

The South Wales Sea Fisheries Committee (Levies) Regulations 2003 – Regulatory Appraisal

- i) Purpose and intended effect of the measure** – The South Wales Sea Fisheries Committee (Levies) Regulations 2003 will permit the South Wales Sea Fisheries Committee to issue substituted levies to its constituent councils. These new levies would replace those previously issued. The purpose is to enable the Committee and its funding authorities to give effect to The South Wales Sea Fisheries District (Variation) Order 2003.
- i) Risk Assessment** – if the Regulations were not to be made the South Wales Sea Fisheries Committee would not be able to issue substituted levies to the remaining 7 constituent councils, and therefore unable to give effect to the Variation Order during the current financial year..
- ii) Options** – To do nothing would compel Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council to remain a funder of the South Wales Sea Fisheries Committee for the current financial year despite general agreement that that is inappropriate. The (Levies) Regulations permit the South Wales Sea Fisheries Committee to issue substituted levies to the remaining 7 constituent councils.
- iii) Benefits** – the withdrawal of Rhondda Cynon Taff will result in an agreed change in the level of chargeable expenses, levied by the South Wales Sea Fisheries Committee, for the remaining 7 constituent councils.
- iv) Costs** – there are no additional financial implications for the Assembly and all parties concerned are content with the Regulations.
- v) Competition Assessment** – This is not applicable because it relates to the arrangements between various public bodies.
- vi) Consultation** – all parties concerned have been consulted and seen a draft of these Regulations and offered no comment by the closing date of 30 September 2003.
- vii) Significant costs** – The Variation Order has no effect on the total cost, but shares the burden more equitably in proportions agreed by the contributors,. These Regulations permit the SWSFC to issue substituted levies to enable that to happen in the current financial year. Provided the Committee does, as anticipated, make use of this power, it will be reflected in year-end adjustments to the local government finance arrangements for the current year. The local authorities are aware of this.
- viii) Review** – these Regulations are only required this year as the parallel South Wales Sea Fisheries District (Variation) Order will set the percentage levies for each constituent council for future years.

- ix) **Summary** – introducing these Regulations is the only effective means of addressing this issue for the current financial year.