

North Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009 (c.23)

EMERGENCY BEAM TRAWLING BYELAW 2023

The Authority for the North Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation District, in exercise of the power conferred by section 157 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 makes the following byelaw for that District.

Interpretation

- 1. 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) "beam trawl" means any towed trawl or device in which the mouth of the trawl is held open by a beam or similar device, irrespectively of whether they are supported or not when dragged along the seabed;
 - c) "district" means the North Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation District as defined in articles 2 and 3 of the North Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Order 2010 (S.I. 2010 No. 2193);
 - d) "fishing operation" means all activities in connection with searching for fish, the shooting, towing, hauling of active gears and taking sea fisheries resources onboard:
 - e) "fishing vessel" means a vessel of whatever size and in whatever way propelled for the time being used for or in connection with fishing for seafish;

Prohibitions and Exceptions

The following prohibitions and exceptions apply to all fishing vessels engaged in fishing operations within the district:-

- 2. A person must not use a beam trawl for the exploitation of sea fisheries resources within the district unless that person holds a written authority, signed by the Clerk, for a named fishing vessel, to fish for scientific purposes under provisions contained within Byelaw II 'Application and Saving for Scientific Purposes'.
- 3. A person must not use a vessel within the district which is carrying a beam trawl unless the beam trawl is stored on board the vessel in such a way that it cannot be readily used.
- 4. Subject to complying with the provisions contained within Byelaw XXIX 'Humber Fishing Byelaw 2016", paragraphs 2 and 3 do not apply within that part of the district known as the Humber Estuary as defined within Schedule 1.

The byelaw comes into force on Monday 17 July 2023 and remains in force, unless revoked or extended, until Wednesday 17 July 2024.

We hereby certify that this byelaw was made and agreed by the Authority on Monday 17 July 2023.

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Explanatory Note

(This Note is not part of the byelaw)

This emergency byelaw:

- prohibits the use of beam trawls for the exploitation of sea fisheries resources within the district (paragraph 2);
- prohibits the carriage of such beam trawls on board vessels within the district unless secured so that they cannot be readily used (paragraph 3).

Schedule **Definition of areas**

- The 'Humber Estuary' means those tidal waters and parts of the sea bounded by the following lines:
 - to the north by a line drawn true east from Spurn Head Lighthouse (position 53° 34.490' North, 000° 06.650' East) to the three nautical mile limit line; to the east by the three nautical mile limit line; (a)

 - (b) to the south by the boundary of the District.

Humber Estuary Area as defined within this byelaw

