

## **REPORT BY THE ENVIRONMENT, PLANNING AND COUNTRYSIDE COMMITTEE**

### **The Scallop Fishing (Wales) Order 2004**

The Committee considered *The Scallop Fishing (Wales) Order 2004* at its 13 April 2005 meeting. The Committee had previously identified the Order for scrutiny.

The Committee considered the following recommended amendments to the Order:

*Amendment 1 (in the name of Helen Mary Jones)* - Section 3 delete "3 scallop dredges" and insert "4 scallop dredges".

*Amendment 2 (In the name of Helen Mary Jones)* - Section 4 add as a new point "Limitation to the size of towbars. The size of towbars should be limited to accommodate the maximum number of dredges allowable in the two areas specified by the Order."

Helen Mary Jones spoke to the amendments. The following is taken from the Committee transcript:

The first amendment to delete 'three scallop dredges' and insert 'four scallop dredges' should be put in the context that we very much support the purpose of the Order. Everyone acknowledges that large-scale commercial dredging is causing havoc with the beds. If it goes on as at present, there will be no scallops left. We are absolutely supporting the control.

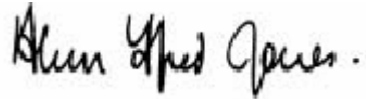
Following discussion, amendment 1 was formally moved by Helen Mary Jones and voted on as follows:

*For* Helen Mary Jones, Glyn Davies, Brynle Williams, Mick Bates, Lorraine Barrett, Sandy Mewies, Alun Ffred Jones, Irene James, Carl Sargent.

The amendment was agreed by 9 votes to 0.

Amendment 2 was withdrawn, following discussion in order to allow the Minister time to write again to consultees seeking their views. At the Committee meeting on 4 May, the Minister stated that, following the consultation with the industries possibly affected by the limitation to the size of towbars, he was minded to accept amendment 2. The amendment was therefore agreed by the Committee.

The Committee recommended approval of the Order, subject to the amendments.

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**Alun Ffred Jones AM**  
**Chair, Environment, Planning and Countryside Committee**