

DREDGING

The Authority for the Northumberland Inshore Fisheries and Conservation District in exercise of its powers under sections 155 (1) 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 Northumberland Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority as defined in articles 2 and 4 of the Northumberland Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/2197);
 - (b) “the District” means the Northumberland Inshore Fisheries and Conservation District as defined in articles 2 and 3 of the Northumberland Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Order 2010;
 - (c) “dredge” means a rigid structure towed on the seabed in order to collect a targeted species;
 - (d) “onboard, lashed and stowed” means that the dredges are stored in such a way that use cannot readily be made of it for the purpose of exploitation of sea fisheries resources;
 - (e) “relevant fishing vessel” means a fishing boat registered in accordance with Part II of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995 (c.21) and the regulations made under that Act, and holding a fishing licence issued by an appropriate national authority.

Commencement

2. This Byelaw comes into force immediately upon its confirmation by the Secretary of State.

Prohibitions

3. A person must not use a dredge for the exploitation of sea fisheries resources.
4. A relevant fishing vessel transiting through the District must have all dredges onboard, lashed and stowed.

Review Procedure

5. The Authority must review this byelaw no less than once every 3 years.

Exemption

6. This Byelaw does not apply to a person performing an act which would otherwise constitute an offence, if that act was carried out in accordance with a written permission issued by the Authority permitting that act for scientific, stocking or breeding purposes.

Revocation

7. The byelaw with the title 'Dredges', which was made by the Authority on 25 November 2015 and was in force immediately before the making of this byelaw, is revoked.

Explanatory note

(This is not part of the byelaw)

This byelaw prohibits the use of dredges for fishing within the District.