

**BYELAW XXV - PROHIBITION ON REMOVAL OF TOPE OR PARTS THEREOF**

1. This byelaw applies to any part of the district within a line drawn on the seaward side of the baselines 6 nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea adjacent to the United Kingdom is measured. For the purpose of this paragraph "the baselines" means the baselines as they existed at 25th January, 1983 in accordance with the Territorial Waters Order in Council 1964 (1965 III p.6452A) as amended by the Territorial Waters (Amendment) Order in Council 1979 (1979 II p.2866).
2. No person shall remove from any fishery any tope of the species (*Gobiorhinus galeus*) or part(s) thereof which is detached from the body.
3. Any tope, if caught, shall be returned immediately to the sea in a position as near as possible to that part of the sea from which it was taken.

Explanatory Notes

*(These notes do not form part of the byelaw)*

The intention of this Byelaw is to protect tope from commercial over-exploitation within the Committee's jurisdiction.

*I hereby certify that Byelaw XXV was made by the Committee at its meeting on 26th July 2005*

*N. Pearson*

Nigel Pearson  
Clerk of the Committee

The Secretary of State for Environment Food and Rural Affairs in exercise of the powers conferred on her by Section 7 of the Sea Fisheries Regulation Act 1966 hereby CONFIRMS the foregoing byelaw:

IN WITNESS whereof the Official Seal of the Secretary of State for Environment Food and Rural Affairs is hereunto affixed on *22 November* 2005.

*Anne Sharp*

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