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MOD ABERPORTH RANGE BYELAWS 1976 - FACILITIES TO FISHERMEN

Advance Alert:

On behalf of Mr CWJ Lewis, Ministry of Defence (MOD) Resident Project Officer – Aberporth, I am writing to inform you that the Aberporth "Sea Area" as defined in Part I of the Schedule to the Byelaws is required to be clear from shipping daily from 09:30 to 17:00 hours local time, for the following period;

12th November to 16th November 2018 inclusive and 19th, 20th, 22nd, 23rd November 2018

This notification applies to all vessels apart from those exempt under Byelaw No. 8 (Exemptions). A copy of the byelaws is available online at https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ceredigion-byelaws.

Notices will also be placed in the Cambrian News, Tivy-Side Advertiser, Western Mail and the Western Telegraph. These notices will appear during the weeks commencing 29th October 2018 and 5th November 2018.

Additional Information:

MOD Aberporth Range makes every effort to afford facilities to fishermen and other vessels, requesting cooperation for the minimum possible duration and smallest physical space to allow for safe conduct of activities. In this case, the "Sea Area" must be clear from shipping for safety reasons and co-operation from all vessels is much appreciated.

Additional information will be available on the area of activity each day before firing from Range Control on 01239 813480 or Marine Control on 01239 813760. Range Control and Marine Control will be pleased to provide general advice and information for mariners at other times. Vessels can also contact Marine Control on VHF channel 11 or 16, call sign "Aberporth Marine Control". (Telephone & VHF opening times are 9am-4pm Monday to Friday or later if activity continues beyond these times. Recorded information is available outside of these hours.)

I also enclose an 'Information for Mariners' leaflet which provides general advice and contact details for anyone planning a trip into Cardigan Bay. This is a general guide for mariners who may enter the Cardigan Bay Danger Area. We also provide useful information on our website www.aberporth.qinetiq.com including the opportunity to register for our weekly programme notice by email.