle which will pass through a gauge having a square opening of 20 millimetres measured across each side of the square.

Provided that it shall not be an offence under this byelaw to remove cockles from a fishery in accordance with the written authority of the Committee.

### BYELAW 13A

#### COCKLES AND MUSSELS - MANAGEMENT OF THE FISHERY

1. The Committee, may close any cockle (*Cerastoderma edule*) or mussel (*Mytilus edulis*) bed or part of a bed for the purposes of fishery management or for controlling the rate of exploitation with regard to cockles and mussels.
2. Such closure shall be for a specified period and be undertaken only after the Joint Committee has consulted such persons or bodies appearing to them to represent local cockle or mussel fishermen, and provided the Committee has been advised by fishery scientists who appear to them to be suitably qualified, as to the need for such action.
3. No person shall, without the consent of the Committee, under the written authority in that behalf signed by the Clerk, remove, take or disturb any cockle or mussel from a bed or part of a bed of cockles or mussels which has been closed pursuant to this byelaw.

### BYELAW 14

#### COCKLE FISHERY - SEASONAL CLOSURE

No person shall fish for, remove, take or disturb any cockles (*Cerastoderma edule*) in any part of the District between the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May and the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August in the same year, both dates inclusive. Provided that the Committee may close any cockle bed, or part thereof, outside of this period under the provisions of Byelaw 13A.

Provided also that it shall not be an offence under this byelaw to remove cockles (*Cerastoderma edule*) from a fishery:

- a. for scientific purposes,
- b. for stock management purposes

in accordance with the written authority of the Committee.

## BYELAW 15

### MUSSELS - MINIMUM SIZE

This byelaw applies to that part of the District within a line drawn on the seaward side of the baselines 6 nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea adjacent to the United Kingdom is measured. For the purposes of this paragraph "the baselines" means the baselines as they existed at 25th January, 1983 in accordance with the Territorial Waters Order in Council 1964 (1965 III p.6452A) as amended by the Territorial Waters (Amendment) (Order in Council 1979 (1979 II p.2866)).

No person shall remove from a fishery within the District, as defined in paragraph 1 above, any mussel less than 45 millimetres in length.

Provided that it shall not be an offence under this byelaw to remove mussels from a fishery in accordance with the written authority of the Committee.

## BYELAW 16

### SHELL FISHERY - TEMPORARY CLOSURE

Where, in the opinion of the Committee, in any fishery, any bed or part of a bed of shellfish is so severely depleted as to require temporary closure in order to ensure recovery, or any bed or part of a bed contains mainly immature shellfish which in the interests of the protection and development of the fishery ought not to be disturbed for the time being, or any bed of transplanted shellfish ought not to be fished until it has become established, and where the bed, or part thereof, has been clearly defined in notices displayed in the vicinity prohibiting the removal or disturbance of the shellfish, no person shall, while the bed or part thereof is so defined, take away or otherwise disturb any shellfish therein.

Provided that no bed or part of a bed may remain closed under this byelaw at any one time for a longer period than one year, without review by the Committee.

## BYELAW 17

### RE-DEPOSIT OF SHELLFISH

Any person who takes any shellfish, the removal of which from a fishery is prohibited by any of these byelaws, or the possession or sale of which is prohibited by or in pursuance of any Act of Parliament, shall forthwith re-deposit the same as nearly as possible in the place from which they were taken, or, under the written authority of the Committee, on other suitable ground, and in re-depositing cockles, in accordance with this byelaw, shall spread them thinly and evenly over the beds.

BYELAW 18

FOUL HOOKING OF SEA FISH

No person shall, for the purpose of fishing for sea fish use any instrument or device in a manner calculated to foul hook any fish.

BYELAW 19

SPECIFIED FISH SIZES

1. This byelaw applies to any part of the District within a line drawn on the seaward side of the baselines six nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea adjacent to the United Kingdom is measured. For the purposes of this paragraph “the baselines” means the baselines as they existed at 25th January, 1983 in accordance with the Territorial Waters Order in Council 1964 (1965 III p.6452A) as amended by the Territorial Waters (Amendment) Order in Council 1979 (1979 II p.2866).
2. No person shall remove from a fishery within the area of the North Western and North Wales Sea Fisheries Committee District any fish of the species specified in paragraph 3 which measures less than the minimum size specified for the species, and any such fish taken shall be returned immediately to the sea.

3.	<b>SPECIES</b>	<b>SIZE</b>
	<b>SHELLFISH SPECIES</b>	<b>MINIMUM SIZE (MM)</b>
	Bean Solen ( <i>Pharus legumen</i> )	65*
	Carpet shell ( <i>Venerupis senegalensis</i> )	38
	Clam ( <i>Venus verrucosa</i> )	40
	Crawfish ( <i>Palinurus spp</i> )	95
	Donax clam ( <i>Donax spp</i> )	25
	Edible Crab ( <i>Cancer pagurus</i> )	130
	Hard Clam ( <i>Callista chione</i> )	60
	Lobster ( <i>Homarus gammarus</i> )	87
	Nephrops ( <i>Nephrops norvegicus</i> )	20 <sup>†</sup>
	<u>or</u> overall length	70
	Octopus ( <i>Octopus vulgaris</i> )	750g
	Queen Scallop	40*
	( <i>Aequipecten opercularis</i> )	
	Razor Clam ( <i>Ensis spp</i> )	100*
	Scallop ( <i>Pecten maximus</i> )	110*
	Short necked clam	40
	( <i>Ruditapes phillipinarum</i> )	
	Spider Crab ( <i>Maja squinado</i> )	
	Male	130

Female	120
Surf Clam ( <i>Spisula solidissima</i> )	25
Velvet Crab ( <i>Liocarcinus puber</i> )	65
Whelk ( <i>Buccinum undatum</i> )	45*

\* Longest part of shell.

† Carapace length

### **FISH SPECIES**

Bass ( <i>Dicentrarchus labrax</i> )	360
Black Seabream	230
( <i>Spondyliosoma cantharus</i> )	
Blue ling ( <i>Molva dypterygia</i> )	700
Bluefin tuna ( <i>Thunnus thynnus</i> )	700
<u>or</u>	6.4kg
Brill ( <i>Scophthalmus rhombus</i> )	300
Cod ( <i>Gadus morhua</i> )	350
Conger eel ( <i>Conger conger</i> )	580
Dab ( <i>Limanda limanda</i> )	150
Flounder ( <i>Platichthys flesus</i> )	250
Grey mullet ( <i>Chelon labrosus</i> )	200
Haddock	300
( <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i> )	
Hake ( <i>Merluccius merluccius</i> )	270
Herring ( <i>Clupea harengus</i> )	200
Horse Mackerel	150
( <i>Trachurus trachurus</i> )	
Lemon Sole ( <i>Microstomus kitt</i> )	250
Ling ( <i>Molva molva</i> )	630
Mackerel ( <i>Scomber scombrus</i> )	200
Megrim ( <i>Lepidorhombus spp.</i> )	200
Plaice ( <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i> )	270
Pollack ( <i>Pollachius pollachius</i> )	300
Red Mullet ( <i>Mullus surmuletus</i> )	150
Red Seabream	250
( <i>Pagellus bogaraveo</i> )	
Saithe ( <i>Pollachius virens</i> )	350
Sole ( <i>Solea solea</i> )	240
Turbot ( <i>Psetta maxima</i> )	300
Whiting ( <i>Merlangius merlangus</i> )	270
Witch Flounder	280
( <i>Glyptocephalus cynoglossus</i> )	

## BYELAW 20

### RESTRICTION OF FISHING FOR ESCALLOP IN CARDIGAN BAY

In that part of the District lying within three nautical miles of the baselines (as they existed at 25<sup>th</sup> January 1983 in accordance with the Territorial Waters Order in Council 1964 (c), as amended by the Territorial Waters (Amendment) Order in Council

1979 (d)) between the Southern boundary at Cemaes Head (latitude 52° 07.032' North longitude 04° 43.853' West) and a line drawn due West true from Braich y Pwyll (latitude 52° 47.776' North longitude 04° 46.072' West)

- (a) no person shall fish for or take scallop (*Pecten maximus*) between the 1<sup>st</sup> June and the 31<sup>st</sup> December in any year.
- (b) All positions are derived from the WGS 84 datum.

#### BYELAW 21

##### PROHIBITION OF BOTTOM TOWED FISHING GEAR

- 1. No person shall use any bottom towed fishing gear from any fishing vessel in the prohibited area as defined at paragraph 2.
- 2. The prohibited area is all that sea area contained within straight lines connecting positions:
  - (a) 52° 56.909'N 04° 34.055'W
  - (b) 52° 59.858'N 04° 38.782'W
  - (c) 52° 55.455'N 04° 45.891'W
  - (d) 52° 52.928'N 04° 41.878'W
  - (e) 52° 52.155'N 04° 43.359'W
  - (f) 52° 51.563'N 04° 42.372'W

and the coastline at mean high water springs between positions (f) and (a).

- 3. All positions are derived from the WGS 84 datum

#### BYELAW 24

##### FIXED ENGINES - PROHIBITIONS (WALES)

- (a) This byelaw applies to that part of the District to the westward and southward of a line drawn 310° (True) from Hilbre Point (Latitude 53° 23.21' North, Longitude 03° 11.88' West).
- (b) For the purposes of Section 37(2) of the Salmon Act 1986, the placing and use of fixed engines is authorised subject to the exceptions contained at paragraphs (c), (d), (e) and (f).
- (c) For the purposes of Section 37(1) of the Salmon Act 1986, any fixed engine is to be set and used in such manner that salmonids (salmon and sea trout) are not taken. If such fish are taken, the fixed engine is to be re-set to avoid any re-occurrence.
- (d) The placing and use of a fixed engine, is prohibited in those parts of the District as defined at paragraph (g), during the periods given in (i) to (vii) below:

- (i) Areas numbered 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, and 24; prohibited during the period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> November inclusive.
  - (ii) Areas numbered 3, 9 and 10; prohibited during the period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> November inclusive for nets having a mesh size less than 249mm.
  - (iii) Areas numbered 3, 9 and 10; all beach set nets prohibited during the period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> November inclusive.
  - (iv) Areas numbered 21 and 23; prohibited during the period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> November inclusive for nets having a mesh size greater than 65mm.
  - (v) Area numbered 25: prohibited during the period 1<sup>st</sup> February to 30<sup>th</sup> September inclusive for nets having a mesh size of less than 249mm,
  - (vi) Area numbered 25; prohibited during the period 1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> January for nets having a mesh size greater than 65mm and less than 249mm.
  - (vii) Area numbered 26; prohibited at all times.
- (e) For the purposes of this byelaw, a beach set net is: any fixed net which is set above the low water mark of the day on which it was set.
- (f) To minimise the risk of the taking of salmonids, the Committee may also temporarily prohibit at any time, the setting of any fixed engine, in any part of the District as defined in paragraph (a) above.
- (g) (1) River Clwyd - the area bounded on the east by a line drawn in a 315° (True) direction from Splash Point (Latitude 53° 19.81' North, Longitude 03° 28.28' West) on the west by a line drawn in a 315° (True) from the sea defence wall (Latitude 53° 18.51' North, Longitude 03° 32.28' West) and a seaward line drawn in a 243° (True) direction from a position in (Latitude 53° 21.21' North, Longitude 03° 30.68' West).
- (2) River Dulas - the area bounded on the east by a line 000° (True) from Ty-Crwyn (Latitude 53° 17.41' North, Longitude 03° 36.58' West) and on the west by a line drawn 000° (True) from the root of the Llysfaen Jetty (Latitude 53° 17.61' North, Longitude 03° 39.48' West) and a seaward line drawn in a 267° (True) direction from a position in Latitude 53° 18.01' North, Longitude 03° 36.58' West.
- (3) Menai Straits - Northern and Conwy Bay- the area inshore of lines from Great Ormes Head (Latitude 53° 20.31' North, Longitude 03° 52.88' West) to the Fairway Buoy (Latitude 53° 17.91' North, Longitude 03° 55.58' West) then to the south west corner of Puffin Island (Latitude 53° 18.91' North, Longitude 04° 01.98' West) thence to the lighthouse at Trwyn-Du (Latitude 53° 18.81' North, Longitude 04° 02.48' West) and seaward of a line drawn from Beaumaris Castle (Latitude 53° 15.91' North, Longitude 04° 05.38' West) to Llanfairfechan Church (Latitude 53° 15.11' North, Longitude 03° 58.68' West).
- (4) River Conwy- the area within 100 metres either side of the channel of the River Conwy at low water as marked by navigational buoys and upstream

of a line drawn across the River Conwy in a 254° True direction from the two flagstaffs at (Latitude 53° 17.91' North, Longitude 03° 50.38' West) to Conwy Morfa (Latitude 53° 17.81' North, Longitude 03° 50.98' West).

- (5) Menai Straits - Central - the area bounded on the north by a line drawn from Beaumaris Castle (Latitude 53° 15.91' North, Longitude 04° 05.38' West) to Llanfairfechan Church (Latitude 53° 15.11' North, Longitude 03° 58.68' West) and on the south by a line from Fort Belan Point (Latitude 53° 07.42' North, Longitude 04° 19.87' West) to Abermenai Point (Latitude 53° 07.62' North, Longitude 04° 19.77' West).
- (6) River Dulas/Moelfre - the area inshore of a line drawn from Moelfre Lighthouse (Latitude 53° 21.41' North, Longitude 04° 13.98' West) to Penrhyn Glas (Latitude 53° 23.71' North, Longitude 04° 16.17' West).
- (7) Cemaes Bay - the area inshore of a line drawn from Llanbadrig Head (Latitude 53° 25.31' North, Longitude 04° 27.07' West) to the Headland (Latitude 53° 24.91' North, Longitude 04° 28.07' West).
- (8) Inland Sea - the area bounded in the north by a line drawn from Porth Dryw (Latitude 53° 19.51' North, Longitude 04° 34.77' West) and the Telephone Cable markers at Penrhos Beach (Latitude 53° 18.21' North, Longitude 04° 36.77' West) and on the south by a line drawn from Silver Bay (Latitude 53° 14.61' North, Longitude 04° 33.97' West) to the seaward end of Ynys Wellet (Latitude 53° 13.91' North, Longitude 04° 32.47' West) to Mynydd Mawr (Latitude 53° 12.41' North, Longitude 04° 30.37' West).
- (9) Menai Straits - Southern - the area bounded on the north by a line drawn from Fort Belan Point (Latitude 53° 07.42' North, Longitude 04° 19.87' West) to Abermenai Point (Latitude 53° 07.62' North, Longitude 04° 19.77' West) and on the south by a line from the Nebo Television Mast (Latitude 53° 01.22' North, Longitude 04° 16.27' West) to Ynys Meibion (Latitude 53° 11.31' North, Longitude 04° 30.47' West).
- (10) River Llyfni - the area bounded in the north by a line drawn from Nebo Television Mast (Latitude 53° 01.22' North, Longitude 04° 16.27' West) to Ynys Meibion (Latitude 53° 11.31' North, Longitude 04° 30.47' West), and a seaward line drawn in a 019° (True) direction from Mynydd Garnguwch (Latitude 52° 57.52' North, Longitude 04° 25.27' West) to where it intersects the line from Nebo Television Mast to Ynys Meibion.
- (11) Abersoch - the area inshore of a line drawn from Penrhyn Ddu (Latitude 52° 48.62' North, Longitude 04° 29.27' West) in a 351° (True) direction to High Water Mark (Latitude 52° 50.22' North, Longitude 04° 29.67' West).
- (12) Pwllheli - the area bounded on the west by a line drawn in a 180° (True) direction from the high water mark at the Embankment Road (Latitude 52° 52.82' North, Longitude 04° 24.77' West) to a position in Latitude 52° 52.72' North, Longitude 04° 24.77' West thence in a 075° (True) direction to a position in Latitude 52° 53.02' North, Longitude 04° 22.87' West thence 000° (True) to Abererch Beach (Latitude 52° 53.82' North, Longitude 04° 22.87' West).

- (13) River Dwyfor - the area inshore of a line drawn from Pen-Ychain (Latitude 52° 53.52' North, Longitude 04° 19.57' West) to Criccieth Castle (Latitude 52° 54.92' North, Longitude 04° 13.97' West).
- (14) River Dwyrd - the area inshore of a line drawn from Graig Ddu (Latitude 52° 54.82' North, Longitude 04° 12.07' West) to Harlech Castle (Latitude 52° 51.52' North, Longitude 04° 06.57' West).
- (15) River Artro - the area inshore of a line drawn in a 210° (True) direction from Harlech Castle (Latitude 52° 51.52' North, Longitude 04° 06.57' West) to the tip of Shell Island (Latitude 52° 48.82' North, Longitude 04° 09.17' West).
- (16) River Ysgethin - the area bounded in the north by a line drawn in a 270° (True) direction from Dyffryn Ardudwy Station (Latitude 52° 47.22' North, Longitude 04° 06.27' West) to a position (Latitude 52° 47.22' North, Longitude 04° 08.27' West) and in the south by a line drawn in a 270° (True) direction from Egryn Chapel (Latitude 52° 45.92' North, Longitude 04° 05.07' West) to a position (Latitude 52° 45.92' North, Longitude 04° 06.77' West) and a seaward line drawn in a 145° (True) direction from a position in Latitude 52° 47.22' North, Longitude 04° 08.27' West.
- (17) River Mawddach - the area bounded by a seaward line drawn in a 175° (True) direction from Llanaber Church (Latitude 52° 44.52' North, Longitude 04° 04.57' West) to the Avalanche Shelter at Fairbourne (Latitude 52° 40.92' North, Longitude 04° 03.97' West).
- (18) River Dysynni - the area bounded on the north by a line drawn in a 270° (True) direction from Tonfanau (Latitude 52° 37.12' North, Longitude 04° 07.57' West) and on the south by a line drawn in a 238° (True) direction from Bron-y-mor (Latitude 52° 35.12' North, Longitude 04° 06.07' West) and a seaward line from a position in Latitude 52° 37.12' North, Longitude 04° 08.87' West in a 148° (True) direction to where it intersects the above line from Bron-y-mor.
- (19) River Dyfi - the area bounded on the north by a line drawn in a 270° (True) direction from (Latitude 52° 34.22' North, Longitude 04° 05.37' West) to a position of (Latitude 52° 34.22' North, Longitude 04° 06.57' West) and a seaward line drawn in a 163° (True) direction from that position to Borth War Memorial (Latitude 52° 28.62' North, Longitude 04° 03.67' West).
- (20) River Clarach - the area bounded on the north by a line drawn in a 270° (True) direction from Glan-y-mor (Latitude 52° 26.22' North, Longitude 04° 04.97' West) to a position in Latitude 52° 26.22' North, Longitude 04° 05.37' West thence in a 170° (True) direction to a position in Latitude 52° 25.92' North, Longitude 04° 05.27' West thence in a 090° (True) direction to Tygwyn (Latitude 52° 25.92' North, Longitude 04° 04.77' West).
- (21) Rivers Rheidol/Ystwyth - the area bounded on the north by a line drawn in a 270° (True) direction from Castle Point (Latitude 52° 24.82' North, Longitude 04° 05.47' West) and a seaward line drawn in a 008° (True)

direction from Morfa Bychan (Latitude 52° 22.62' North, Longitude 04° 06.57' West) until it intersects the above line from Castle Point.

- (22) River Wyre - the area bounded on the south by a line drawn in a 302° (True) direction from the high water mark of the Llanrhystud road (Latitude 52° 18.02' North, Longitude 04° 09.87' West) to a position of Latitude 52° 18.22' North, Longitude 04° 10.57' West and a seaward line drawn in a 053° (True) direction from that position to Carreg Ty-pw (Latitude 52° 18.92' North, Longitude 04° 09.07' West).
- (23) River Aeron - the area bounded on the north by a line drawn in a 310° (True) direction from Aberarth (Latitude 52° 15.22' North, Longitude 04° 13.67' West) to a position in Latitude 52° 16.02' North, Longitude 04° 15.07' West thence in a 231° (True) direction to a position in Latitude 52° 14.92' North, Longitude 04° 17.37' West thence in a 135° (True) direction to Pen-y-gloyn (Latitude 52° 14.32' North, Longitude 04° 16.37' West) .
- (24) River Llethi - the area bounded by lines drawn in a 153° (True) direction and a 119° (True) direction from a position in Latitude 52° 13.12' North, Longitude 04° 20.57' West (in the proximity of Carreg Ina buoy) to high water mark on Traeth Gwyn (Latitude 52° 12.72' North, Longitude 04° 20.37' West) and to high water mark near the end of sea defence works on Cei Bach Beach (Latitude 52° 12.77' North, Longitude 04° 19.57' West) .
- (25) Cardigan - the area bounded by a line drawn from Mwnt Headland (Latitude 52° 08.22' North, Longitude 04° 38.67' West) to the northernmost point of Cardigan Island (Latitude 52° 08.02' North, Longitude 04° 41.37' West) thence to Cemaes Head (Latitude 52° 07.12' North, Longitude 04° 43.87' West) and a line from the Cliff Hotel Gwybert (Latitude 52° 07.08' North, Longitude 04° 41.29' West) to the Boathouse, Penrhyn (Latitude 52° 06.59' North, Longitude 04° 42.72' West).
- (26) River Teifi- the area inshore of a line from the Cliff Hotel, Gwybert (Latitude 52° 07.08' North, Longitude 04° 41.29' West) to the Boathouse, Penrhyn (Latitude 52° 06.59' North, Longitude 04° 42.72' West).

Note: All positions are referred to the WGS 84 Datum.

## BYELAW 25

### DRIFT NETS – PROHIBITIONS (WALES)

- (a) This byelaw applies to that part of the District to the westward and southward of a line drawn 310° (True) from Hilbre Point (Latitude 53° 23.21' North, Longitude 03° 11.88' West).
- (b) Any drift net shall be used in such place, at such times and in such manner that it does not interfere with the migration of salmonids (salmon and sea trout). If such fish are taken, the drift net is to be re-shot to avoid any re-occurrence.

- (c) For the purposes of section 37 (1) of the Salmon Act 1986, no person shall place or use any drift net in those parts of the District, as defined at paragraph (e), during the periods given in (i) and (ii) below:
- (i) Areas numbered 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24; prohibited during the period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> November inclusive.
  - (ii) Areas numbered 25 and 26; prohibited at all times.
- (d) To minimise the risk of taking salmonids, the Committee may also temporarily prohibit at any time, the use of any drift net, in any part of the District as defined in paragraph (a) above.
- (e)
- (1) River Clwyd - the area bounded on the east by a line drawn in a 315° (True) direction from Splash Point (Latitude 53° 19.81' North, Longitude 03° 28.28' West) on the west by a line drawn in a 315° (True) from the sea defence wall (Latitude 53° 18.51' North, Longitude 03° 32.28' West) and a seaward line drawn in a 243° (True) direction from a position in (Latitude 53° 21.21' North, Longitude 03° 30.68' West).
  - (2) River Dulas - the area bounded on the east by a line 000° (True) from Ty-Crwyn (Latitude 53° 17.41' North, Longitude 03° 36.58' West) and on the west by a line drawn 000° (True) from the root of the Llysfaen Jetty (Latitude 53° 17.61' North, Longitude 03° 39.48' West) and a seaward line drawn in a 267° (True) direction from a position in Latitude 53° 18.01' North, Longitude 03° 36.58' West.
  - (3) Menai Straits - Northern and Conwy Bay- the area inshore of lines from Great Ormes Head (Latitude 53° 20.31' North, Longitude 03° 52.88' West) to the Fairway Buoy (Latitude 53° 17.91' North, Longitude 03° 55.58' West) then to the south west corner of Puffin Island (Latitude 53° 18.91' North, Longitude 04° 01.98' West) thence to the lighthouse at Trwyn-Du (Latitude 53° 18.81' North, Longitude 04° 02.48' West) and seaward of a line drawn from Beaumaris Castle (Latitude 53° 15.91' North, Longitude 04° 05.38' West) to Llanfairfechan Church (Latitude 53° 15.11' North, Longitude 03° 58.68' West).
  - (4) River Conwy- the area within 100 metres either side of the channel of the River Conwy at low water as marked by navigational buoys and upstream of a line drawn across the River Conwy in a 254° True direction from the two flagstaffs at (Latitude 53° 17.91' North, Longitude 03° 50.38' West) to Conwy Morfa (Latitude 53° 17.81' North, Longitude 03° 50.98' West).
  - (5) Menai Straits - Central - the area bounded on the north by a line drawn from Beaumaris Castle (Latitude 53° 15.91' North, Longitude 04° 05.38' West) to Llanfairfechan Church (Latitude 53° 15.11' North, Longitude 03° 58.68' West) and on the south by a line from Fort Belan Point (Latitude 53° 07.42' North, Longitude 04° 19.87' West) to Abermenai Point (Latitude 53° 07.62' North, Longitude 04° 19.77' West).

- (6) River Dulas/Moelfre - the area inshore of a line drawn from Moelfre Lighthouse (Latitude 53° 21.41' North, Longitude 04° 13.98' West) to Penrhyn Glas (Latitude 53° 23.71' North, Longitude 04° 16.17' West).
- (7) Cemaes Bay - the area inshore of a line drawn from Llanbadrig Head (Latitude 53° 25.31' North, Longitude 04° 27.07' West) to the Headland (Latitude 53° 24.91' North, Longitude 04° 28.07' West).
- (8) Inland Sea - the area bounded in the north by a line drawn from Porth Dryw (Latitude 53° 19.51' North, Longitude 04° 34.77' West) and the Telephone Cable markers at Penrhos Beach (Latitude 53° 18.21' North, Longitude 04° 36.77' West) and on the south by a line drawn from Silver Bay (Latitude 53° 14.61' North, Longitude 04° 33.97' West) to the seaward end of Ynys Wellet (Latitude 53° 13.91' North, Longitude 04° 32.47' West) to Mynydd Mawr (Latitude 53° 12.41' North, Longitude 04° 30.37' West).
- (9) Menai Straits - Southern - the area bounded on the north by a line drawn from Fort Belan Point (Latitude 53° 07.42' North, Longitude 04° 19.87' West) to Abermenai Point (Latitude 53° 07.62' North, Longitude 04° 19.77' West) and on the south by a line from the Nebo Television Mast (Latitude 53° 01.22' North, Longitude 04° 16.27' West) to Ynys Meibion (Latitude 53° 11.31' North, Longitude 04° 30.47' West).
- (10) River Llyfni - the area bounded in the north by a line drawn from Nebo Television Mast (Latitude 53° 01.22' North, Longitude 04° 16.27' West) to Ynys Meibion (Latitude 53° 11.31' North, Longitude 04° 30.47' West), and a seaward line drawn in a 019° (True) direction from Mynydd Garnguwch (Latitude 52° 57.52' North, Longitude 04° 25.27' West) to where it intersects the line from Nebo Television Mast to Ynys Meibion.
- (11) Abersoch - the area inshore of a line drawn from Penrhyn Ddu (Latitude 52° 48.62' North, Longitude 04° 29.27' West) in a 351° (True) direction to High Water Mark (Latitude 52° 50.22' North, Longitude 04° 29.67' West).
- (12) Pwllheli - the area bounded on the west by a line drawn in a 180° (True) direction from the high water mark at the Embankment Road (Latitude 52° 52.82' North, Longitude 04° 24.77' West) to a position in Latitude 52° 52.72' North, Longitude 04° 24.77' West thence in a 075° (True) direction to a position in Latitude 52° 53.02' North, Longitude 04° 22.87' West thence 000° (True) to Abererch Beach (Latitude 52° 53.82' North, Longitude 04° 22.87' West).
- (13) River Dwyfor - the area inshore of a line drawn from Pen-Ychain (Latitude 52° 53.52' North, Longitude 04° 19.57' West) to Criccieth Castle (Latitude 52° 54.92' North, Longitude 04° 13.97' West).
- (14) River Dwyrd - the area inshore of a line drawn from Graig Ddu (Latitude 52° 54.82' North, Longitude 04° 12.07' West) to Harlech Castle (Latitude 52° 51.52' North, Longitude 04° 06.57' West).

- (15) River Artro - the area inshore of a line drawn in a 210° (True) direction from Harlech Castle (Latitude 52° 51.52' North, Longitude 04° 06.57' West) to the tip of Shell Island (Latitude 52° 48.82' North, Longitude 04° 09.17' West).
- (16) River Ysgethin - the area bounded in the north by a line drawn in a 270° (True) direction from Dyffryn Ardudwy Station (Latitude 52° 47.22' North, Longitude 04° 06.27' West) to a position (Latitude 52° 47.22' North, Longitude 04° 08.27' West) and in the south by a line drawn in a 270° (True) direction from Egryn Chapel (Latitude 52° 45.92' North, Longitude 04° 05.07' West) to a position (Latitude 52° 45.92' North, Longitude 04° 06.77' West) and a seaward line drawn in a 145° (True) direction from a position in Latitude 52° 47.22' North, Longitude 04° 08.27' West.
- (17) River Mawddach - the area bounded by a seaward line drawn in a 175° (True) direction from Llanaber Church (Latitude 52° 44.52' North, Longitude 04° 04.57' West) to the Avalanche Shelter at Fairbourne (Latitude 52° 40.92' North, Longitude 04° 03.97' West).
- (18) River Dysynni - the area bounded on the north by a line drawn in a 270° (True) direction from Tonfanau (Latitude 52° 37.12' North, Longitude 04° 07.57' West) and on the south by a line drawn in a 238° (True) direction from Bron-y-mor (Latitude 52° 35.12' North, Longitude 04° 06.07' West) and a seaward line from a position in Latitude 52° 37.12' North, Longitude 04° 08.87' West in a 148° (True) direction to where it intersects the above line from Bron-y-mor.
- (19) River Dyfi - the area bounded on the north by a line drawn in a 270° (True) direction from (Latitude 52° 34.22' North, Longitude 04° 05.37' West) to a position of (Latitude 52° 34.22' North, Longitude 04° 06.57' West) and a seaward line drawn in a 163° (True) direction from that position to Borth War Memorial (Latitude 52° 28.62' North, Longitude 04° 03.67' West).
- (20) River Clarach - the area bounded on the north by a line drawn in a 270° (True) direction from Glan-y-mor (Latitude 52° 26.22' North, Longitude 04° 04.97' West) to a position in Latitude 52° 26.22' North, Longitude 04° 05.37' West thence in a 170° (True) direction to a position in Latitude 52° 25.92' North, Longitude 04° 05.27' West thence in a 090° (True) direction to Tygwyn (Latitude 52° 25.92' North, Longitude 04° 04.77' West).
- (21) Rivers Rheidol/Ystwyth - the area bounded on the north by a line drawn in a 270° (True) direction from Castle Point (Latitude 52° 24.82' North, Longitude 04° 05.47' West) and a seaward line drawn in a 008° (True) direction from Morfa Bychan (Latitude 52° 22.62' North, Longitude 04° 06.57' West) until it intersects the above line from Castle Point.
- (22) River Wyre - the area bounded on the south by a line drawn in a 302° (True) direction from the high water mark of the Llanrhystud road (Latitude 52° 18.02' North, Longitude 04° 09.87' West) to a position of Latitude 52° 18.22' North, Longitude 04° 10.57' West and a seaward line drawn in a 053° (True) direction from that position to Carreg Ty-pw (Latitude 52° 18.92' North, Longitude 04° 09.07' West).

- (23) River Aeron - the area bounded on the north by a line drawn in a 310° (True) direction from Aberarth (Latitude 52° 15.22' North, Longitude 04° 13.67' West) to a position in Latitude 52° 16.02' North, Longitude 04° 15.07' West thence in a 231° (True) direction to a position in Latitude 52° 14.92' North, Longitude 04° 17.37' West thence in a 135° (True) direction to Pen-y-gloyn (Latitude 52° 14.32' North, Longitude 04° 16.37' West) .
- (24) River Llethi - the area bounded by lines drawn in a 153° (True) direction and a 119° (True) direction from a position in Latitude 52° 13.12' North, Longitude 04° 20.57' West (in the proximity of Carreg Ina buoy) to high water mark on Traeth Gwyn (Latitude 52° 12.72' North, Longitude 04° 20.37' West) and to high water mark near the end of sea defence works on Cei Bach Beach (Latitude 52° 12.77' North, Longitude 04° 19.57' West) .
- (25) Cardigan - the area bounded by a line drawn from Mwnt Headland (Latitude 52° 08.22' North, Longitude 04° 38.67' West) to the northernmost point of Cardigan Island (Latitude 52° 08.02' North, Longitude 04° 41.37' West) thence to Cemaes Head (Latitude 52° 07.12' North, Longitude 04° 43.87' West) and a line from the Cliff Hotel Gwybert (Latitude 52° 07.08' North, Longitude 04° 41.29' West) to the Boathouse, Penrhyn (Latitude 52° 06.59' North, Longitude 04° 42.72' West).
- (26) River Teifi- the area inshore of a line from the Cliff Hotel, Gwybert (Latitude 52° 07.08' North, Longitude 04° 41.29' West) to the Boathouse, Penrhyn (Latitude 52° 06.59' North, Longitude 04° 42.72' West).

Note: All positions are referred to the WGS 84 Datum.

## BYELAW 28

### APPLICATION OF BYELAWS

All byelaws under section 5 of the Sea Fisheries Regulation Act 1966 (as read with section 37 of the Salmon Act 1986) which are in force in the North Western and North Wales Sea Fisheries District on the date of confirmation of this byelaw shall not apply to any part of the sea beyond 3 nautical miles from the 1983 baselines. For the purposes of this byelaw, 'the 1983 baselines' means baselines as they existed at 25th January, 1983 in accordance with the Territorial Waters Order in Council 1964 and the Territorial Waters (Amendment) Order in Council 1979 (1965 III p.6452A, amended by 1979 III p.2866).

## BYELAW 29

### MINIMUM SIZE OF LOBSTER

1. This byelaw applies to that part of the District as defined at paragraph 2 below and within a line drawn on the seaward side of the baselines 6 nautical miles

from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea adjacent to the United Kingdom is measured. For the purpose of this paragraph "the baselines" means the baselines as they existed at 25th January, 1983 in accordance with the Territorial Waters Order in Council 1964 (1965 III p.6452A) as amended by the Territorial Waters (Amendment) Order in Council 1979 (1979 II p.2866).

2. No person shall in that part of the District west and south of the Coastguard/Lifeboat Station at Rhyl in Latitude 53° 19.4' North, Longitude 03° 29.5' West, remove from the fishery any lobster (*Homarus gammarus*) of less than 87mm carapace length. The carapace shall be measured parallel to the mid-line from the back of either eye socket to the distal edge of the carapace.

### BYELAW 30

#### FISHING FOR LOBSTER, CRAWFISH, CRAB, PRAWN AND WHELK

1. No person shall take or land from any fishery within the District more than the specified amount of the species listed below in a calendar day, except in accordance with paragraph 5. All such fish must be landed on the same calendar day on which they were caught and may not be stored in any keep pot or similar device at sea.

Species	Maximum Daily Quantity
Lobsters ( <i>Homarus gammarus</i> )	2 individuals
Crawfish ( <i>Palinurus elephas</i> )	1 individual
Edible crabs ( <i>Cancer pagurus</i> ) Spider crabs ( <i>Maia squinado</i> ) Velvet crabs ( <i>Liocarcinus puber</i> )	Combined total of 5 individuals
Prawns ( <i>Pandalidae</i> and <i>Palaemonidae</i> )	1 kilogram
Whelks ( <i>Buccinum undatum</i> )	5 kilograms

2. No person, except in accordance with paragraph 5, shall fish in any part of the District, using pots or traps, except under a permit issued by the Committee.
3. Permit conditions:
  - a) The permit shall not be transferable, and
  - b) The person to whom the permit is issued shall not use more than 5 pots or traps, and

- c) All fishing gear shall be clearly marked with the number issued with the permit, and
  - d) any boat used in accordance with the byelaw shall clearly display the number issued with the permit, shall not display more than one permit number, and shall not be used to haul any pots or traps not marked with that number, and
  - e) the permit to fish shall be invalid if any of the above conditions are not met.
- 4. Applications to fish under this byelaw shall be made using the printed forms available from the Committee.
  - 5. This byelaw shall not apply to any person fishing from any fishing boat registered in accordance with the rule for the time being in force for the registration of a British sea fishing boat and holding a current fishing licence issued by the Government of England or Wales.

### BYELAW 31

#### PROTECTION OF V-NOTCHED LOBSTERS

- 1. This byelaw applies to any part of the District within a line drawn on the seaward side of the baselines six nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea adjacent to the United Kingdom is measured.
  - 2. For the purposes of this paragraph “the baselines” means the baselines as they existed at 25th January, 1983 in accordance with the Territorial Waters Order in Council 1964 (1965 III p.6452A) as amended by the Territorial Waters (Amendment) Order in Council 1979 (1979 II p.2866).
  - 3. No person shall fish for or take any lobster of the species *Homarus gammarus* that is V-notched with an indentation in the shape of the letter “V” in one or more of the five flaps of the tail fan, or otherwise marked in any way or mutilated in such a way that any of the five tail flaps of the tail are missing or mutilated in such manner as could hide or obliterate a V-notch or other marking.
  - 4. Any lobster so marked shall be returned immediately to the sea.
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