



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

8/11/16

Dear ,

ATISN 10841 Historic access rights

Thank you for your request which I received on 13 October about the decision of the Minister following consultation on Historic Access Rights (Grandfather Rights) in the Welsh Inshore area in December 2013.

The information you requested relates to a former administration. The Welsh Government undertook a consultation exercise in 2012 on proposals to remove the historic access rights. The Minister in 2012 was keen to proceed with the removal of the historic access rights or 'grandfather' rights and planned for legislation to follow in 2013.

The majority of consultation responses were supportive, however, concerns were raised and a further consultation was carried out to further review the exceptions to regulations regarding the maximum length of fishing boats in the 0-6nm zone.

The goals of the new consultation for the proposed removal of historic access rights were for:

- The restoration of equality in the fishing sector;
- The protection of the Welsh marine environment; and
- The sustainability of fish stocks in Welsh waters.

As further changes to Ministerial portfolios occurred in 2013 priorities changed and subsequently no new legislation was made.

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Yours sincerely