

Dredging in the Dart Estuary (29th September 1998)

Notwithstanding the provisions restricting the use of dredges contained in other Devon Sea Fisheries Committee byelaws, dredging for mussels is authorised to permit holders within that area of the Devon Sea Fisheries District which lies to the landward side of a line drawn from the castle known as Kingswear Castle across the estuary of the River Dart to the castle known as Dartmouth Castle in accordance with the following provisions:-

1. Annual permits will be issued by the Clerk of the Committee to applicants who are the owners of British registered fishing vessels not exceeding seven metres in overall length and shall refer to the registered fishing number of the boat to be used in connection therewith.
2. The person named on the permit shall be present and responsible during the fishing operations.
3. Permits shall be valid for the period 1st October to 31st March following and will require the holder of the permit to submit to the Committee at the end of each permit period the amount of mussel by weight removed.
4. The permit shall be non-transferable and shall remain the property of the Committee.
5. Only one dredge will be permitted, the width of which shall not exceed one metre.
6. Fishing shall only take place between 0800hrs and 1800hrs on weekdays, but not during public holidays.