

Smaller Lakes Byelaws Consent Process

Introduction

This note outlines the consent which can be applied for under the Smaller Lakes Byelaws 2025. The Authority has sought to ensure a cooperative and transparent process which will enable applicants to provide well informed applications.

Any changes to this consent process will be subject to public consultation and approval by Authority Committee.

Consent under the Smaller Lakes Byelaws 2025

Under Byelaw 5(c) of the Smaller Lakes Byelaws 2025, the Lake District National Park Authority ('LDNPA') may grant written consent or permission to any applicant to use a power-driven vessel on one or more of the Smaller Lakes.

Consent will usually be given in the following circumstances:

- Individual demonstrates need to use a powered driven vessel as reasonable adjustment under provisions of Equalities Act 2010 as amended;
- or
- For any permitted activities existing on 1 November 2025.

Consent will usually be granted on the following conditions:

- Electric powered vessel only
- Speeds no faster than 6 knots
- Display of unique identifier
- Carrying a copy of consent
- Restrictions on areas of the lake/ no boating zones
- Use designated launching points
- Pollution events are reported to relevant landowner and Environment Agency
- Any other conditions as may be appropriate

Consent is personal to the person applying. Please note that if consent is granted you must ensure you have permission of the lake owner/ manager to use a powered vessel on their lake.

Smaller Lakes Byelaws consent application form

Please complete this form when not applying for a fishing permit.

Name:	
Name of Organisation/ Business (if applicable)	
Address:	
Telephone number:	
Email address:	
Date of birth:	
What type of vessel will you use?	
How is the vessel powered?	
Which lake/s are you applying for consent for?	
Describe the activity you want to undertake on the lake/s and provide evidence to show this activity was in existence on 1 November 2025.	