

Eastern IFCA management measures consultation tracker

Opportunities to input to the development of Eastern IFCA management measures

Inshore Fisheries & Conservation Authorities have a shared vision for healthy seas, sustainable fisheries and a viable industry. In delivering this vision for the Eastern district, Eastern IFCA is developing management measures in relation to a range of different fisheries and drivers. Continual dialogue with stakeholders is crucial to this work. During consultation, Eastern IFCA aim to talk to and listen to all stakeholders to ensure that management measures are as effective as possible and so that any impacts and benefits of proposed measures are fully explored and understood. Feedback from all stakeholders is appreciated and valued.

Below is an overview of the consultations that Eastern IFCA is currently undertaking or planning for the near future. We are sharing this programme to keep stakeholders informed and to encourage engagement with Eastern IFCA on these matters. The overview includes links to more information if available, including how to participate in consultations. Eastern IFCA will update this page on a regular basis.

Please note – this is a live tracker and is subject to change.

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	Consultation is open
	Consultation is closed

Work stream	Summary	Phase / Status	Current phase ending	Next step(s)
Minimum Sizes Byelaw 2019	<p>Location: District wide</p> <p>Replacing the fish, mollusc and crustacea Emergency Byelaw 2019. This byelaw intends to protect fish and shellfish stocks by preventing or reducing the</p>	Formal consultation – Closed	6 th April 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review responses to consultation Byelaw passed to EIFCA CEO for review.

	<p>removal of pre-spawning individuals.</p> <p>Further Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Text: Minimum Sizes Byelaw 2019 • Minimum Sizes Byelaw: Impact Assessment 			
Closed Area Byelaw 2020 – Phase 2	<p>Location: South bank of Humber Estuary and The Wash.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Humber Eelgrass closure, and introduction of new closure in The Wash for <i>Sabellaria</i> reef. • To review the closure currently in place (Humber) and to consider a currently unmanaged area of intertidal <i>Sabellaria</i> (The Wash). <p>Further information</p>	Informal consultation Closed	23 rd March 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review closure in place to determine if amendments are required • Informal engagement with stakeholders as required
Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ): fisheries assessment	<p>Location: Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ</p> <p>Information gathering, listening to fishery</p>	Informal consultation Closed	3 rd March 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use evidence to complete assessment of potting fishing within the Cromer Shoal MCZ

	<p>stakeholders to inform assessment of levels of potting in the Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds MCZ</p> <p>Further information</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider management measures if required (informal consultation) • Fisheries working group established • Propose management measures (if required) Dec 2020
<p>Shrimp Permit Byelaw 2018 – Effort Limitation Scheme: Formal Consultation</p>	<p>Development of a permit scheme to limit effort within The Wash and North Norfolk Coast (mitigation to enable the shrimp fishery to operate within this marine protected area)</p> <p>Further information including frequently asked questions</p>	<p>Formal consultation Closed</p>	<p>3rd March 2020</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake formal consultation on proposed permit conditions
<p>Closed Area Byelaw 2020 – phase 1</p>	<p>Location: <i>Sabellaria spinulosa</i> (Ross worm) biogenic reef off the Lincolnshire coast and an area of circalittoral rock (hard seabed) in The Wash</p> <p>Development of management measures in the form of spatial closures to protect vulnerable habitats within Marine Protected Areas.</p>	<p>Informal consultation – Complete</p> <p>Considering responses from consultation - Ongoing</p>	<p>11th October 2019</p> <p>TBC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gather evidence in relation to fishing activity within areas identified as potentially needing management • Develop appropriate management measures considering information from informal consultation

	<p>Closures will relate to use of bottom towed gear.</p> <p>Further information</p>			
Wash Fishery Order Replacement 2023	<p>Location: The Wash</p> <p>The Wash Fishery Order 1992 (WFO) is due for replacement in 2023. Further talks with stakeholders are required to develop replacement management measures.</p>	Dialogue with industry.	TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake informal consultation on WFO replacement • Continuation of WFO review
Potting Fisheries management	<p>Development of management measures for crab and lobster fisheries sustainability.</p> <p>Review of the wording of the Whelk Permit Byelaw 2016 including the annual allocation of permit tags.</p> <p>Further Information</p>	Informal consultation – Paused	Currently paused	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue engagement after Cromer Shoal evidence gathering is complete – Feb 2020 • Seek to develop proposals alongside Cromer Shoal MCZ consultation during 2020 • Propose management measures Dec 2020