

**COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

**BALBRIGGAN/RUSH-LUSK/SWORDS AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
[SERVICES A – OPERATIONAL MATTERS]**

THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2026

ITEM NO. 12

**CURRENT POSITION UNDER EXISTING BYE-LAWS REGARDING
PUBLIC FISHING AT NATURA 2000 SITES IN THIS LEA - A109729**

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the current position under existing Bye-Laws regarding public fishing at Natura 2000 sites in this Local Electoral Area?”

Reply:

Under the current Fingal County Council Beach/Foreshore Bye-Laws 2006, no fishing is allowed in SAC/SPA areas as listed below:

Special Protection Area (SPA) & Special Area of Conservation (SAC)

Baldoyle Bay
Howth Head
Malahide Estuary
Rogerstown Estuary
Ireland's Eye
Lambay Island
Rockabill Island
Skerries Islands

The Statutory process to amend the current Bye-Laws is currently ongoing. A public consultation ran from the 15th of July 2026 to the 2nd of September 2026 which resulted in over 1,000 submissions being received. The public consultation is now closed and an assessment of all submissions received will be carried out. The findings and recommendations of the public consultation will be compiled into a report and brought forward to the respective Strategic Policy Committees, Area Committee Meetings and the Corporate Policy Group.

The draft Beach & Foreshore Bye Laws 2026 will then be brought before Full Council for adaptation.

Source of Reply: Mr. T Hanway, Administrative Officer, Operations Department.