

Authority: 19 December 2025		Agenda Item 12 Annex 2												
Are you completing this survey as a lake user?	If you are a Lake user, what is your activity?	Do you agree to the proposed changes to the definition of a "vessel" and a "power driven vessel"?	If not, how would you change the definition?	Do you agree to this change?	If not, what would you suggest as a change?	Why do you suggest this change?	Do you agree with this proposal?	If not, what would be your alternative solution?	We have added Emeraldale to the list of smaller lakes. Do you agree?	Do you consider that any other smaller lake/s should be included in the smaller lake byelaws? If so, what are they?	Why do you suggest this lake/s?	If not, why not?	Do you consider that any of the suggested smaller lakes should be removed from the smaller lakes byelaws? If so, what are they and why should they be removed?	
								There may be implications on the ability of those with limited mobility who may struggle to access the lake without some assistance. We have tried to mitigate this by amending the definition in such a way that it will accommodate some aids, including hand-pedalled canoes and larger vessels such as multi-person canoes. The proposed amendments to Byelaw 5(c) will allow us to grant an exemption if this would be appropriate in all the circumstances to accommodate such users, including an ability to make a reasonable adjustment for those with disabilities or other protected characteristics set out in the Equality Act 2010. Conditions will be placed on any consents granted, such as the use of electric-powered vessels only at limited stretch.						
Lake user	Powered boat user	No	It has been ok in the past. Went through consultation for basenthwaite	Yes			Yes	Has been ok on basenthwaite which is far from "a small water" for 20 plus years					Basenthwaite, crummock,loweswater aren't "small waters"	
Lake user	Fishing	No	This is discriminatory to those anglers that wish to fish on lakes. Why are you penalising them for the sake of others. Utterly ridiculous proposal.	No	You should limit the speed of the electric powered vessels yes, but banning them no.	Your proposed change is discriminatory towards anglers	No		Yes				Basenthwaite is hardly a small lake	
Lake user	Fishing	No	Do not change anything. It works how it is now. Wildswimmers and fisherman are cautious of each other. You are just trying to drive fishing away from these lakes, as all you seem to do is charge for permits and not do anything to ensure stock levels/fish health is the priority.	No	NOTHING		Yes	Leave it as it is. Don't touch it unless it's broke.	No	No	No	No	Crummock.	
Lake user	All of the above	No		No			No		No				All	
Lake user	Fishing	No		No			No		No					
Lake user	Fishing	No	Craft	No	Make it compulsory for wild swimmers use high vis floats when swimming, let them use one part of a lake, not the whole lake.	Because electric motors have been used for decades, wild swimmers have been only using the lakes since lockdowns, they contribute no money, unlike boat users who pay for permits.	No	Electric motors are very quiet, don't cause pollution, they are used sensibly by anglers, they are essential & can save lives if caught in bad weather on the wrong side of a lake they can get you back quicker & safer than rowing, if you get stuck downwind unable to row against wind the motor will get you back, disabled people cannot row, it would be much more dangerous for disabled people in a boat when wind changes. I see know reason whatsoever that would make it better to ban electric motors on fishing boats, it might just cause deaths due to being caught out in changeable weather which we all see in the lakes how quick that happens.	No	No				
Lake user	Fishing	No	Electric outboards do not damage the ecosystem and should remain allowed on major lakes.	Yes			No	Allow electric motors for all lake users.	No				Loweswater, Crummock, Buttermere, Basenthwaite lake. This waters are large enough for electric motors to not cause damage.	
Lake user	Fishing	Yes		No	Why is a change required. Powered vessels are only a danger to swimmers if they are used at excessive speed which isn't the case. Simply enforce speed limits and fines	Common sense and not prioritising one lake user over another	No		Yes					
Lake user	Fishing	No	Purposely changing the definition to remove the use of small electric engines is wrong. Electric engines do not contribute to pollution and will only remove the use of the lake by the people who use them i.e fishermen. Instead of removing electric engines completely why not introduce a system where the power of these vehicles is limited. That way the fair use of lake is still open to all.	Yes			No	You are just changing this to enable people with disabilities access to the lake. If these vehicles can be used for that then why not for anglers. This just seems like a saying you can use these type of vehicles for this but not for fishermen.	No					
Lake user	Fishing	No	Electric vessels should be allowed, they are non polluting and safe for water users, the engines are not powerful enough to cause serious injury to anyone and are essential to allow mobility restricted water users to use their watercraft	Yes			No	Allow electric outboards on any vessel	Yes	No				
Lake user	Fishing	No	I believe electric engines should be allowed as they cause no noise. They should have a speed limit in place	No	I suggest allowing electric engines on vessels but implement speed limits or certain powered engines on the waters.	Electric powered vessels cause no noise disturbance therefore they do not hamper other lake users experiences. I believe with the use of implementation of speed limits or engine size limits the safety of everyone can be ensured. As a fisherman on the lakes, the use of a low powered boat can be a vital piece of equipment when trying to catch spooky fish where oars may cause them stress.	Yes		Yes					
Lake user	Fishing	Yes		Yes			No		No					
Lake user	Fishing	No	Individuals should not be allowed to use the waters if a powered vessel under their control is driven dangerously. Others who use it safely and respectfully should be allowed to continue to do so.	No	As previously stated individuals whom are causing the problems should be banned from the waters and others who use a powered vessel safely and respectfully should be allowed to continue to do so.	Unfair to tar everyone with the same brush.	Yes		No					
Lake user	Fishing	No	Keep it as petrol engines	Yes			No		Yes					
Lake user	Fishing	No	It should allow electric motors even if it caps them to a certain speed. Most fishing (trawling) motors can achieve speeds no more than 3mph so vessels are travelling at very low speed therefore causing very little risk to swimmers. I agree that petrol/diesel motors should be disallowed to protect the environment on the lakes. But banning all motors will prevent boat using fishermen from having access to these lakes to fish.	No	If the EA can use electrically powered vessels so should other boat users. Whenever we are fishing on these lakes we very rarely bump into another fisherman or someone else using a boat. The use of electric motors is still minimal. There aren't multiple powered boats out on these lakes at one time.	As above, these lakes will only ever have a handful of powered vessels on them at any one time. And chances are they will be fishing, and out of the way of other lake users.	No	As I have previously stated there are not many electric powered vessels using these lakes as it is, so I do not see the need to ban them and only allow people to use them by exception.	Yes				Im not sure how basenthwaite is classed as a smaller lake, it is a huge body of water which most people will only be able to access and fish on with the use of an electric motor. Saying that boat users essentially must row if they wish to go fishing on a lake like this is simply dangerous and an accident waiting to happen. Conditions on a lake of this size can change very quickly, an electric motor (despite the fact that they only allow the boat to travel slowly.) allows fishermen to stay safe when on the water should conditions change. I fully understand making the lakes accessible for all including wild swimmers, but by changing these laws you are acting with discrimination against those who wish to go fishing on these lakes and have done for years and years, before wild swimming was even popular. These law changes will almost certainly stop people from fishing the lakes as much unless that is what you are aiming to achieve from this. Purely by making it harder for people to access the lake	
Lake user	Fishing	No	exactly what do you mean by powered vessels? remote controlled boats used in angling to survey depths ?? ...hopefully death by remote controlled toy boat has not been an issue for you in the past?? if defined changes and seemingly one sided view of water users that have been using these facility for years.	No	why just the environment agency?? remote controlled boats are used by anglers to find depths etc. and what about remote controlled boat enthusiasts, harmless hobby	As an angler a electric powered boat is a very useful piece of equipment	Yes		No					
Lake user	Fishing	No	I feel like it's not necessary to change the law to no electric motors on the lakes due to them having minimal risk or no risk at all to swimmers. I feel like if anything there is an increased risk to swimmers as it would take longer to rescue a swimmer if you were to paddle to them. I feel like swimmers and fishermen respect each other greatly while both on the lakes. Also what about the money people will have wasted if the law is enforced thank you	No	I feel if there is some swimmers that are annoyed or have had some incidents where they feel unsafe on the lake there should be a meeting set up or a communication channel where it can be discussed how everyone's safety is at best interests.	Safety is everyone's top priority	No	Everyone should discuss how everyone's safety can be the number one priority while on the lake	No	No	No	N/A	Basenthwaite is a large lake, you could have a swimming only zone or boating zone only there is so many options, and coming up with the option to remove electric motors isn't great	
Lake user	Fishing	No	electric motors on a kayak or inflatable boat are nearly as fast as some of the swimmers and being aloud to use them on there for that many years why not make the swimmers use a bright float so they can be seen	No	the swimmers use bright floats to be seen it's not like there are hundreds of boats used and electric motors only do walking speed but I am afraid that the likes of local angling clubs wadda will potentially loose out for one probably won't join as I only fish grassmere and rydal for the pike	because the lakes are for everyone to enjoy safely we dont stop cars from driving on the roads because bikes or horses are on there	No	make people register there boats like waddemere and have numbers	No	non of them			grassmere and rydal and Boleam tarn	
Lake user	Wish to allow me to select multiple but I use these small lakes for electric powered boating, paddle sports, fishing, walking and a little bit of swimming	No	I would not change it. This leads to discrimination and alienation of certain people based on the type of boat they choose	Yes		It will allow the EA to complete their work quicker and more effectively	No	Retain the current status quo to allow the lakes to be enjoyed by all irrespective of their chosen use. Risk assess the situation properly with genuine facts and data. Take steps to ensure all users can enjoy the lake together in a safe and enjoyable way. This may include correct use of swimming trouble beacons, segregation of certain areas and possibly permit system to log on etc. and enter details prior to undertaking any activity	No	No			Because it leads the way for further discrimination against all lake users. Please do not continue to "Ban" everything in sight but work with and include all types of user s to build a workable solution in the event a conflict actually exists	
Lake user	Fishing	No	I would not	No			No		No	No	I dont		All lakes should be accessible to all sports not singled out. All, under no circumstances should one persons past time take priority over another's, we can all share the lakes together ,not prioritise wild swimmers over anglers, anglers do more for conservation than any other sports	
Lake user	Fishing	No	No need to change anything. It's been working fine for decades and doesn't need changing	No	No need to change anything at all regarding boats using the small lakes	As above	No	Let everyone carry on using boats as they are at present and there will be no problem. No need to change anything other than maybe a speed reduction	No	No			No need to change any of the current byelaws	
Lake user	Fishing	No	Allow electric engines	Yes		I think electric engines dont cause any harm and should be allowed	Yes		No					
Lake user	Paddle sport	No	I wouldn't!	No	No change	I believe everyone should be permitted to use electric engines	No	Allow all to use electric engines	Yes					
Lake user	Powered boat user	No	I do not agree with the banning of use of electric motors they are silent, non harmful to the environment and do not endanger other lake users. There low speed means they are less dangerous than call powered wessal also they allow vessels to be navigated forward facing which increases visibility. on 2 occasions last year I was able to offer assistance to swimmers (both tourists) who had gotten into difficulty (both where taken to shore one had underestimated the weather and became exhausted the second was very cold and had not predict the temperature in the deeper water of the lake) the use of the electric motor allowed a safe approach and recovery	No	If electric motor usage is still allowed there is no requirement to change	There is no reason to stop the use of electric motors	No	Again if you continue to allow use of electric motors no need to change this and it allows everyone to enjoy their hobbies.	No	No	No	Emerdale is 3km2 Basenthwaite this lake is 5.3km2 so not a small lake, has a sailing club with a fleet of boats which travel much faster and are less maneuverable than electric driven vessels and combustion engine rescue boat Crummock water this is again 2.5km2 so not a small lake Lathwaite & 1km2 so still not a small lake also it is a private water so should not be included and should be upto it's owner		

Lake user	Fishing	No	Delete all reference to electrically powered vessels	Yes		Having been a regular user of an electrically powered motor on a very small, inflatable vessel on a number of the smaller lakes, it is extremely disappointing to hear the proposal to prohibit these modestly powered motors from all of the smaller lakes in the Lake District. In over ten years, I have NEVER encountered or witnessed a single incident or accidents involving electrically powered motors and wild swimmers or other water users. I have however encountered and witnessed numerous 'close calls', with jet ski users who frequently show little if any regard for other water users, whether swimmers, anglers, pedal boarders or others and would wholeheartedly support any proposal to prohibit these high powered, carbon inefficient vessels from all waterways in the Lake District. It seems incongruous to me that the Authority, which laudably prides itself on its green enviro friendly policies, would seek to ban electrically powered vessels, which have absolutely no detrimental impact on the environment and whose users contribute significantly to the local Lakeland economy, when visiting and staying in the area. Prohibiting electrically powered vessels specifically will, I fear, also cause anglers to continue to explore the more distant areas of the smaller lakes, putting themselves and the Lakeland rescue / emergency services at risk, when difficult and unexpected changes in the weather occur, which happens frequently both in the summer and out of season. I respectfully urge the Authority to reconsider the proposal to prohibit electrically powered vessels from the small lakes in the Lake District.	Yes						
Lake user	Fishing	Yes		Yes									
Lake user	Fishing	No	I would leave the definition as it is i.e for prohibition of internal combustion engines only.	No	no change	Electric engines should be acceptable for use by any one.	No	see previous answers	No	none			
Lake user	Fishing	No	Cut out electric engines.	No	Don't ban the EA or lake users including fishermen who are using a pollution free way of propelling themselves.	Because there is no conflict of interest between electric propulsion and other lake users. There is also less likelihood of accidents as you are looking where you are going with an electric engine, but have your back to where you are going if forced to use oars!	No	Electric engines on boats should be left alone. The only reason I would agree to be managed would be if someone possessed an extremely powerful one and then I would agree that their speed should be limited. But 90% of electric powered boats do less than 5mph. Similar to fast rowing!	No	No	I do not agree with restricting electric engine on any sized lake!		Esthwaite as its a private lake. Esthwaite is exclusively a fishing and protected Osprey nesting sanctuary where swimming and paddle boarding etc is not allowed
Lake user	Fishing	No		No			No		No				
Lake user	Fishing	No	I agree around the description of the vessel but not its use. Fisherman use small electric outboard motors on canoes or ribs for fishing purposes and this proposal to ban these "vessels" is just choosing one sport over another which I don't believe to be fair. People were fishing the waters of the lakes district long before groups of hippies were swimming them.	No			No		No				
Lake user	Fishing	No	Allow small electric engines up to a certain horse power to be decided	Yes			No	Allow electric engines	No	No			Basenthwaite...the rules in place requiring a yearly license for electric engines is already adequate and it is certainly not a small lake
Lake user	Fishing	No		No	possible safety swimming areas	keep all lake users happy, everyone should be able to use the lakes as they like within the law	No		No				
Lake user	Fishing	No		No	Section areas for wild swimming	To stop them swimming all over the lakes especially as most don't use life buoys or vests.	No	There's no valid reason to stop electric motors, you're wanting to bring in these bylaws but haven't stated why? There's no noise, & no pollution, why do you feel you need to change this, is there an alternative option? I take people out to fish that suffer anxiety, having to row a boat in bad weather would not help matters with this, please reconsider, electric motors on boats have done no harm to the environment or people, they are only travelling slowly.	No				
Lake user	Fishing	No		No			Yes		Yes				Basenthwaite lake hardly a small lake and crummock water again hardly small!!!!
Lake user	Kayaking and fishing	No		No			No		No	No			
Lake user	Fishing	Yes		No	Everybody use the lakes freely in a safe manner, swimmers can wear bright coloured floats. Potentially have "swimming zones".	This is a fair charge that would be in all users best interests.	No	Can't be one rule for one.	No				
Lake user	Fishing	No	Small electric outboard should not be included in this proposed rule change.	No	Small electric motors should not be included.	Electric motors make no noise whatsoever and due to their limited horse power travel very slowly, usually no more walking pace. Electric motors are often used by elderly anglers or those with disabilities, if they were to be banned this would prevent this anglers from being able to fish which would be detrimental to their mental health.	No	Exclude electric motors from the amendment.	Yes	No			No
Lake user	Powered boat user	No		No			No		No	No			Things should stay exactly how they are at the moment
Lake user	Fishing	No	Waters such as Esthwaite and Basenthwaite are NOT small waters the use of powered vessels should be allowed	Yes			No	Why are you trying to turn the lakes into amusement parks	No	No			Esthwaite Basenthwaite are large bodies of water, as an angler I believe a fishing boat with the necessary speed limits in place should suffice
Lake user	Fishing	No	I wouldn't change anything	No	No change		No	None	No	Yes			leave it as it is
Lake user	Fishing	Yes		Yes			No		Yes	No			Basenthwaite Lake, to facilitate sailing activity including race management, event management, laying of courses laying of warning buoys in addition to rescue and safety functions which should be specifically permitted. Consultation to include Basenthwaite Sailing Club & Land owners.
Lake user	Fishing	No		No			No		Yes				Crummock water. It is a large lake with limited accessibility.
Lake user	Fishing	No	I believe that the byelaws that are in place for basenthwaite lake are more suitable. I agree that combustion outboard motors should be banned. They are hard to regulate in terms of horsepower. They produce noise pollution and carbon emissions. They tend to be more powerful, therefore reducing reaction times at higher speeds. The propellers can also cause significant injuries. I think sail boats and human powered means of propulsion are acceptable i.e. rowing boats, kayaks, paddleboards etc. I think a fair compromise would be to allow small electric outboard motors. Providing there are strict rules for speed limits, power and battery size. They are quiet, eco friendly and do not disturb wildlife or the community. They enable keen lake goers like myself to better access excellent fishing locations that are simply impossible to get to safely without a boat.	Yes	If the environmental agency are allowed to use electric motors, then so should the general public.	Equality	No		Yes				
Lake user	Fishing	No	It should stay the same	No	It should stay the way it has always been	Because this is how it has been for many years. Because wild water swimming has become more popular, people who have 'very' recently started using the lakes, want to change how other water users enjoy the lakes and have been for generations.	No	Keep it the same as it has always been	No	No			Changes are inappropriate
Business	Powered boat user	No	Definition is not the issue. Boats use lakes. Lakes are not swimming pools	Yes			Yes		No				Esthwaite. The management of the lake requires the use of electric boats. No one swims in it. It is a SSSI.
Lake user	Fishing	Yes		Yes			Yes		No	No			All
Lake user	Swimming	Yes		Yes			Yes	I agree with the proposal but you will need to be clear about what evidence you will accept to qualify for such an exemption as it is potentially open to being abused by people claiming the exemption applies when in reality, they simply want to use a powered vessel and view this as a route to be able to continue to do so.	Yes				
Lake user	All of the above	No	Electric motors should be exempt from the proposed changes as they are very quiet and cannot be heard by others close by and do not have a negative environmental impact on the waters.	No	If these changes are put in place, everyone should have to follow the rules. If the Environment Agency deems it appropriate to use electric motors then this should be available for everybody. Unless they should row like the rest of the population.	Because it needs to be fair for all. If it is fair for all there will be less uproar for the changes and you will need to state the importance of these changes by following them yourselves.	No	Allow all people to use electric motors.	No				
Lake user	Walker	Yes		Yes			Yes		Yes				
Lake user	Walker	Yes		Yes			Yes		Yes				
Lake user	Swimming	Yes		Yes			Yes		Yes				
Lake user	Walker, fell runner, foot paddler	Yes		Yes			Yes		Yes				
Lake user	Fishing	No	I would not change the definition	Yes	None		No		No	None			None
Lake user	Swimming and boat fishing (non powered).	Yes		Yes			Yes		Yes				Basenthwaite Lake. It is a long lake and for some users too big to fish without an electric motor. The weather can change quickly on the lake and the water can become very choppy very quickly. Users who struggle with rowing in rougher water could be placed at risk of drowning if they do not have an electric motor back up to rowing. There have been a small number of fatalities from boating accidents on the Lake in recent decades. Basenthwaite is heavily used by the Yacht club and sailing boats can travel much faster than boats propelled by small electric motors so theoretically present an equal or greater challenge to wild swimmers and are less easy to manoeuvre to avoid swimmers. Boat users pay fees to use NPA owned lakes and are a source of funding. Wild swimmers do not pay any fees to use the NPA owned lakes. Just how many near miss incidents for wild swimmers has their been broken down by each small lake in recent years? Is this a real problem at all? Is this potentially a drastic amendment to in effect ban boat users using electric motors a sledgehammer to crack a nut? Is it a proportionate response to the issue? Does it discriminate against a group of users and favour another group unfairly? Is it actually within the powers laid down by statute for the promotion of leisure usage within the National Parks for as wide a range of citizens as possible for LDNPA to exclude those who use electric outboard motors or within the spirit of the rules around access to citizens? As a season ticket boat user of over 40 years on Basenthwaite Lake I found out about this consultation quite by chance. Although I do not currently use an electric motor there may come a day when I might not be able to row as much and would like to keep the option available to me. I have also been a wild swimmer on Basenthwaite Lake and Wastwater for a few years and never ever encountered any problem with boats. Why were those season ticket boat users held on your data base not informed of this consultation? In conclusion I object to the proposed changes to the Byelaws and do not feel that they are a proportionate response to an issue I very much doubt is anything other than a very very minor one. I would also hope that anyone who works for the LDNPA declares any interest in this matter be they a boat user or a wild swimmer when making any submission to the committee who will be considering this amendment.
Lake user	Fishing	No	Think electric power is clean and quiet a ban would stop most of the fishing which we have enjoyed for years long before wild swimming	No	No change	The lake is for all people all should be able to use this amenities	No	No change	No				
Powered boat user		No	Allow electric engines on boats	Yes	Electric engines are fine	Electric engines are safe for swimmers that are identifiable in the water through lack of knowledge that are the bigger issue and people who use the smaller lakes for paddle boarding without the correct permits	No	Just allow electric motors they dont cause any issue	No				Because theres enough on the list that are being interfered with
Lake user	Fishing	No	The definition fails to recognise low power electric "trolling" motors used for fishing. They're silent and are only capable of extremely low speeds suited for fishing, and not intended as primary drives.	No	It should be no more permissible for the EA to use electrically powered craft than for anyone else to use the same.	Either allow all to use electric motors, or allow no one. If electrically powered craft pose such a danger, and manually powered craft are such a viable alternative, the EA should have to use manually powered watercraft also	No	No such consent process would be necessary if everyone were equally permitted to use electrically powered craft at limited speeds. Having the consent exemption is just inviting spurious applications and expensive monitoring.	Yes				
Lake user	Swimming	Yes		Yes			Yes		Yes				
Lake user	Walker	Yes		Yes			Yes		Yes				
Lake user		No	The new power driven vessel definition includes a boat propelled by oars. A similar problem exists for sailing vessels. An oar is a mechanical device (it is a lever). It converts energy (provided by the rower) into motion. A sail is also a mechanical device: an aerfoil that can be mechanically manoeuvred for best performance. It may be the intention of the National Park to prevent rowing boats from being used on the scheduled lakes. If it is not, then this definition needs to be rewritten. I suggest something along the lines of "any vessel propelled by a system that uses an energy source other than (i) the immediate energy output of one or more persons (for ease of reference: "human-powered") or (ii) the action of wind on sails." The purpose of the word "immediate" is to exclude stored energy systems which capture human-originating energy. Examples would be things like kinetic energy stored on a flywheel. To list the likely human-powered propulsion systems: use of paddles, rowing, punting, a person towing from a bank or in shallow water, towing by swimming, pedal power-operating a propeller or paddle wheel. I think the suggested definition has the breadth to deal with uncommon but undesirable situations, for instance, towing of a boat with a car based on the shore. It occurs to me that the National Park may want to restrict the right to limit the size of human-powered or sailing vessels. A Dragon Boat (20 paddlers) may be outside the bounds of what most people would regard as acceptable. Four rowers or paddlers would not be unusual, considering normal use of a traditional rowing boat or in a Canadian-style canoe.	Yes			Yes		Yes				
Lake user	all dinghy user with small trolling motor	No	You should not be banning small RC vehicles, people need a hobby. And lakes such as Basenthwaite which currently specifically allow electric motors and even have yearly permits for it should not lose this. People own boats that will suddenly become useless. You should restrict based on speed and size of boat (including RC) for safety and keep the current definition to keep the noise level down. I understand the need to legally enforce existing rules but with Basenthwaite at least it introduces new rules which will put off anybody with a tiny backup electric motor (slower than rowing) to get in and out of the jetty. Such is myself. Its not the fault source that is the problem. It is the noise, the speed and the size.	No	One rule for everybody. It should be a rule for the lake.	Either its safe, or it isn't.	Yes		Yes				Basenthwaite. And indeed any lakes that currently specifically allow electric crafts.
Lake user	Fishing	No	Allow electric outboard motors, power assisted kayaks.	Yes			Yes		Yes				
Lake user	Fishing	Yes		Yes			Yes		Yes				Basenthwaite lake and crummock as these are not small in any way!!!!!!!

Stakeholder (e.g. Organisation)	Powered boat user	Yes		Yes			No	Whilst I do agree to 56) in principle, a suggestion would be to add in 5(d) Any person taking part in rescue operations "for training for such operations" or in securing the safety of..... Many Search and Rescue organisations within the region try and train on locations which they may respond to and this dispensation would remove admin burden.	Yes					
Landowner	Owner	Yes	Elterwater is a private lake and has no public access. Even the owners need permission from Natural England. There is no need for another layer of control	Yes	Elterwater is a private lake and has no public access. Even the owners need permission from Natural England. There is no need for another layer of control	We own part of the lake	Yes	Elterwater is a private lake and has no public access. Even the owners need permission from Natural England. There is no need for another layer of control						Elterwater is a private lake and has no public access. Even the owners need permission from Natural England. There is no need for another layer of control. As the owner, why have we not been consulted directly rather than finding this proposal by accident?
Lake user	Boat user small craft	No	I don't understand what this means a boat or a vessel	No	No change why is it needed there isn't any good reason	It isn't necessary there is little risk to anyone. We might end up gaining everything everywhere if this goes on	No	No change	No	None	N.A	Not necessary complete over reaction	N.A	
Lake user	Fishing	No	Boat	No	Bar wild swimming instead	To protect safety of boat users	No	Allow all boats	No	None	None	Unfair	All	
Landowner	Fishing	Yes	The definition does not need to be changed. It is adequate for the intended outcome, as electric motors are generally - in the likely application - unable to cause the issues the bylaws serve to avoid.	Yes			Yes		No	No.				
Landowner	Walker	Yes		Yes			Yes		Yes	All smaller lakes and tarns	We need to protect the natural environment from motorised craft			
Lake user	Walker	Yes		Yes			Yes		Yes					
Lake user	Walker	No	I'm not sure it needs changed but if anything just add a speed limit maybe.	No	Not to ban electric powered vessels at all then an exemption won't be necessary.	I don't believe it is necessary to ban electric powered vessels. They are safer, more inclusive and less environmentally impactful than other types of vessels.	No	Allow the use of electronic powered vessels for everyone but with a speed limit.	No	No	N/A	I don't agree with imposing a ban on electric powered vessels at all on any lake.	They all should be removed but at the very least the larger lakes such as Bassenthwaite, Crummock, Ennerdale and Waswater.	I believe it is grossly unfair to ban the use of powered vessels used by fishermen in particular, who have safely used powered vessels in these waters for decades. In these vessels the 'driver' of the vessels faces forwards and can see what is ahead. If wild swimmers are using the correct safety equipment (which should be mandatory) then they will be seen and avoided. In rowing boats the rower has their back to the direction of travel, thus being less likely to see any dangers ahead. On Bassenthwaite in particular, the sailing club poses more of a danger with yachts and sail boats travelling at speed and being less manoeuvrable to avoid danger such as people in the water. To ban powered vessels would likely mean a loss of income as fishermen will no longer pay to keep the boats on the lake. Perhaps the wild swimmers need to pay to use these lakes instead?
Lake user	Fishing	No	I would still allow powered vessels.	No	I would still allow vessels that are power driven	I think banning powered boats would have a large financial impact on the community, myself been an angler I spend a lot of time on the lakes which I spend a lot of money to do there would be several business impacted if this law was to change as I would just stop fishing locally which means I would be travel out of Cumbria and spend money in other places	No	All people should have the same rights many places on these lakes are inaccessible without a boat and to reach these places can take quite sometime	No					
Lake user	Fishing	No	I wouldn't change it. By using the question "how would you change it" you are trying to justify your decision. This is a shameless attempt to manipulate information.	No	Shameless	Shameless	No	Solution! You're at it again! As if there is a problem! Get off your backside and out on the lakes you profess to care about. Enforce the rules that exist.	No					
Lake user	Fishing	No	Use of speed limits, introducing no go areas for boats,	No	Swimming only areas with marker floats, boating area's, speed limits for boat traffic	This would make it safer and still allow all to use and enjoy their chosen pastimes, and not to punish one group with no history of injuries also there could be events of rescue of swimmers	No		No			The lakes should be available for all to enjoy their chosen pastimes, there could be lost revenue for the agents due to people feeling that fishing is the main target for the proposed changes		
Lake user	Paddle sport	No	this would exclude the safety boat on Bassenthwaite for sailing events? otherwise I agree with the change in bylaws. Does this exclude Cumbria Fire and rescue services who are responsible for water rescues.	Yes			Yes		Yes					
Lake user	Powered boat user	No	The use of electric engines that power a vessel to around 3mph is not what I would consider dangerous. I have helped 2 x paddle boarders on 2 separate occasions that have been struggling in the middle of the lake using my dangerous electric engine. Maybe consider making a course and license available to people that want to use them so you don't have people with no common sense driving them about. You can't drive a car without a license so why not? You can't ban cars because they might hit a pedestrian so I really don't see this as any different. Swimmers should be MADE to wear the correct colours and a bright floatation device to be towed at ALL times. I have been using the lakes with an electric engine for longer than this new boom of swimmers as have many other boat users. This seems a little unfair and I would ask you take into consideration the things I have mentioned, particularly that I have helped 2 people that have been in the middle of a lake, having dropped their paddles when the chop has gotten up. Perhaps they would have drifted back ok, perhaps not. But there are good sides to a boat on the water too.	Yes			No		No					Graemere is one of the best fishing lakes in the lake District. Hardly any of it is accessible if you are restricted to the shore and rowing a boat around to fish just isn't realistic.
Lake user	Sailing	No	The issue is one of speed not (electric) power. I don't believe that eg a trolling motor on an anglers boat limited to say 5 mph is any conflict with swimmers or kayakers or sailing vessels. I have used small electric motors on Bassenthwaite to give a disabled person access to the Lake. There should be exemptions for disability/anglers at the very least. The above applies to Bassenthwaite specifically, Bassenthwaite is simply not a "smaller" Lake.	Yes	Exemptions on Bassenthwaite currently include the SPA staff and the sailing club and I think Calvert trust. These should continue.	Reasonableness	Yes	See above. There should not be an onerous process for those with disability to get such permission - the process can often put people off and your duty is to encourage access.	No				Bassenthwaite	
Lake user	Swimming	Yes		Yes		It's sensible	Yes		Yes					
Lake user	Walker	No	The current proposal bans the use of electrically powered remote control craft. This seems unnecessarily restrictive, as there is more than sufficient space for a model boat to be sailed on, e.g. my local Waswater safely & without impact of noise even during the busiest months. I also wonder if this would impact upon divers using electrical propulsion to dive Waswater. Therefore, I would suggest this proposed change stipulate that this covers 'unmanned' or 'hidden' craft.	Yes			No	This proposal is too ambiguous. I would propose that the change stipulate that mechanically propelled 'unmanned' or 'hidden' vehicles be subject to a speed restriction. Otherwise, if this is not enough, that these vehicles (robot etc) not be permitted with the exception of mechanical assistance for those with protected characteristics on the grounds of safety, to prevent members finding themselves unable to return to shore.	Yes					
Lake user	Walker	No	I would like to exclude small remote controlled vessels from the definition	Yes			Yes		Yes					
Lake user	Swimming	Yes		Yes			Yes		Yes					
Lake user	Swimming	Yes		Yes			Yes		Yes					
Lake user	Walker	Yes		Yes			Yes		Yes					
Landowner	Walker	No	Leave it as it is as can't see what the issue is	No	Simple no change	There is a perceived issue	No	I do not agree with any changes	No	None should be allowed	Did not	Leave things as they are the Ldopa do not police camping and fires by lakes now	Non should be in it things are fine it's wild camping and litter that needs more regulation and policing	
Lake user	Sailor and safety boat driver	Yes		Yes			No	I sail on Bassenthwaite Lake as a member of the sailing club, and it is essential that the club provides safety cover using outboard engine powered fibs and other craft. In addition the committee boat used to start races is powered by an internal combustion engine. It would not be possible for the club to continue if this is not permitted. Powered boats are also necessary to move and maintain mark and mooring buoys.	Yes				Bassenthwaite lake should be removed as it is essential for the sailing club and the Calvert Trust to provide safety cover for their operations.	
Lake user	Swimming	Yes		No	That no vehicles have an exemption except ambulance fire and mountain rescue	No government should provide themselves an exemption if they make a rule they should follow it. the public don't need more reasons to hate their elected officials.	No	None the rules should be total if power vehicles can't use it that applies to everyone and anyone including the corrupt people making more rules that aren't needed	No			None you don't own the country give the people some freedom for once	All of them you don't own the country side should ban all government employs from enjoying the country if you want the public to do the same	
Lake user	Paddle sport	No	It feels like you are trying to legislate against poor behaviours at the detriment to responsible users. Electric boats can be used responsibly, so the definition should allow powered boats but perhaps legislate about power output or speed.	No	Make it less specific and about statutory duties.	Don't specify a single agency or organisation as this could be dissolved or rebranded at any time.	No	To be truly inclusive all should be allowed powered access or no one.	Yes					
Lake user	Walker	Yes		Yes			Yes		Yes					
Lake user	Swimming	Yes		No	Man powered		No	Man powered	Yes	No			No	
Lake user	Walker	No	The current definition is sufficient. There are other methods of power that have been and are safely used (including human powered vessels). This would negatively impact the safe usage of many lake users including fishers who safely use electric powered vessels. This is a change too far for no purpose that I can see. I can't see how it improves safety, unless it has been introduced to suit a single group of lake users which is far from a balanced approach. Legislating a top speed of watercraft regardless of their method of power (internal combustion, electric, human) would be a much more sensible choice.	No	Not to include a clause that would require such an exemption clause. Limiting the speed of any vessels regardless of their owner is a better approach.	Not having the need for an exemption clause in the first place is better. A speed limit is a much more balanced approach that is more sensible and will not negatively impact any group of lake users.	Yes		No	No		The bylaw covers enough. Boating the scope of regulation makes it less efficient.		
Lake user	Paddle sport	Yes	However, is the intention to include small model power vessels, including those powered by electric motors and with a slow speed? It would be difficult to make such a definition or exemption and maybe these would also have to be used only on those lakes with a right of navigation.	Yes			No	Bassenthwaite Lake has a number of organisation with permission to use power driven vessels for both safety AND other tasks relating to their operations. For example the laying of buoy for racing at the sailing club, administration of racing (start vessels), collecting vessels on moorings for maintenance etc. These operations need to be included in the definitions or permissions granted.	Yes	Thursmere	The recreational standards for use of this reservoir should reflect those of the other Lakes - but I do not know if there is a legal mechanism to achieve this. If possible, this should also apply to other small bodies of water used as reservoirs, or otherwise possibly exempt.			

Lake user	Fishing	No	Electric engines create little to no noise, splashes whilst swimming are louder. If noise is genuinely an issue and not just some jobsworths having a moan, then only the use of petrol outboards should be included in the definition.	Yes			No	Allow all lake users to use electric motors regardless of purpose. They are an essential part of some fishing vessels such as low mount motors that use a feature called "spot lock" which holds the vessel in place using GPS instead of deploying an anchor potentially damaging the plants and substrate.	Yes				
Lake user	Fishing	Yes		Yes			Yes		Yes				
Lake user	Fishing	No	It is not needed, small electric engines do not produce noise, pollution, or pose a safety issue with other water users, due to there low power and speed. This will only serve to make the lakes less accessible to older individuals who lack to power to spend all day paddling.	Yes			Yes		No				
	Concerned citizen	Yes		Yes			Yes		Yes	Bassenthwaite	Because it needs protecting from pollution and noise.		No
Lake user	Paddle sport	Yes		Yes			Yes		Yes				
Lake user	Paddle sport	Yes		Yes			Yes		Yes				
Lake user	Sailing	No	Given the 10mph speed limit the additional ban on electric engines serves no significant purpose. People frequently use small electric vessels for fishing and enjoyment of bassenthwaite which is allowed under the 12 month permit. This is a large lake and to ban the use of electric motors (for sub 10mph craft) seems disproportionate	Yes			No	This should be available to all lake users	Yes				Bassenthwaite - With an active sailing club and given the dinghies are capable of speeds far in excess of 10mph and are less manoeuvrable, the ban on electric propulsion on this lakes seems unjustifiable. There is already provisions which allows the use of electric propulsion for craft not exceeding 10mph, if the owners holds a 12 month permit, this in my opinion should be maintained.
	Fishing						No	My concern as a fisherman on Bassenthwaite lake is that the lake is 4 miles long, and without the use of a small electric outboard motor any fishing trips would be confined a limited part of the lake. Any swimming on Bass is confined to a small area where the river Derwent leaves the lake, incidentally a short distance from the sailing club where vessels which could be a hazard to swimmers are in frequent use. Banning electric outboard for fishermen is an overreaction to risk to swimmers which doesn't exist on Bass lake.	No				
Stakeholder (e.g. Organisation)		Yes		No	This exemption should be widened to include any organisation carrying out scientific/environmental monitoring activities	Volunteers have consistently carried out water quality monitoring on behalf of West Cumbria Rivers Trust at Coteswater for 15 years, an exemption to the ban would enable this important monitoring to continue and allow the option for it to be carried out on other bodies of water as and when required. West Cumbria Rivers Trust also occasionally use a battery powered vessel to monitor and control invasive non-native species both in the water and along the shore.	Yes		Yes				
Lake user	Fishing	No	I have electric motor on my boat there is no noise from the motor at all the speed is 3mph paddle boards over take me, we are no danger to swimmers or the environment. On Bassenthwaite Lake where I fish the sailing boats are a bigger danger plus wind surfers which travel at very fast speeds, double sculls boats fly down the lake and the oarsmen can see where they are going I have damaged a shoulder so which out my motor I will be band from using the lake	No	Is not a fair change	Because other types of water craft are a bigger danger to swimmers and the environment plus you will lose a lot of revenue from boat owners most of all others do not pay for permits as we do	Yes		Yes	Bassenthwaite Lake	Is small and very quiet Lake		Bassenthwaite Lake
Lake user	Fishing	No	Electric trolling motors barely exceed 3mph, make no noise and leave hardly visible wake.	No	Why is it assumed that Environment Agency employees would be more aware of other water users than me, a recreational angler and boat user for more than 40 years.		Yes		Yes				Bassenthwaite lake. This not a small lake and is the only quiet lake were I can fish free from the harassment of tourist driven powered craft. I always fish the top end of the lake well away from the so called wild swimmers and paddle boarders who tend to mill about at Orise bridge and Peel Wyke boat ramp. The only problem I have had with other lake users is their entitled attitude when it comes to blocking access to the boat ramp usually at the end of the day because I arrive early I am the only one there. This problem has arisen because of the massive influx of tourists and wild swimmers not because I use electric trolling motor as I have done for many years. This problem of entitled tourists also is manifestly obvious in parking problems in Borrowdale, Buttermere and throughout the lakes.
Lake user	Fishing	No	I am disabled - Electric motors are essential to my angling. Bail Boat and small inflatables with electric trolling motors must be exempt. They have zero impact on noise and tranquility, they are zero emissions. Cold water swimmers should have designated areas safe to swim, or there is the possibility of swimmers with limited experience getting into trouble with distance from shore, we have the ability to save them with an electric motor.	No	no ban on electric motors.	because they have no drawbacks, and major benefits over IC engines.	Yes		Yes				Rydal, Gramere, Bassenthwaite cannot be considered small lakes to swim in, there is very limited parking, and high risk swimming. Organized groups locally have told me of the Bassenthwaite lake's unsuitable swimming conditions, people who swim in Derwent, north lakes population.
Lake user	Sailing	Yes		No	5 (d) Any person taking part in rescue operations or in securing the safety of persons engaged in activities on or near the lake shall not be deemed an offence against these Byelaws N.B. The form does not allow comment on 5 (d) so I have added it here.	I would remove the "lawful" condition on the activities as it is unreasonable to expect a lay person to assess (and particularly from the lakeshore) whether or not someone is engaged in lawful / unlawful activities on the lake and a rescue or the safety of others should be paramount. I have added "near the lake" to include situations where a rescue could be achieved more quickly by crossing the lake on a power driven vessel than travelling to the unpopulated side of Cumbrook Water (for example) by foot or other means. I appreciate that this may not be possible as the Byelaws must pertain to the bodies of water only. N.B. The form does not allow comment on 5 (d) so I have added it here.	Yes		Yes				I think the list is sufficient
Lake user	Fishing	No	I would not change the definition.	Yes			Yes		Yes				
Lake user	Swimming	Yes		No	My only interest is on Bassenthwaite Lake access. As a swimmer I have never encountered any difficulties with boats which are very limited in number having only one really viable access point. If swimmers at Peel Wyke find this a problem there are many other entry points available to them. Perhaps it would be a better idea to restrict swimming from this point.	It is unfair to stop access to lake users such as boat fishermen who may have fished the lake for many years because another sport has become popular. A boat with a small electric engine is much more manoeuvrable than a dinghy in the fickle winds on Bassenthwaite so I would suggest that dinghies are potentially of more danger to swimmers.			Yes	No			Bassenthwaite Lake as it is a large lake and can accommodate all lake users easily. As stated above, not allowing older or disabled boat users to have a small engine could actually place them at risk while using the lake.
Landowner	Swimming	Yes		No			No		No				
Lake user	Fishing	No	The use of electric powered craft on the larger of the waters specified (particularly Bassenthwaite) is essential for the safety of boat fishing anglers. The use of bats for fishing on many of the lakes specifies is an historic activity which is an important part of the lakes heritage. The removal of electric motors will deeply damage that history and heritage - and all for no practical gain whatsoever. The definition should be changed to allow electric motors on all of the larger of the waters specified.	Yes			Yes		Yes				
Landowner	Canoeing	No	I would remove the pedalo description because it is not in keeping with the ethos of the Lake District in my opinion. I feel it is more likely to convey the impression - which many visitors have nowadays of the Lakes - as a giant "them park" rather than as an area of outstanding natural beauty, and this mindset includes careless litter dropping, and "beside the seaside" mentality which is conveyed by pedalos. I saw these pedalos on a lake in France and they looked like a Blackpool resort, and were being used in a more commercial way. In my view pedalos are more suitable for the seaside and would be out of place on a small lake. I would also be concerned for the lakeshore if they were to be dragged into the water as they are largely flat bottomed vehicles. Therefore adding pedalos to the definition implies approval of such vessels and I would not wish this to be included.	Yes			Yes		Yes				
Lake user	Paddle sport	Yes		Yes			Yes		Yes				
Lake user	Fishing	No	A small electric engine is quieter, less polluting and not as powerful as a combustion engine and on larger lakes like Bassenthwaite Lake provides a useful backup to oars if weather changes	Yes			Yes		Yes				Bassenthwaite Lake is a large lake with only one public slipway for boat users which already limits the number of boats. There are many varied access points for swimmers and paddleboarders and I have never encountered any problems with swimmers while using my boat. I purchased an electric engine for the boat after having difficulties returning to the slipway using oars when the wind changed and strengthened suddenly on the lake.
Lake user	Fishing	No	I would like to see outboard motors allowed on the Lake. A small outboard engine used by fisherman is not intrusive or damaging to the environment. They have been used for many many years long before paddle boards and the emergence of open water swimmers. My experience is that users respect each other and swimmers using orange towed flotation devices are very visible to fisherman who's engines are not high powered. The use of engines by fisherman is essential for safety with conditions afloat potentially changing quickly. Removing the use of engines will have the affect of banning fishing from craft - that would be simply banning a sport that some may not agree with but is supported by both government and the EA who encourage fishing. There are no real health and safety issues. If this consultation was about safety and the risk to swimmers from fast moving craft then that would see the Bassenthwaite sailing club closing down - fast moving sailing boats where the crew are busy managing the craft are a far greater hazard but no one would wish to ban such a healthy activity. We should embrace the users of the lake and make access as open as possible. Fishing is demonstrably a sport that brings much wellbeing to individuals and has very real mental health benefits. Youngsters embracing fishing have their characters built to positively respect the environment and cherish the outdoor life - why take this away? There is currently no conflict between lake users so why create diversion. In terms of pollution. Noise pollution from an outboard motor is minimal. Most fisherman move from place to place so the engine is not running all the time. Engines are clean sea units - there will be close to zero pollution from an outboard - there will be more from traffic on the A66 in a 10 minute duration than from and outboard over a month.	Yes		See my early answer which explains my views	No		No	Bassenthwaite is included - its a huge Lake - with plenty of room to be enjoyed by all. Is Derwent water included - its a great fishing lake - why ban angling by a back door approach of taking away their ability to fish safely - no sensible fisherman would go afloat without an outboard motor. If they do we will be placing greater demand on emergency			All should be allowed outboards - by all means restrict the speeds
Lake user	Fishing	No	To exclude Low powered Electric motors that are environmentally friendly and they are much safer than yachts and windsurfers etc. which are a danger to swimmers and other small craft	Yes	If the environment can use electrically powered vessels, so should fisherman	Can not have it both ways. I would like to note due to having a small rowing boat with a electric engine was very useful in helping a swimmer who got in to difficulties on Bassenthwaite last summer, I was able to rescue the lady	No		Yes				I do not consider Bassenthwaite a small Lake - certainly when you consider Derwent water is only 0.052km2 bigger? it should not be listed as a small lake
Lake user	Fishing	Yes		No			Yes		Yes				Bassenthwaite But would like to make additional comments on this, along with other points on other issues that the LDNP may want to look into if its your remit. I have concerns about Bassenthwaite being closed as a small lake especially when you consider Derwent is more or less identical. Myself and brother have had a small boat on Bassenthwaite for 49 years based at Beck Wythop, we have used this for fishing and of course paid all the fee every year. And we are concerned that going forward we may not be able to use an electric motor that we have been using for well over 30 years, its low powered, max speed 2 to 3 mph and environmentally friendly. We are both well over the pension age and would find it very difficult to take the boat out without the backup of the motor... it's a safety issue. Bassenthwaite is well known for its changing winds and the large swell that can come out of nowhere. Without the motor our safety will be an issue. And due to our age rowing for any length of time is an issue. If the change in byelaws is being changed for safety issues, I would suggest yachts and windsurfers cause a much higher safety risk to other small craft and swimmers. With our motor we were able to rescue a lady swimmer who got in the difficulties last summer whilst swimming. Certainly with the low usage I would suggest electric motors should be no problem. May I suggest that exceptions could be made and anyone with a yearly licence with a boat on stocks and permanently stored at Beck Wythop can use electric motors, especially anyone who is of a age and have been there for a very good number of years. Thank you One issue at Bassenthwaite is the amount of people using the lake and not having a permit and another worry the amount of kids inflatable toys are seen drifting out in to the lake kids without lifejackets etc. (I understand not a lot you can do about this)

Stakeholder (e.g. Organisation)	Fishing	No	<p>1. Whilst the Lake District is a premier tourist destination, the fact remains that there is a resident population whose needs must be considered.</p> <p>2. We would like to point out the growing popularity of fishing amongst all age groups and we are proud to have members up to 90 years of age, some of whom find fishing there only means of enjoyment. There has been research done on how angling assists with mental health, exercise and relaxation and is considered to be a positive activity.</p> <p>3. Anywhere else in the country, anglers would normally expect to be able to use a boat to get around a water using a boat powered by an electric engine. This helps those who are disabled and older anglers in particular. Anglers would also be able to use a bait boat to deliver bait, hook baits, and end tackle to specific, often difficult-to-reach, fishing spots. This allows anglers to target areas that would otherwise be inaccessible via traditional casting methods, potentially improving catch rates and angling efficiency.</p> <p>4. We believe that banning all electric power driven vessels from the lakes disproportionately impacts on the legitimate interests of local residents and, in particular, local anglers. We feel it unfair that Cumbrian anglers should have less access and ability to engage with their chosen pastime than fellow anglers in other parts of the country who are far less regulated.</p> <p>5. We believe that this could appropriately be dealt with by allowing an exclusion from the general restriction imposed by the new byelaws for individuals using an electric power-driven vessel for the purposes of angling (including boats & bait boats). We would suggest that each angling association based in the county be allowed to apply for a licence that effectively gives it the derogation from the amended byelaws.</p> <p>6. We would explain that the age profile of anglers tends to skew towards the older generation and, as such, many anglers would not find it easy to row a boat out on a body of water such as Rydal or Grasmere to their fishing ground. The same would be true for anglers with disabilities. We therefore feel that a blanket application of the new byelaw not only prejudices residents (which is in itself unfair) but also potentially amounts to discrimination against older people and disabled people.</p> <p>7. By granting this exemption it would not lead to unacceptable amounts of electric powered craft on the small lakes and would appropriately balance the needs of residents and disadvantaged groups against the wider objectives to preserve the national park. We would remind you that LDPV must bear in mind that for those of us who live in Cumbria or within the boundaries of the National Park, the interests of tourism come second to the interests of living our daily lives. We accept that a balance has to be struck, but do not feel that residents should expect to be treated in the same way as the very significantly larger number of visitors to our county.</p> <p>8. We would like to suggest an alternative paragraph for inclusion in the byelaws like - "Nothing contained in these Byelaws shall prevent the use of an electric power-driven vessel by an angler for the purposes of accessing and fishing on any of the lakes specified in the Schedule hereto provided that the angler is a member of an angling club based in the county of Cumbria which has an appropriate licence from the National Park Authority".</p> <p>We would point out that someone rowing using oars is always facing backwards, whereas someone using a low powered electric motor, is always facing forward for the purpose of steering. Therefore a much I would totally exclude all electric motors as a form of "noise pollution" from the proposals as they are totally silent, very low on emissions, and perhaps most importantly very low power which cannot propel a typical fishing craft at anything like a dangerous speed to swimmers (2-3 knots typically).</p> <p>I would challenge your data on near misses on swimmers as this clearly indicates that there have not been any accidents involving swimmers to date, I would challenge the right of un-licensed wild swimmers being given priority over anglers as it is discriminating against a group of people that have a long standing relationship with a good number of the lakes involved in the proposals.</p> <p>How can Bassenthwaite be considered a small lake at a size of 5.128 sq km ? This is selectively misleading on your part and needs reconsidering as part of a fair definition. Remove Bassenthwaite entirely from the proposal.</p>	No	Any blue light (emergency) situation using any mode of transport for the preservation of life - in effect no change.	N/A	No	<p>1. We accept the environmental imperatives to protect the lakes for the enjoyment of all.</p> <p>2. We accept that those imperatives are driven in part by a need for the LDPV to continue to balance the needs of residents, visitors and the natural environment.</p> <p>3. We accept that the number of visitors to the National Park continues to grow.</p> <p>4. We would like to introduce our fishing club to you: Windermere, Ambleside & District Angling Association (WADAA), is the largest fishing club in the North West of England, with over 1500 members, many of whom live in the local area. We offer our members options of both Game & Coarse fishing. We have been established for over 75 years, holding our 75th AGM in December 2024. We have the fishing rights on both Rydal & Grasmere, which allow the use of electric power-driven vessels.</p> <p>You will be in total contradiction of your own laws and therefore should be using rowing boats. Two sets of rules to suit your own noise-averse ears. It seems like clear intent to break your own proposals as they are not realistic, and more importantly, not required on many of the lakes listed.</p>	No	No	N/A	N/A	<p>Rydal & Grasmere - We have the fishing rights on both Rydal & Grasmere, which allow the use of electric power-driven vessels, so local anglers would be directly affected by the proposed changes.</p> <p>We would explain that the age profile of anglers tends to skew towards the older generation and, as such, many anglers would not find it easy to row a boat out on a body of water such as Rydal or Grasmere to their fishing ground. The same would be true for anglers with disabilities. We therefore feel that a blanket application of the new byelaw not only prejudices residents (which is in itself unfair) but also potentially amounts to discrimination against older people and disabled people.</p> <p>If these two waters were removed from the proposed byelaw changes, this would mean choices for all aspects of society, and far to all. We would like to point out the growing popularity of fishing amongst all age groups and we are proud to have members up to 90 years of age, some of whom find fishing there only means of enjoyment. There has been research done on how angling assists with mental health, exercise and relaxation and is considered to be a positive activity, as recommended by the NHS and many other health organisations.</p>	
Lake user	Fishing	No		No	Allow electric powered boats to be licensed anglers who will always take a responsible approach to safety, and importantly all other lake users inclusive of swimmers. Reiterate your nine inclusive and discriminatory proposals in line with the existing laws that are based largely on stopping noise pollution, and irresponsible use of the lakes. This should not include anglers wishing to use suitable boats as a means of access to peaceful locations away from the groups of irresponsible non-paying members of the public that choose to pursue these recent non-licensed activities that certainly present their own risks.	Because your proposals are discriminating against a group of people (anglers) that have long served as custodians of many lakes/rivers in the lakes. The proposals would not stand too much scrutiny in law when considering the comments regarding noise as an issue. The risk to swimmers on electrically powered boats is all but zero due to the ultra low speeds achievable. The definition of small lakes is clearly inaccurate as you have included larger bodies of water. And perhaps you should simply stop pursuing your generic anti-angling policies and finally realise that we are a very beneficial part of the fight against pollution, and the bodies that are supposed to monitor this on the national behalf.	No						Your list already includes larger lakes so no need to add further to the 8 founded proposals	All lakes over 2 square kilometres as by definition they are NOT small lakes. I particularly disagree with Bassenthwaite being on the list as it is a larger body of water that supports a small but very responsible section of local anglers who without boats are unable to fish peacefully during the quieter months when there will be no sign of swimmers/paddle boarders/users of small inflatables/ and general littering of the shores of the lakes that are probably causing more problems, and pose more risks to the so called wild swimmers than anglers ever will.
Lake user	Fishing	No	Vessel under power	No	Swimmers to visible at all times when water	Electric driven vessels pose no great threat to swimmers if they use the right equipment, as they supposed to on big lakes, if both parties are vigilant	No	Lakes are for everyone no matter what form of use it takes	No	No	N/A	Lakes are for everyone	Grasmere and Rydal, they are both under wadda subscriptions for fishing, and members pay money to fish these waters, other activity users just turn up for free, and quite a few abuse byelaws, ie camping, fires, litter etc	
Stakeholder (e.g. Organisation)	Sailing Club utilising outboard rescue boats (outboard and ICE) in support of sailing activities and in accordance with licence to use lake.	Yes	Bassenthwaite Sailing Club support the proposed changes, however propose that reference is added to reflect the fact that our organisation (and potentially other lake users across Bassenthwaite and other lakes) are permitted to utilise power driven vessels (both outboard and internal Combustion Engine (ICE) in support of sailing and racing activities and in accordance with LDPV licence to use lake. The Sailing Club predominantly use outboard powered rescue boats alongside an ICE boat used to coordinate club racing activities which is also utilised as additional rescue in extremis as required.	Yes	Supported. Would also request that permitted users (such as Bassenthwaite Sailing Club) be permitted to use electrically powered vessels in future in support of permitted activities such as organising and supporting sailing and racing.		Yes		No	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Lake user	Fishing	Yes		No	I would change it... I can see how an electric powered outboard is a problem... I heard over the internet that it is because it's safe guarding wild swimmers... surely rowing is more dangerous because your back is turned to the direction you are going???	I don't	No	I don't believe there should be any changes to the current laws... as a fisherman we put a lot into the looking after these lakes... not just by maintenance we also pay a fishing license and membership fees... and all this money pays for the maintenance... the fishing license is just another tax which the government take from us... which in some way pays for the national trust to not... what do wild swimmers contribute to the up keep of the lakes... I strongly would think and consider making these changes	No	No	N/A	Because I don't agree with the changes	All WADAA waters	
Lake user	Avoid enjoying Crummock as I have for 30 years	No	Leave the use of small electric powered outboards as is.	No	As above leave small electric outboards allowed.	I have used a boat with an electric outboard to fish on Crummock water on a regular basis sometimes twice per week in May, June, July for over 30 years and have not had any	No	See above	No					
Lake user	Fishing	No	Remove the wording electric engines	Yes		The EA should be allowed to use combustion engines or a option of electric as they so wish.	No	By allowing electric engines.	No	No			These lakes are large enough for everyone to enjoy whatever their particular hobby or passion.	Bassenthwaite, Crummock, Buttermere, Grasmere. A few years ago I actually saved a couple from the water who had capsized their Canadian canoe. Who knows but if I did not have the option to use an electric outboard what the consequences could have been.
Lake user	Powered boat user	No	Electric powered small fishing boats given the use of outboards used are travelling slower than most other craft. They have been permitted for nearly thirty years on Bassenthwaite. There is zero pollution...no emissions...are virtually inaudible...swimmers make more noise talking as they swim. These are facts not opinions.	No	The sensible way go future proof safety... could be to impose both a power restriction maximum on electric outboards so as they develop more power cannot be used. Also to impose a speed restriction of say 5 mph maximum. outboards currently in use average at around 2.5 to 3 mph.	Because it ensures in the future electric powered small fishing boats remain as safe as the already are...	No	Restrict the power of electric outboards to the low powered units currently used and impose a maximum speed limit of 5mph or less which is more than the fishing boats currently used are travelling at.	No					Bassenthwaite should be removed as it is not a smaller lake compared to the other lakes mentioned. Also at times it is very busy...sailing regatta weeks. Bank Holiday weekends and generally holiday periods.
Lake user	Swimming	No	I would say that a power driven boat is fine but canoes are dangerous, I've had a few near misses swimming where a canoeist did not see me but in general the boats with little electric motors are fine, I was helped by a couple who were fishing from one when I got into difficulty while swimming.	No	Ban sail boats and canoes.	These boats (canoes and sail boats aren't looking where they are going and I'd feel vulnerable but that is because I'm a swimmer, my answers are based on this.	No	The lake us for everyone surely sections of the lake could be for... swimming, fishing, paddle boarders, canoes, etc						
Lake user	Swimming	No		No	None	No need for a ban on electric engines.	No	None	No	No	N/A	N/A	Bassenthwaite	
Lake user	Powered boat user	No	I propose extending the ban on power driven vessels to include electric engines above a specific power rating of 1KW. This is clear, easily enforced and achieves the aim of ensure public safety, reduce landscape impacts such as impacts to tranquility/noise pollution, and environmental protection. It also ensures continued accessibility to those who rely on boats powered by small electric motors to access the lakes as otherwise they will be excluded. This group includes the disabled, and elderly for whom manual propulsion is not an option.	No	As per my previous suggestion I would allow electric propulsion of up to 1KW.	This should suffice for EA users as well as recreational users whilst achieving the other aims of ensure public safety, reduce landscape impacts such as impacts to tranquility/noise pollution, and environmental protection.	No	I would restrict the use of electric propulsion to 1KW which ensures very low speeds with inherently safe propulsion systems that still meet the needs of those working on the lake, as well as limited mobility users who rely on such devices to access the lake safely.	Yes					
Stakeholder (e.g. Organisation)		Yes	No change, but examples of power driven vessels, perhaps in guidelines alongside the byelaws, might be helpful. Likewise, the list of acceptable craft identified in the consultation should include rowing boats.	No		We support the change in principle but wonder whether there is a need to account for the possibility that the EA may change their name in the future, or for other bodies with statutory roles to be subject to an exemption.	Yes	It isn't clear from the change to byelaw 5(c) that it is intended to accommodate users with limited mobility, as suggested in the wider consultation information. Has any consideration been given to maximum vessel size? We have previously suggested that 18 feet should be considered (e.g. an open Canadian canoe).	Yes					
Lake user	Swimming	No		No	No change - keep internal combustion ban	Read the room - electric powered craft are no threat to anyone	No	allow electric powered craft - they pose no threat	No	No			stop dropping the dead hand of control on the lakes - soon you will ban all craft, this is the thing end of the wedge	All lakes should allow electric power and hand power
Lake user	Swimming	No	Remove the reference to electric powered craft. These craft are green, silent and pose no threat to me as a swimmer	No			No		No	No				
Lake user	Swimming	No		No	None	No need for a ban on electric engines.	No	None	No	No	N/A	N/A		
Lake user	Swimming	Yes		Yes			Yes		Yes					
Lake user	Fishing	No	I object to any changes as electric motors do not pollute, they are silent and most important they are now widely used for safety and rescue purposes as they have several advantages over internal combustion engines. (Bassenthwaite sailing club now use electric motors) A ban on electric motors would effectively take away the ONLY REMAINING motorised means of adequate and essential safety and rescue support for many youth groups who use all the lakes.	No	No changes...You will put lives by doing so. Using a motorised craft is by far the best and most efficient way of rescuing people.	n/a	Lake users should not have to seek permission to use essential safety equipment. The solution is to leave the byelaws as they are... ie -no changes	No	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	Changes to the byelaws would create unacceptable consequences for safety issues. The situation of having different safety implications on different lakes would not be correct and irresponsible.	
Lake user	Fishing	No	Electric outboard motors should remain exempt from restrictions. It is preposterous to claim that electric outboards present a significant safety hazard, my electric outboard, with its plastic propeller, propels my boat at a maximum of 2.3mph and unlike a rower (who can travel much faster than that), I face forwards while using it and can clearly see what it ahead. The only way a safety hazard can be present is if the user is irresponsible and that same rule applies to rowers, kayakers and the swimmers themselves. We cannot continue to restrict the freedom of all based on the actions of a few, we should deal with the few and not punish the many. Electric outboards create far less noise than rowing does and there is no wake from a boat propelled by electric outboards.	Yes			No	All persons should be allowed to use electric outboard motors. Otherwise you restrict the enjoyment of the lakes to those who are physically fit enough to row, or paddle against a strong headwind for hours on end. I myself am 68 years old and in poor health with terminal cancer and I could not row my boat on the water.	No	No				
Lake user	Fishing	No		No	There is enough lakes in the Lake District that boats do not have access too. Allow safe free swimming on these lakes and leave electric and petrol engines on the lakes that boats have access too.	Protect boating use in the Lake District	Yes		Yes					
Lake user	Paddleboard, fishing and walker	No	Electric engines of low power ie. 550 Thurston or less should be exempt and these pose little danger.	No	All users should be able to use electric engines of low power. i.e. 550 thrust or less.	it's safe.	Yes		No	No				
Lake user	Fishing	No		Yes			Yes		No	No				
Lake user	Fishing	No	Permit small electric outboard motors	No			No		No	No				

Lake user	Fishing	No	You can call the vessel what you want, the solution is to introduce safety rules giving responsibility to all swimmers and boat users for both powered and non powered craft. Rowed boats are more dangerous than electric powered craft because rowers face away from the boats travel direction. Swimmers set distance from the bank should be made to use inflatable marker aids so those in charge of the boat can see them.	No	Swimmers using visual aids like inflatable markers.	To prevent potential accidents.	No	To provide access for all boat users with better safety rules including speed restrictions for boats and visual aids for swimmers.	No	No	Because people are sick of having their freedoms restricted by over the top H&S rules. Common sense with sensible rules should be applied here.	All the lakes.	
Landowner	Live near lake	Yes		Yes			No	The last line is the issue "such as the use of electric-powered vessels only at limited speeds." The other solutions to accessibility given should stay but not electric powered vehicles even with consents granted. Once started it is a small step to becoming the norm.	Yes		This	This is not an answer to No16 but I wanted to make a point about Emeralds. When Wild Emeralds came into being it seemed an exciting idea that wildlife and nature would have priority and it would be uniquely different to the other lakes because of this. The promotion of access is now pushing for more human activity in and around the lake and the wildlife in the valley has inevitably become secondary concern. Living close to the lake I see that there has already been a rise in the number of people using it with paddle boards and canoes a common feature. I would urge The LDWP not to try to actively promote Wild Emeralds in the future as a lake for such activities as along with its promotion will come more camping, parties, and litter. It is naturally the wildlife that will suffer in the long run.	
Lake user	Fishing	No	Stop swimmers, they cause catastrophic damage to lakes, spreading diseases and invasive plants	No	Ban swimmers	Swimmers damaging wildlife. Swimming where fish are spawning, not cleaning swimwear which carries parasites from one lake to another. Swimming were invented for a reason	No		No				
Lake user	Fishing	No	Leave out the electric outboard section	Yes			Yes		No		Basenthwaite in particular is not a small lake. Elderly anglers could be at risk if entirely dependent on cars. By having back up in the shape of an electric motor can save lives.	Basenthwaite as per previous answer	
Lake user	Walker, Paddle Sport, Swimming, Fishing	No	Low power, low speed electric motors do not cause noise pollution and, with appropriate limitations on speed and vessel size, should not pose a material risk to swimmers. The definition should include an exception along these lines. Paddle propelled vessels can move at least as fast if not faster than a low powered electric vessel. Banning one whilst allowing the other does not make sense.	Yes			Yes		No				
Lake user	Powered boat user	No	Because the sole purpose of the amendment is to ban environmentally friendly electric engines... "the definition will be amended to prevent the use of vessels powered by internal combustion engines, electric engines..."	No	On Basenthwaite, electric engines should be allowed for all. Therefore no need for an amendment.	In relation to Basenthwaite there should be no need for an amendment as continued use of small electric engines should be allowed for all.	No	On Basenthwaite, maintain the Status Quo regarding electric engines. There is no requirement for this clarification.	Yes	Review this. You decide. But exclude Basenthwaite from the smaller lakes category.		Basenthwaite should be excluded as it is not a small lake.	
Lake user	Fishing	Yes		Yes			No	The proposed changes to small lakes bylaws will not achieve the stated primary objectives of ensuring public safety, reducing landscape impact, noise and tranquility. In addition, there is no baseline data by which the effectiveness of such changes can be measured. The argument behind the changes is tenuous at best and changes themselves discriminatory, not to mention unfair and unjust. One argument for the need to improve safety has been an undocumented and unquantified number of alleged incidents between powered vessel users and other users such as open water swimmers and paddle boarders. I understand that the authority has been asked by the local press to provide details of such incidents and as yet you have not done so. How many incidents have there been, who was involved and who was to blame? Have the LEAVE AS NOW.	No	NO	...continued from last page... is in control of that vessel and how aware and accommodating all users are of each other. A better solution to this problem I feel may be to look at safe zones for some users, for example of open water swimmers, and restricted size speed or areas for powered boat users, and only then after a full study has been undertaken into incidents and their causes. The solution needs to be evidence based unlike the current proposals which appear to be whimsical and driven by different unspecified agendas.		
Lake user	Powered boat user	No	ALL ARE POWER DRIVEN BE IT WIND MAN POWER ENGINES	No	LEAVE AS PROPOSED IN 1974.	THIS WAS WHAT WAS AGREED IN 1974 AND SHOULD NOT BE CHANGED.	No	LEAVE AS NOW.	No	NO	LEAVE AS 1974	ALL THE BYLAWS WERE AGREED IN 1974 AND SHOULD STILL STAND TODAY.	
Lake user	Fishing	No	Leave boat users to use the engine. Why not have safe areas for swimmers to use and enter the water.	No	Just have a safe area for swimmers to enter.	Because the water is there for all to use. Have areas that are safe for swimmers to enter the water and away from where boaters launch.	Yes	But all boaters should be able to use the electric engines. Set a speed limit, my electric engine only does 2.3mpg	Yes				
Lake user	Fishing	No	We all have the right to use such waters, fishing has been part of my family for over 85 years, and I compete in matches, which will use a boat engine. Swimming in lakes, and reservoirs has only been more of an activity in the last few years. Fishing with a boat and engine has been around for many, many years. Also taking into account weed disease, and other pollutants, it baffles me why anyone would want to swim in some lakes, and reservoirs. I don't agree with penalising anglers yet again	No	No open water swimming, there are a variety of dangers, not just the use of power engines. There are swimming ponds, open pools, the sea etc.	I know of people that have become unwell due to open water swimming in lakes and reservoirs.	No	Stop open water swimming	No				
Lake user	Fishing	No	Maintain combustion engine outboards only, remove electric outboards.	No	You know in Netherlands there are many river lakes. People swim there, they have designated small areas for swimming highlighted with buoys. On big rivers people swimming need to attach a lightweight inflatable buoy. The rules are created that people respect each other instead of prohibiting one group over another.	Because it's discriminatory and there is no evidence.	No	See my comments before. You are creating more bureaucracy with all these exemptions every time someone wants to do something they need to ask for permit. What is this socialist nonsense. What happened to live and let live.	No	No. Just let people enjoy themselves. Look at Finland they have 180000 lakes, people there enjoy and respect the outdoors. You should spend your money on how people should respect nature and behave when they using the lakes.			
Lake user	Fishing	No	There is no reason to change the definition, electric outboards must be allowed to enable fishing to continue properly, this is a huge revenue income for the Lake District, pubs, restaurants, shops, B&Bs, etc. Speed is the risk, not electric powered vessels, which mostly travel at sub 2 knots, rowing skulls, sailing boats, kite surfers, etc pose a far, far bigger risk to other water users!! It would be better to impose a speed limit on ALL forms of water craft if the aim is really to protect people!	No	See previous answer	See previous answer	No	See previous answer	No	None	None	No reason to change existing bylaws	
Lake user	Fishing	No	Don't change it in a way that restricts the use of electric motors please.	No	I wouldn't change the bylaws in a way that will negatively effect the local economy by turning away boat and kayak anglers as they can no longer use their already slow and quiet electric motors.	Fishing is one of the biggest sports in the UK and it's value should not be underestimated to it's participants and the local business. For many anglers fishing has a huge impact on their mental wellbeing and actions such as the proposed risk damaging our already limited access.	No	Same reasons as previous	No	No		No restrictions should be placed. Limiting access to these waters is but another restriction of our freedom.	
Lake user	Fishing	No	Usually need to consider the power of the motor. A low power "trolling" motor used to propel fishing vessels at a slow speed can not be compared to a high power electric motor. Also the low powered electric motors makes the waters accessible to the disabled, injured and older people.	No	No wants to waste more money to refit all the EA vessels. Also the EA should use the best tools available to them.		No	No change needed					
Lake user	Fishing	No	I would leave things exactly as they are. If some people abuse the privilege of using the lakes safely there are already measures in place to deal with their behaviour.	No	Leave well alone.	Status quo.	No	Status quo.	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Lake user	All of the above	No	To allow electric outboards and a 2mph speed limit, if it was in the interest of safety, swimmers should have to have visible floatation devices. This change would discourage 1000s of visitors a year to the region who use the lakes with small boats and small electric outboards for recreational use and also fishing. We visit multiple times per year with my small aluminium boat and electric outboard and go out and enjoy fishing and just enjoying the peacefulness of the lakes, if it does need to be changed due to incidents why not stop electric outboards during the summer, as anglers who fish on board are usually predator anglers and will be using them in the winter months and obviously there's a reduced number of swimmer and SUP users	No	Continue to allow electric outboards but with a 2mph speed limit or ban used of electric outboards during summer months. Swimmers to use visible floatation devices like they do on the coast	Reduced risk, less swimmers and SUP users in winter months, most electric outboard users are anglers who mainly fish for predators in the autumn/winter months	No	A boat launch ticket you can buy online, it's keep the kind of people who cause these incidents to be put off	No	N/A	N/A	They should be accessible by all	
Lake user	Water Bailiff	No	To exclude any "vessel" where an "engine/motor" may be attached.	No	Full audit of the Environmental "legislation" and practical application of "outboard" legislations pertaining to the practices.	"Legislation" is and has been manipulated in favour of "professional/corporate bodies" pertaining to "financial gain", as opposed to the "welfare of the natural environment". I would call for the full financial audit of waterboards, environment agency and limited companies such as the canal and river trusts to be held financially and criminally responsible for the decline in the natural environment, holding specific scope in regards to all water ways in the United Kingdom.	No	This is an absolute over reach of judicial powers from a "professional" body aimed directly at the angling community. I would suggest as before, legal action to be taken against this "corruption" before the angling community legally reserves the right to "not pay" for substandard services as per the consumers rights act of 2015.	No	Absolutely not.	N/A	This is legalised criminality and abuse of the human right 5998 in specific article 2, article 5, article 8 and article 14.	I suggest you refuse all proposed plans to remove the liberties of anglers.
Lake user	Fishing	No	The previous definition was entirely adequate and proportionate. No evidence is produced to support the notion that electric powered vessels are causing harm or risk of harm to other lake users. There is no rational basis to assert that a near silent electric motor could cause unacceptable noise or nuisance. The measures are disproportionate.	No			No	The drafting fails to give effect to the proposed solution, 5(c) is drafted so as to applying to employees and agents rather than members of the public. Appropriate redrafting is required along with publication of guidance for decision-makers.	No				
Lake user	Fishing	No	Keep the definition the same. These electric engines have little to no impact on the waters and are very safe. Some might say there is more effect from sunnier tan lotions, makeup and other chemicals released by swimmers.....	No	Do not amend any rules	1 rule for one, one for another?	Yes		Yes			If Esthwaite is on the list it is managed very well and has been managed well as a fishery, cafe, osprey sanctuary for many years. Disallowing electric outboard will kill it as a fishery and will be a detriment to the local area.	
Business	Fishing	No	I wouldn't change it, there changed isn't a need to it's working fine as it is.	No	If the public can't use the water with electric motors than everyone should be banned. No exceptions. Otherwise it's discriminatory and shows that it's obviously safe to use electric motors. Health and safety don't change just because someone else is using an electric motor. If they pose a risk to swimming than nobody should be allowed to use them. This is a case of one group trying to put a stop to another person enjoyment for no good reason. There is no reason for the change.	There is no need for the change.	No	I wouldn't, if it's unsafe for one group not to be able to use electric motors, then it's unsafe for anyone. It's discriminatory and shameful. The laws are for everyone to enjoy not just a selective few.	No	No			
Lake user	Fishing	No		No			No		No				

Lake user	Fishing	No	I would retain the definition as "vessels powered by internal combustion engines".	No	No change is necessary.	No change is necessary if the definition of power driven vessels is retained as "vessels powered by internal combustion engines".	No	Retain the definition of power driven vessels as "vessels powered by internal combustion engines". This allows all lake users, including those with limited mobility or other impairments (e.g. respiratory or cardiovascular issues) to make use of silent, zero emission, non-polluting electric engines to safely pursue activities such as fishing.	Yes	No	Not applicable	There is no justification to include more lakes, on either environmental or safety grounds.	No
Lake user	Powered boat user	No	I strongly object to the way this survey is being carried out. There is no contact address given to which letters of objection can be sent. This survey, being confined to ticking boxes, relating only to amending phrases in the by-law, discriminates against anglers using electric engines on Bassenthwaite by not giving them the means to submit their objections in writing, in their own way. Basically, this survey proposes to ban the use of electric engines on Bassenthwaite without providing anglers the means to object effectively.	No		I strongly object to the way this survey is being carried out. There is no contact address given to which letters of objection can be sent. This survey, being confined to ticking boxes, relating only to amending phrases in the by-law, discriminates against anglers using electric engines on Bassenthwaite by not giving them the means to submit their objections in writing, in their own way. Basically, this survey proposes to ban the use of electric engines on Bassenthwaite without providing anglers the means to object effectively.	No	I strongly object to the way this survey is being carried out. There is no contact address given to which letters of objection can be sent. This survey, being confined to ticking boxes, relating only to amending phrases in the by-law, discriminates against anglers using electric engines on Bassenthwaite by not giving them the means to submit their objections in writing, in their own way. Basically, this survey proposes to ban the use of electric engines on Bassenthwaite without providing anglers the means to object effectively.	No				Bassenthwaite. Bassenthwaite is larger than Coniston so why is it included in the Small Lakes category. This is confusing.
Lake user	Fishing	No	Electric powered vessels to be allowed with a 25 metre exclusion from other water users	No	Original rule to remain	Common sense prevail	No		No				
Lake user	Fishing	No	Remove electric motors under the amended definition	No	electric motors should be allowed	whilst I agree with the ban on petrol engines, I don't believe the ban on electric motors is justified and I feel this change is discriminatory against those who would seek to use electric power, i. kayak small pleasure craft and anglers, and potentially disabled watercraft users.	No	surely allowing electric powered watercraft would be the solution.	Yes	no	n/a	n/a	I think they should all be removed from the proposal, the proposal seems ridiculous when you generate revenue from boaters yet collect nothing from wild swimmers, perhaps you should revise your charging structure to charge all water users not just boats.
Lake user	Fishing	No	Electric motors allowed with 5mph speed limit	Yes			Yes		Yes				
Lake user	Fishing	No	This proposal is ridiculous. It's electric	Yes			No		No	None		Electric engine can only do 3mph	
Lake user	Fishing	No	Absolutely no requirement to ban the use of electric outboard motors.	No	No change needed		No		Yes				
Lake user	Fishing	No	I wouldn't include electric engines as they are no risk to the environment, quiet, and for instance a bow mounted electric outboard is only capable of very low speeds therefore is of no danger to the general public.	Yes			Yes		No				
Lake user	Fishing	No	The use of an electric motor should not be included in this definition as these types of propulsion could be used by someone with a disability.	No	There would not need to be an exemption if electric motors were here the norm.	You are making more work and the requirements for "exceptions" when it is not required in the first place.	No		No				
Lake user	Fishing	No	I wouldn't.	No	No changes required. Waste of time and money.		Yes		No				
Lake user	Fishing	No	Just allow boats provided they have insurance, ban two stroke engines on all boats (less pollution) and only allow 4 stroke engine's.	No	You need anglers on the water, there the best set of eyes for all.	It's the right thing to do.	No	You need to consider older anglers and anglers with mobility problems, this will affect them hard.	No				I believe with the right balance that not all waters should stop the use of boats. I agree that wild water swimmers could be injured but also think that they should have selected areas and lakes to swim. The same with paddle boarders, it's not the right thing to do and it's discrimination against anglers.
Lake user	Fishing	No		No	That swimmers, paddle boarders and kayakers follow a code of conduct in which they are responsible for their own safety.	You would seem to be removing the right and freedom of anglers in favour of other water users. The Lakes has a long history as an angling destination. The fishers were there first.	No		No	None of the smaller lakes should have this imposed on them.			All should be removed
Lake user	Fishing	No	I would drop the whole thing, waste of tax payers money as we are organising a group to raise money through a crowd fund /raising group to send this to a judicial review	No	No need to change, regulate wild swimmers if you must.	There is no problem in the first place	No	There is no need for an alternative	No	N a		No need	Bassenthwaite for sure, esthwaite but must have bans anyways
Lake user	Powered boat user	No	My preference is that the definition remains unchanged.	No	My preference would be for the exemptions clause to remain unchanged.	I don't subscribe to the need to change the bylaw therefore do not see the need for this revised exemption. The only reason I see for the revision being considered is to enable one group to legally use silent, non-polluting powered craft while criminalising some minority groups who may wish to do the same in pursuit of an internationally recognised hobby / pastime. A hobby that generates significant income for both large corporations and small scale suppliers. The argument to criminalise some of the lakes users for the specific advantage of others is I believe discriminatory and most probably flawed. If the issue is purely a safety related matter for other users e.g. open water swimmers then it follows that all boating should be banned, not just on small waters but on all inland waters. I say this as I believe that open water swimmers have in the past disrupted the sailing of the Bassenthwaite sailing club. The small fast dinghies used are much faster than small powered craft and due to the body positioning and controls are much more difficult to "spot" open water swimmers. I have noted some complaints of Derwent Water and the Windermere launch boats, as well as other recreational boaters experiencing safety related issues with open water swimmers. The main issue is teh swimmers being present in the water within designated and higher populated areas close to marinas etc without any high visibility markers / aids. If this proposed change to the bylaws is truly safety related / driven, then it follows that these other boat users, be that recreational sailing or commercial boating, on the larger lakes should also be banned and criminalised as a result of similar safety related concerns. They move much more quickly and have much reduced visibility and reaction times than a very small boat powered at a speed of approximately 2-3 mph, being used for fishing.	No	FD like consideration of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995. In particular PART II, Public authorities, Section 21B. FD suggest the inclusion for registered users with disabilities, e.g. but not exclusively, anglers who have a valid rod license, a valid fishing permit and a valid boat launch users permit who suffer from some form of disability / disabling condition whereby the use of an electrically powered motor would enable them to use their registered vessel to carry out their hobby / pastime without the need for criminalisation and being subject to a £500 fine. It is recognised that small trolling motors are silent, non-polluting and simple to operate with one hand. The use of such a device enables access to a pastime / hobby that is known to provide significant physical, mental health and wellbeing benefits. Consider this in a region like	No	None	N/A	I believe that the current bylaws are adequate.	Although I don't consider that the bylaws require modification, if they are then the term 'small lake' perhaps should be determined / quantified by a certain surface area / minimum width or length of say smaller than 1 mile long or 1/3rd of a mile wide.
Lake user	Powered boat user	No	No changes in definition are necessary. Especially on Bassenthwaite...which at four miles long is not a small water...and should not be included in this proposal. Electric outboards have been used there for nearly 30 years with no problems...	No	To future proof the existing safety levels it may be wise to have a max speed limit on Bassenthwaite. Also given advancing technology expect the maximum power of electric drive units at about the level of those currently in use.	To ensure the current safety levels are maintained...	Yes	The three reasons for banning electric outboards are absolutely invalid. 1. The small outboards currently in use are not dangerous...are slow and controlled. They do not pose a danger to anyone.. 2. There is no environmental pollution from these small outboards. 3. There is no noise pollution none...these outboards are virtually inaudible... Anglers are considering crown funding to ensure a complete review is undertaken of the way this proposal has been managed from the start...solicitors have been consulted... Undoubtedly the small boats powered by low powered electric outboards are probably the safest boats on the water...	No	Grasmere and Esthwaite should not be included.	Since there are and never have been safety issues on Grasmere in relation to boating.	Grasmere should be left as it is...there are no issues I relation to Grasmere...	
Lake user	Fishing	No	Outboard motors should be allowed on the grounds of safety. I have already completed this questionnaire but since doing so a number of other safety issues have been raised 1. Fisher man report regularly helping swimmers and paddle boarders in distress- fire service would not be able to reach the scene in time- your plans to take away engines will take fishermen off the water and removal informal but valuable rescue craft 2. If fisherman resort to using oars they will be moving with their backs to the direction of travel- they will be unsighted and therefore a risk- with engines they travel with full visibility 3. A boat is 3' wide with oars is becoming 22" wide	No	See my previous submission		No		No				
Lake user	Fishing	No	I see no good reason to change the definition in any way.	No	I'd suggest that if the change was necessary, which I don't think it is, then why would the EA need electrically powered vessels? Answer is that they are much more effective and efficient in use, which is why most boat users would rather use them just like the EA.	Common sense and trying to maintain the freedom of choice that is being slower taken away from us.	No	Make the options available to all or none. Why the bias?	Yes				
Lake user	Fishing	No	I wouldn't change it, things are perfectly fine as they are.	No	No change is required		No	Keep things as they are now.	No	No		The current by laws are more than ample	All lakes should be removed, if the laws change as per the draft.
Lake user	Fishing	No	I don't support this nonsense	No	Swimmers remain within designated areas	Create an environment where everyone can use the facilities	No	No restrictions	No	No			All of them
Lake user	Fishing	No	Internal combustion but not electric engines.	No	All boat users should be allowed electric engines.	There should be no change. Electric engines should be allowed.	No	Any boat user should be allowed to use an electric motor.	No	None	Electric motor should be allowed on any of the lakes	There is no harm in using electric engines.	Electric engines should be allowed on any of the smaller lakes.
Lake user	Fishing	No	Allowing small electric motors, such as the trolling motors used by anglers, would have minimal impact on other users.	Yes			Yes						
Business	Fishing	No	To not prohibited power driven vessels	No	The exemption of power driven vessels should be available to all small lake users	Grounds of health and safety for Anglers using the lakes during the frequent changes in weather experienced here in the lakes, particularly high winds. Power driven vessels are required to navigate life threatening situations which can escalate quickly on these small lakes during the increasing frequent adverse weather we experience here in Cumbria.	No	No prohibition of power vessels is required. The more to support wildswimmers to have a compulsory obligation to where life aids and high	No	No	The proposal is not supported.	Emmerdale is a reservoir.	No, I agree the small lakes should fall under the same rules to try and achieve some consistency which can only help people understand better the lake rules and abide by them. The proposal to ban power motors is not supported.
Lake user	Fishing	No	Keep the use of electric engine for safety reasons	No	All must be allowed use of electric power motors	Safety for all e fied Bassenthwaite with rowing boat side by electric motor the weather turned poor and thankfully with few issues and our electric motor got across lake with wind really quite strong from little wind in just 30 minutes. Keep electric power please.	Yes		Yes				
Lake user	Fishing	No	Removing the reference to electric engines which are not polluting nor are they noisy.	No	If reference to electric is removed there is no need for this exemption	It either applies to all or no one.	No	As previous removing reference to electric engines will allow those who are disabled or fall under the Equalities act to continue to use the water maintaining their independence. Your staff and contractors can use small electric powered boats. But exemption could be made for emergency boats powered by any means.	Yes	No			No
Lake user	Fishing	No	remove electric engines section	Yes			Yes		Yes				
Lake user	Fishing	No	Leave as is	No	Leave as is	if it not broken don't try to fix it	No	Leave as it is	No				leave as it is
Lake user	Fishing	Yes		No			No		No				

Lake user	Fishing	No	Powered driven should include only internal combustion engines	No	Basenthwaite Lake was made an exception the rule needs no amendment on this lake. The use of electric motors was allowed after negotiations with the National Park management about 30 years ago as an exception to the byelaw as it still stands for the other "small" lakes. Local MP's and lake users were involved including myself.	You seem to have implied we have been using a loophole to exploit the byelaw and this is clearly not the case as explained above in Q8. On Basenthwaite Lake only The official season permits in fact carried the wording boat with electric motor as an option to be ticked for the type of craft you were using. This was not the case on the other lakes.	No	There is nothing wrong with the Byelaw as it stands on the smaller lakes safety boats and officials can use powered craft, and allowances could still be made for the disabled if required. Please be aware we have been allowed after negotiation many years ago to use electric motor power on Basenthwaite which should remain an exception.	No				I would agree that these changes to byelaw may be primarily to prevent the use of electric engines on Basenthwaite ?	Basenthwaite Lake, as it is already an exception to the other lakes in so much as electric motors were allowed after negotiations many years ago. It is also not a small lake.
Lake user	Fishing	No	The use of electric motors under X knot speed should be permitted. Sailing boats and other oar driven boats travel faster than electric trawling motors. Other boats travel by facing the opposite direction to which they travel in so would be able to hit a swimmer much easier than one who travels facing forward with an electric motor	No	If the public cannot use them as it is a threat to lake users then neither should the EA as they still pose a threat to lake users? If some form of safety course was given to the EA to avoid lake users or some other made up reason that they are trained to use the motors then every other member of the public should	It is the logical way of doing it	No	There should not be any allowance for someone to use the motors if everyone can't. In some cases those who are disabled would be more likely to hit a lake user as they may not have the physical functions that those who aren't would, meaning in a worst case scenario they may react to late for example	No					
Lake user	Fishing	No	Exclude electric engines from the definition.	No	So you accept the necessity for electric motors, what you actually want to do is restrict certain people from using them, not ban them completely.	Double standards. Erroneous assumption that employees of one organisation are less of a threat to activities and the environment than other people. You also suggest paid activities are more meritorious than unpaid activities and ignore the valuable conversation work carried out by volunteers.	No	As previously stated, you erroneously attribute merits to your employees over members of the public with no evidence to support your exemption.	Yes	I don't support your proposed byelaws so I am hardly likely to suggest you extend this to other waters				I suggest all lakes should be removed from this I've conceived idea.
Lake user	Fishing	No	Make designated areas for swimmers and maybe even paddle boards. Particularly on Basenthwaite lake, There's a perfectly good layby. Along the A66 opposite Hurst hole point, and another at Beckwithope, Swimmers should avoid the bottom end of the lake, Away from the sailing club, where there is more danger of being struck by the yachts and safety boats, than someone travelling around 3mph with an electric motor and the slipway at peewake Where most fishing boats use to launch. There's room for everyone to enjoy the lake, Just needs a bit of common sense.						No					
Lake user	Fishing	No	Low powered electric motors have been used for fishing for 30 years without issue. They are used on small fishing boats with max speed of 2/3 miles per hour and are essential for pension age anglers. I don't see any reason/ evidence the changes are required.	No	Allow use for anglers boats with speed max of 3mph.	Because the engines used for anglers cause no issues. There is currently no restriction on yachts for safety reasons yet they are fast and difficult to control	No	Allow electric engines	No	No	Na			Basenthwaite is a large lake and electric outboard for angling is essential for the elderly
Lake user	Fishing	No	To allow the use of limited power electric environmentally friendly motor on water craft on small lakes / waters, especially on a commercial fishery / osprey safari such as esthwaite where swimming is not permitted.	Yes	Waters should be evaluated on a case by case basis. Basenthwaite cannot be considered a small lake and Esthwaite has been a thriving commercial fishery for many years and could not operate reasonably without the continued use of electric powered craft.	Slow speed electric powered craft are of less threat to other water users than say sail craft at high speed. Electric powered craft are a huge positive benefit over fuelled craft, but power outputs should be limited. Electric engines also provided an aspect of safety should man powered craft get into difficulty. Electric powered craft are a positive environmentally friendly non polluting alternative to fuelled craft and are of no perceivable threat to other water users. Traditional water based pastimes should not be discriminated against to excessively accommodate new trends or fashions.	No	Do not ban electric motors on all small lakes, some smaller lakes should be exempt and the ban should not be a blanket carte-Blanche proposal	No	No			Not without better research and historical user consultation	Esthwaite water as it cannot continue operate as a viable and popular fishery and Osprey experience without powered craft and low powered electric craft are totally appropriate. Basenthwaite cannot be considered a small lake. For some small lakes with little or no powered craft history a restriction could maintain the status quo
Lake user	Fishing	No		No					No					
Lake user	Fishing	No	I have been going to the Lake District for 40 years. It's ironic that you are using environmental issues as an excuse, yet you allow the destruction of Windermere with pollution. Everyone should be able to enjoy their sport. What if I get into trouble out in the lake, without a power source I am in deep trouble.	No	Give swimmers certain areas to swim. Speed limit restrictions work.	I want to continue to use my vessel safely and efficiently	No		No				let us enjoy freedom while we still can	
Lake user	Fishing	No	Electric powered motors should be allowed as long as the speed is limited	No	Any craft should be allowed to use an electrically powered motor	Small electric powered motors are fitted to craft for safety as much as a means of propulsion. Any craft on the water should be allowed a secondary means of propulsion. Electric powered motors produce zero emissions, including noise emissions so are the obvious choice. Small electric motors (trolling motors) are only capable of very low and safe speeds.	No	Again, all craft should be allowed to be electrically powered. If it's safe for people with limited mobility to be allowed a powered craft, then it's clearly safe for all	No					
Lake user	Fishing	No	Not remote controlled	No	Electrically powered craft allowed under licence.	Because electrically powered craft users would be more likely to be responsible users. Easy to control. Where sailing vessels, windsurfers etc cannot be controlled and are visually impaired compared to using an	No	To allow electric outboards to responsible users, add insurance too. Electric	No				Not a small lake, no incidents as far as I	Rydal, Grasmere, basenthwaite, Derwent water. Buttermere, All large lakes that have been fished by boat users for hundreds of years
Lake user	Actually all of the above	No	I see no reason for this at all, it's amazing you are considering this to me. Electric engines cause no issue.	Yes				I would not ban electric motors	Yes	No I don't want the byelaw				All lakes where fishing take place, anglers already pay more than any other user and yet again penalised because of the fad of swimming this time!
Lake user	Fishing	No		No	A lot of craft that use electric do so with safety in mind. These lakes are effected by strong winds that require more than manual propulsion.			Leaves as it currently stands.	No	No			As per previously stated safety issue of manual only propulsion	
Lake user	Fishing	No	Power means petrol engines	No	I'd suggest that swimmers like anglers buy a license to swim on the lake byelaw. The NOTHING FINE AS THINGS ARE	Because anglers have been using electric outboards for 30 years in the lakes. These swimmers are a very recent addition and now we are being penalised for these actions. They rock up swim anywhere and were there before fishing was here. A sensible balance needs to be struck here. The craft authorities are wrong.	No	A sensible balance	No	No				Bass esthwaite and the rest
Lake user	Powered boat user	Yes		No					Yes	NO				NO
Lake user	Fishing	No	I believe the existing byelaw should remain and any change would make it less safe for swimmers on small lakes. I also believe the proposed changes, if implemented, would cause a negative impact on the environment by increasing my carbon footprint.	No	I believe that the proposed change to byelaw 5 is undeliverable.	I believe that the proposed amendments to byelaws 5 are undeliverable.	No	I believe that the proposed amendments to byelaws 5 are undeliverable.	No	Non			I consider the existing byelaw to be appropriate	I consider the existing byelaw to be appropriate
Lake user	Fishing	No		No	I dont agree with the proposed changes to byelaw 5	I dont agree with the proposed changes to byelaw 5	No	I dont agree with the proposed changes to byelaw 5	No	no			The existing byelaw is suitable	The existing byelaw is suitable
Lake user	Fishing	Yes		No	Eco friendly water travel	I gont	Yes		No	Basenthwaite is our 4th largest water. include it with Windermere Coniston etc.				Basenthwaite 4th largest lake. Allow swimmers ouse Bridge section and anglers the deeper water.
Stakeholder (e.g. Organisation)	Fishing	No	We believe this proposed change of the definition of "powered vessel" to include electric-powered vessels is too broad and fails to recognise the different uses, types and purposes of these vessels. It discriminates against those pursuing the lawful activity of angling from electric-powered boats. One of the justifications for making the change to the byelaw is the potential for conflict between electric-powered vessels and other water users, e.g. wild swimmers. Yet no proper risk assessment has been presented as part of this consultation, nor has the park authority produced clear evidence of the type, location, and frequency of the potential conflicts it has cited. In the case of electric-powered boats used for the purposes of angling, these are craft that use low-powered electric motors and travel at a slow speed, usually around two knots. The person in control of the vessel is facing forward and has good visibility in the direction of travel. Therefore, the risk posed is not greater (and arguably less) than that posed by a non-powered craft. Non-powered craft can travel faster than the powered boats used by anglers, can be less easy to control, and in the case of a rowing boat, the person in charge is facing backwards and their visibility, and therefore their ability to take action to avoid conflict, is impaired.	No	We suggest this clause is changed to include other users who have written consent from the authority and to include in its scope the ability to define issues such as the type of vessel, power levels, speed restrictions, usage, registration requirements, fees and other charges.	Our interest in amending this clause is to allow the Authority to authorise the continued use of electric-powered vessels for the purpose of angling under controlled conditions. While we support the ability of the Environment Agency and other services to be able to make use of such craft in order to carry out their duties and only when necessary. We feel the proposed clause 5 is too restrictive and does not give the Authority flexibility, as it has the effect of creating a closed list of permitted users, and yet, also includes "with the written consent" of the park authority. Does this mean that other potential users could be included within the scope of clause 5 if they were to obtain the written consent of the authority?	No	We feel your mitigation measures are inadequate and will act to discriminate against people with limited mobility and disabilities. We do not feel the measures suggested do make "reasonable adjustment" and that the option of being able to allow electric-powered craft for this purpose should be retained.	No					We are unable to fully address this question with the information provided as part of the consultation. As stated previously, we request a meeting between the park authority, the Angling Trust and local angling stakeholders to discuss this and come to a solutions that meeting the aims of the authority without discriminating against those who have, for decades, carries out the lawful activity of angling without creating risk of conflict with other water users.

Secretary NW Angling		<p>I am writing in my capacity of Secretary to the North West Angling Trust Fisheries Consultative Council, which is a body representing riparian owners, angling associations, and individual anglers on wide range of fishery matters. I am surprised that this issue hasn't been brought to the attention of angling representatives across the NW as I have found out about it through a local visitor to the lakes so I would suggest that there might well have been only a small consultation exercise to limit the potential for all views to be expressed.</p> <p>I have read with interest your proposed byelaw review information and the subsequent proposed byelaws. Whilst I applaud the work that you do in making the lakes available to all comes I fear, on this occasion, I cannot support the proposals as they currently stand.</p> <p>It is suggested that the reason for this is because there have been 'near misses' involving powered vessels and wild swimmers. I cannot see how a small boat being used for angling as anglers approach with caution, and either anchor or drift using a drogue and wouldn't wish to fish where there were wild swimmers- more likely to find a different location. Moreover, the size of the engine is severely restricted to all for small quiet movements from the boat and only serves to get to different locations. In such circumstances, I cannot see any reason for conflict unless one or other party instigates it.</p> <p>Anglers choose the smaller lakes for their tranquility and peace where they can spend the day quietly. I therefore suspect that the alleged incidents occurred due to larger craft with much more power speeding about to undertake other water sports. I repeat a small boat with a small electric engine will not damage the environment or cause a nuisance.</p> <p>The current byelaw proposal means that anglers are to be banned from following their pleasure whilst others are given free reign. This to me is contrary to the lakes being open to all and is certainly discriminatory to anglers, who might add pay handsomely for the privilege of fishing - permits, licence fees etc. What do wild swimmers pay?</p> <p>Furthermore, the suggestion that powered craft would damage the amenity and natural beauty of the lake is an incorrect assumption in that electric motors are quiet, efficient and do not damage the environment - so are allowed on water supply reservoirs.</p> <p>It would appear to me that anglers are being punished for something that is not in their character and are being denied opportunities to fish the smaller lakes - which are free from the congested traffic experienced on the larger lakes.</p>																													
		<p>My apologies for emailing you direct and hoping that it may be acceptable in view of the fact that I have found it very difficult to respond via the current official consultation on byelaws regarding the use of powered vessels on (what are described as) "the smaller lakes".</p> <p>Well, I have downloaded a list of lakes in descending order of surface area (attached hereto) and I have highlighted in yellow the four so-called "navigable lakes". You will see that there is a glaring anomaly in the case of Bassenthwaite, which is in fact larger than Coniston, but is classified as a "smaller" lake.</p> <p>You will also see that the top five largest biggest lakes are the only lakes with surface areas larger than 4.0 km².</p> <p>So, please may I propose that Bassenthwaite is re-classified as a "larger" (and therefore "navigable") lake?</p> <p>That would enable the definition of "larger" to be simplified as "all those lakes in excess of 4.0 km²" and the definition of "smaller" would be simplified as "those lakes having a surface area of less than 4.0 km²".</p> <p>I really do think that everyone would be able to better understand both the terminology used and the physical distinctions involved.</p>																													
		<p>As the link from your website is not working, I am submitting my response in this form.</p> <p>I wish to register the strongest possible objections to the proposed byelaw changes. Instead I would suggest a limit on boat type /size, engine size and noise output, along with severe speed restrictions. Although the arguments you advance certainly have validity (and thus my support) for larger vessels where electricity is the only or main means of propulsion, I do not accept that they apply in any way whatsoever to a microscopic auxiliary motor held in reserve on a small rowing boat, the sound and vibration of which is almost undetectable even from onboard and which does nothing to reduce the tranquility or the ecology of a lake or the shore. There is no negative impact (indeed the contrary) from their occasional use on the values underpinning the National Park or the World Heritage Site. On the other hand, adoption of the proposals as drafted would mean that many people of advanced age, restricted mobility and /or strength would be deprived of enjoying several of them. For such people they could be tantamount to a violation of several human rights and in practice amount to ageism and disability discrimination, all wholly antagonistic to LDNP's claimed longstanding principles and official guidance from a range of other public bodies and departments of state.</p> <p>I know these assertions to be true, as a result of professional involvement in the fields of health, wellbeing and rural affairs, and because for many years my wife and I have rented from the National Trust a boathouse on Esthwaite Water. We have lived in Cillhouse for 44 years but the boathouse has been associated with houses in our small part (Green End) of Cillhouse since it was built in or before 18C. The normal method of propulsion for our 7.6m boat is rowing, but we have always carried a very small electric outboard motor powered by a (40-amp) battery so that if the wind changes or one or both of us is unable to continue rowing while out on the lake, we can always be sure of getting back (or at least to the shore). Now as octogenarians, it would be unsafe for us to go out without it, so your proposals would destroy our fitness regime, some of our leisure and personal study pursuits, our quiet enjoyment of the landscape and the value of our lease. Such concerns must apply to a large number of current or potential users, taken across the lakes concerned, but not all of them, nor the relevant NGOs and agencies, will be aware of the existence of the proposals or this consultation.</p> <p>Kindly acknowledge receipt and keep me informed of every stage in this process.</p>																													
		<p>My office is receiving a large amount of correspondence relating to the proposed changes to the small lake byelaws. Having looked at the proposals, I would like to raise my concerns about the impact this will have on the fishermen. I am not sure why this group are being targeted in this way? I see little evidence or justification as to why small electric motors used on Lakeland fishing boats, which are relatively low powered and quiet, should be subject to such draconian rule changes.</p> <p>I would like a meeting with relevant officers to talk through how this discussion and proposals has come about. Please can someone contact my Office Manager, Sue Fryer (sue.fryer@parliament.uk) to co-ordinate dates?</p> <p>Whilst a member of the Authority, I previously made representations on behalf of Bassenthwaite fishermen who were concerned about the management, and in some cases, lack of management of Bassenthwaite Lake. Their views were important to me. At the time I reminded the Authority that it was fishermen working with my father, then the MP for Workington, who highlighted the dire state of water quality within Bassenthwaite Lake which ultimately led to action by landowners to improve the quality of private sewage treatment works and a substantial upgrade of the sewage treatment work between Keswick and Bassenthwaite Lake. To quote one Keswick fisherman: "we are the canaries in the coal mine".</p> <p>I am therefore keen to ensure this traditional country sport is not unfairly victimised, at a time when the real threat to our small lakes and the wider Lake District is over tourism and lack of enforcement by various organisations.</p> <p>I look forward to hearing from you soon.</p>																													
Leader of Cumberland Council		<p>I have been approached by a number of people regarding the recent Small Lakes Byelaws Consultation process. I will not be filling in the consultation posted online as I find it quite a closed form of consultation for such an issue. I feel the process is guiding me towards your preferred outcome. The selection of the questions are extremely narrow and direct the consultee towards your narrative. I feel that this does not allow any alternative argument to be put forward or at worst allows you to disregard arguments put forward and clearly does not allow for any detailed response. It is also my view this limits any ongoing discussion.</p> <p>Can you confirm that Cumberland Council are an official consultee as part of this process and if so which officer/department you have been dealing with.</p> <p>I do not want to introduce division between different users of the lakes but your approach to this consultation clearly introduces that element. It is my view that if you are not careful it will become a fight between different users of the lake.</p> <p>A cynic might say that this approach suits your purpose to push your agenda of taking away access to a group of people who have used these facilities for generations.</p> <p>In light of this I want you to take this correspondence as part of Cumberland Council's initial objection to the proposals.</p> <p>I would like a meeting with you and the officer/one who are promoting this agenda as early as possible to discuss this matter.</p>																													
		<p>I am writing to make an objection to the proposed changes to the small lakes byelaws for the following reasons:</p> <p>1) Safety - electric boats have a maximum speed of 3.1mph, with the driver facing forward. They are the most safe of the vessels that are used. For example, skegs can go to 18mph with the rowers facing backwards - much more dangerous. Yachts are uncontrollable over small distances and have a keel underneath - are you going to ban them aswell? Canoes can go faster than about powered by an electric engine.</p> <p>2) I have a copy of the 'Friends of the Lake District' document that initiated all this saying they were noisy. What a load of rubbish - they are silent.</p> <p>3) Contrary to these documents, electric engines are pollution free.</p> <p>I have asked for a FOI for details of these alleged 'incidents' - near misses they call them. They cannot provide details of any of the incidents. There are more swimmers on the larger lakes and paddle boarders. There are the steamers and petrol driven boats. Surely if there are no incidents here then there isn't a problem on the smaller lakes or, is this where the incidents happened in the first place? If they happened at all. You should also remember that anglers in these boats have actually helped swimmers in the past. I actually helped two swimmers and a paddle boarder on Bassenthwaite... and what about angler's safety? We did offer to take NPA officers/Board Members out on one of these boats to PROVE they are safe and silent. We asked your Solicitor, Julie Wood, to contact you all but she has either not asked them or they've all refused. Either way, no one has had the manners to reply to me regarding our offer. This could have sorted the problem out and saved taxpayers money! Next, how are you going to police this if this is passed? Hardly ever do we see a warden on patrol on Bassenthwaite and, anyone with knowledge of and management should know that signs are just ignored and/or damaged. Only last bank holiday Bassenthwaite was like Blackpool and your answer to all this is to ban electric engines. Barbicues, fires, litter, fly camping all round the lake and not a sight of a warden. Gramere is the same on the south and west shores, very busy all the time. Older anglers, not disabled need these engines for their own safety, especially on Bassenthwaite where it can blow up very quickly. By your own admission on the latest management plan produced last year, you mention that the electric engine permit works well and there are no problems. I would have thought the National Park Authority would be better trying to sort the real problems of the area out - water quality on waters like Bassenthwaite, Gilsomere, Lowerwater and Woademere, wild fire, blocked roads, litter, wild camping etc etc! The increase in paddle boarding and wild swimming should not be over-accommodated at the expense of traditional users (who pay for permits and licences). Common sense regulations should be employed where sensible and reasonable, but this broad brush draconian proposal is neither reasonable nor sensible. I would have thought a byelaw to make swimmers have a luminous float attached would have been more useful. The area is swamped by tourists and problems abound, every week. The smaller lakes are just as busy. Stopping a few dozen anglers using electric engines is absolutely ridiculous and a waste of taxpayers money and hope you see sense and knock this proposal on the head.</p>																													
		<p>Further to my objection letter last week, I again would like to invite any NPA member and officials to come to Bassenthwaite and we will take them out in T2, T3 or T4 to prove how safe, silent and non polluting these engines are. I have already made the offer last year to your solicitor. Just another observation regarding this, if, god forbid, there is an accident/near miss with a yacht, canoe or other craft, will then be automatically banned?</p>																													