

Bass Compliance Direction

Below is a table summarising the European Sea Bass (*Dicentrarchus labrax*) Measures for 2018. These measures apply to the whole of the Devon and Severn IFCA District including within estuaries. Detailed guidance on the implementation of the bass measures for 2018 is available [here](#)

No bass to be retained during February or March by ANY vessel

| Gear in use | Authorisation required | Daily by-catch limit | Monthly limit (Kg) | Annual limit (Kg) |
|----------------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Demersal Trawl | Y | 1% | Unavoidable by-catch of 100 | - |
| Demersal seine | Y | 1% | Unavoidable by-catch of 180 | - |
| Hook and Line | Y | - | - | 5000 |
| Fixed gillnets | Y | - | - | Unavoidable by-catch of 1200 |

Please note that between 1st October 2018 and 31st December 2018 all recreational fishers are allowed to retain one bass per day only.

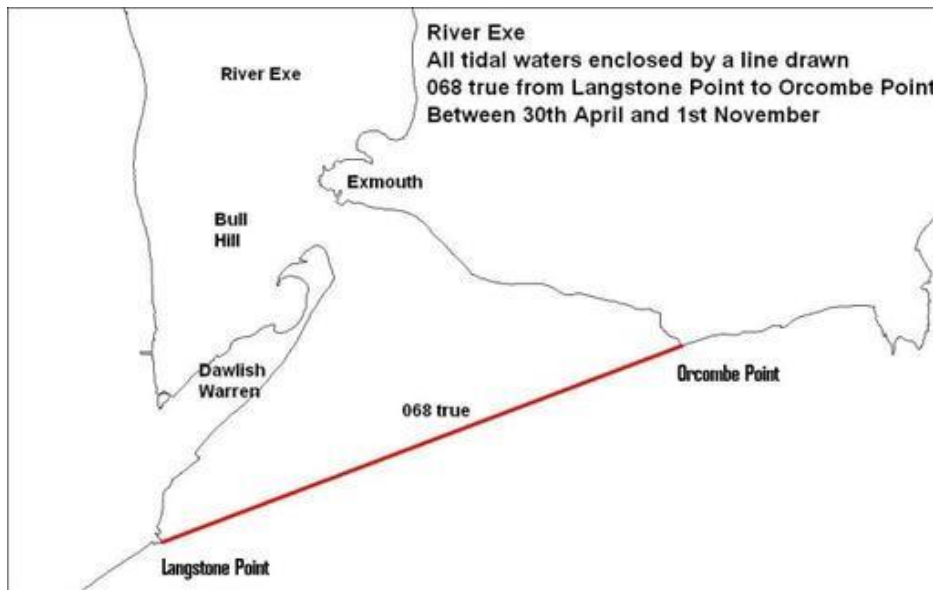
Minimum Conservation Reference Size (MCRS)

Any bass landed, stored, sold, displayed or offered for sale must be at least **42 cm** in length as measured from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail fin. Any bass **retained** on board a vessel or transhipped must be a minimum of **42 cm**. Any bass below **42 cm** must be returned immediately to the sea.

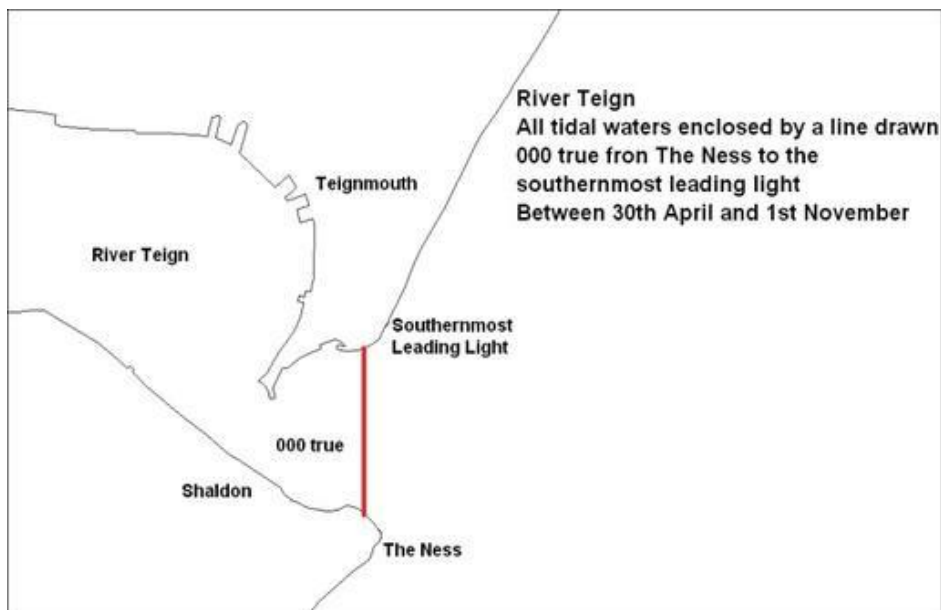
Bass Nursery Areas

Within Bass Nursery Areas there are further measures placed on the fishing for Bass between certain times of the year, including the use of live Sand Eels (*Ammodytidae spp*) as bait.

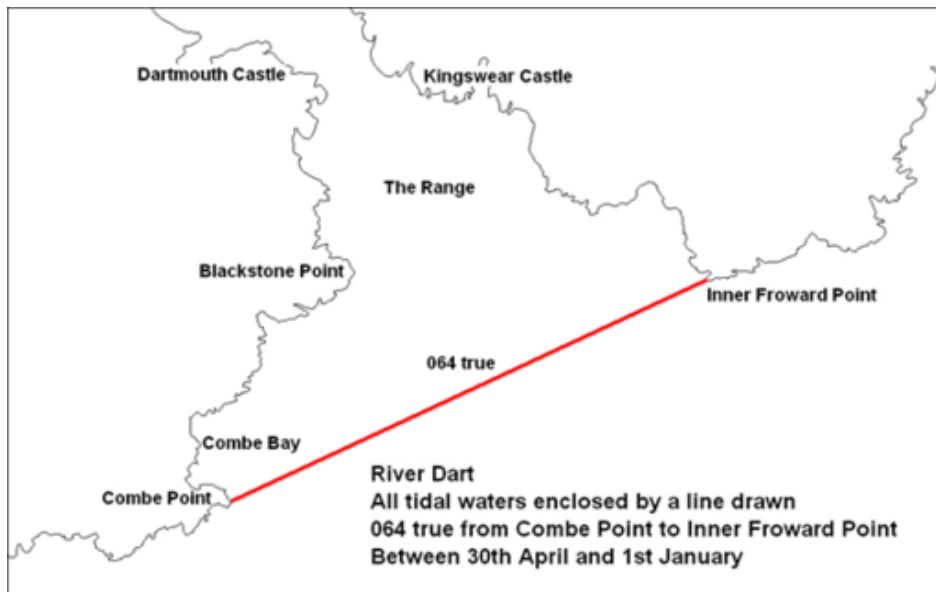
River Exe: Fishing for bass, or fishing for any species of sea fish using live Sand Eels (*Ammodytidae spp*) as bait, by any fishing boat within any part of the River Exe Bass Nursery Area is **prohibited** between **30th April and 1st November**.



River Teign: Fishing for bass, or fishing for any species of sea fish using live Sand Eels (*Ammodytidae spp*) as bait, by any fishing boat within any part of the River Teign Bass Nursery area is **prohibited** between **30th April and 1st November**.



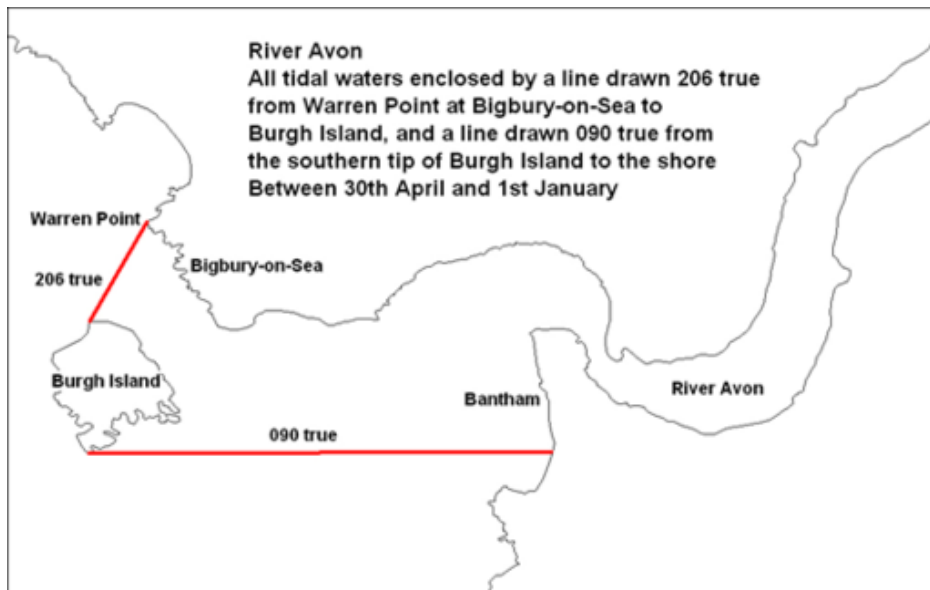
River Dart: Fishing for bass, or fishing for any species of sea fish using live Sand Eels (*Ammodytidae spp*) as bait, by any fishing boat within any part of the River Dart Bass Nursery Area is **prohibited** between **30th April and 1st January**.



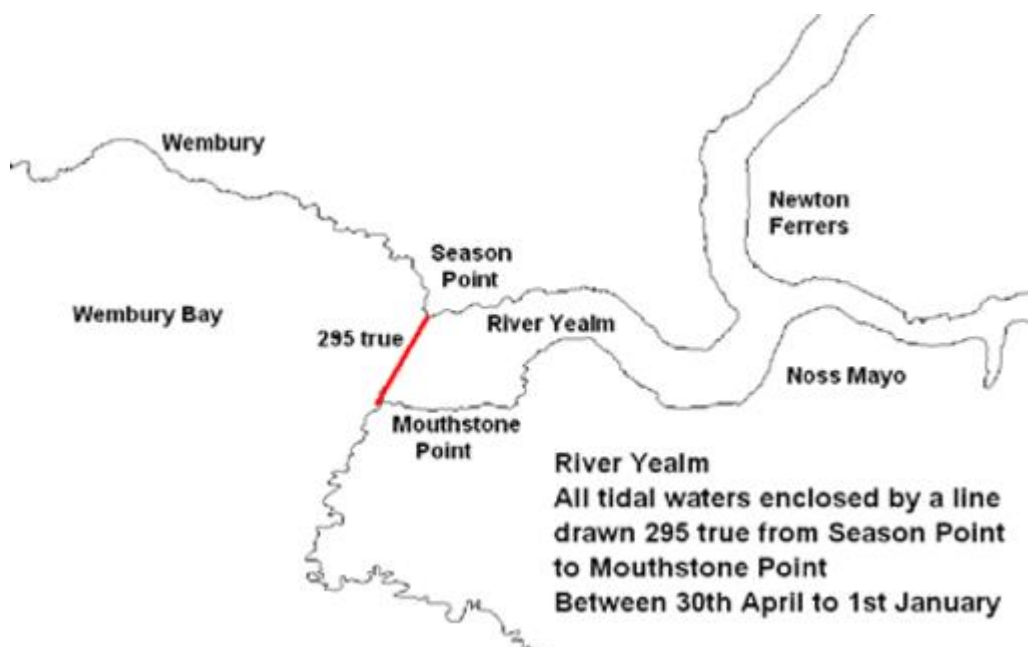
Salcombe Harbour and the Kingsbridge Estuary: Fishing for bass, or fishing for any species of sea fish using live Sand Eels (*Ammodytidae spp*) as bait, by any fishing boat within any part of the Salcombe Harbour and Kingsbridge Estuary Bass Nursery Area is **prohibited** between **30th April and 1st January**.



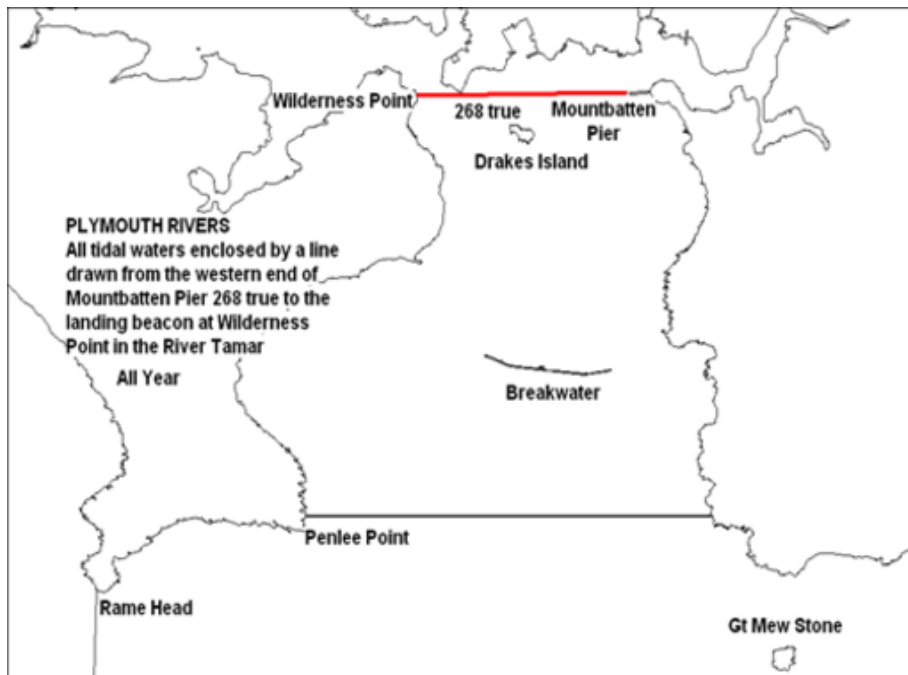
River Avon: Fishing for bass, or fishing for any species of sea fish using live Sand Eels (*Ammodytidae spp*) as bait, by any fishing boat within any part of the River Avon Bass Nursery Area is **prohibited** between **30th April and 1st January**.



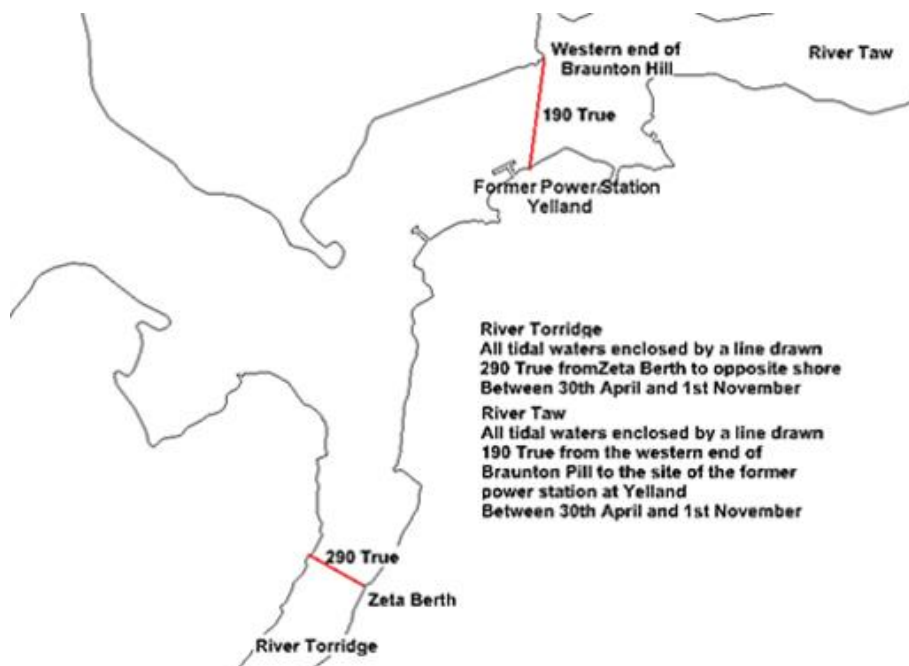
River Yealm: Fishing for bass, or fishing for any species of sea fish using live Sand Eels (*Ammodytidae spp*) as bait, by any fishing boat within any part of the River Yealm Bass Nursery Area is **prohibited** between **30th April and 1st January**.



Plymouth Rivers Tamar and Plym: Fishing for bass, or fishing for any species of sea fish using live Sand Eels (*Ammodytidae spp*) as bait, by any fishing boat within any part of the Plymouth Rivers Bass Nursery Area is **prohibited all year**.



River Taw and River Torridge: Fishing for bass, or fishing for any species of sea fish using live Sand Eels (*Ammodytidae spp*) as bait, by any fishing boat within any part of the River Taw and River Torridge Bass Nursery Areas between **30th April and 1st November**.



Enforcement

Any person found breaching the legislation outlined above may be subject to enforcement action including receiving a Financial Administrative Penalty (FAP) or court proceedings.