



Potting Permit Conditions Have Your Say

The Removal of a Potting Permit Condition

What's the purpose of this information gathering exercise?

Your view is important. D&S IFCA is inviting you to have your say on the potential removal of one of the Potting Permit Conditions.

- **The information gathering exercise ends on 12th April 2019.**

We are directly contacting everyone on our mailing list and are giving you options on how to respond. All stakeholders can respond even if they don't have a Potting Permit.

This potential change in the Potting Permit Conditions is possible if the correct process is followed as set out in paragraph 25 of the Potting Permit Byelaw. Giving you the opportunity to have your say is part of this process.

What is the proposal?

To remove the current gear restriction (2.5.3) which states:

A permit holder or named representative is not authorised under this Permit to use any finfish as bait within the District unless it meets sizes set out in Annex XII, Article 17 of Council Regulation (EC) 850/89.

Why remove this Potting Permit Condition?

The proposal is due to the landing Obligations 2019.

www.gov.uk/government/publications/landing-obligation-2019-rules-and-regulations

These rules are related to the discarding of certain species of fish. All quota species must be landed and counted against quota unless exemptions apply. Therefore, some species of fish below the Minimum Conservation Reference Size (MCRS) must be landed, although they can't be sold for direct human consumption.

- Bass is not subject to the Landing Obligation.
- Prohibited species should be released unharmed if possible.

To reflect the fact that some fish below the MCRS must be landed and can then be sold as bait, the present Potting Permit Conditions would not harmonise with the Landing Obligation. The D&S IFCA Byelaw and Permitting Sub-Committee, who are tasked with reviewing permit conditions, have taken the view that the resource should be available for those fishers that conduct potting, so it can be purchased and used as bait.

How will your information help us?

We will collate the information you provide, and this may help our Byelaw and Permitting Sub-Committee in their decision making.

Why is D&S IFCA doing this work?

Because we must.

D&S IFCA must manage the exploitation of sea fisheries resources within its District. This is specified within the Marine & Coastal Access Act 2009.

Do you want more detail?

Our information guides are there to help you better understand our work and the reasons why we are doing it. Further detail about our review of Byelaws and the work conducted by our Byelaw & Permitting Sub-Committee can be found in our [guide](#).

How you can have your say

You have several options to choose from:

1. Contact us via email – consultation@devonandsevernifca.gov.uk
2. Write to us
3. Telephone us or come along in person and speak to one of our officers during dedicated time slots which are as follows:

Thursday 21 st March	(16.00 to 18.00 hrs)
Saturday 30 th March	(10.00 to 12.00 hrs)
Wednesday 3 rd April	(16.00 to 18.00 hrs)
Tuesday 9 th April	(16.00 to 18.00 hrs)

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How to follow our work?

If you are not already on our mailing list, then you can get yourself added by [contacting D&S IFCA](#). You will then be directly notified of all our consultations. You will also receive our free e-newsletter.

Keep an eye on our [consultation page](#) on our website to read about other work being done and how you can get involved and have your say.

Follow our [latest news items](#) displayed on our website or our face book page.

Explore our website [Resource Library](#) for an extensive range of our information and publications. It's all free.

What do we do with your information – Privacy Policy

We protect any personal data that you may provide. Any personal data submitted in this information collecting process will not be shared with others. The content of responses will be summarised and anonymised where appropriate for documenting in reports that will be presented to the Byelaw & Permitting Sub-Committee and published on our website.

D&S IFCA has a privacy policy which can be found by visiting our website (home page) www.devonandsevernifca.gov.uk

- You can change your preferences at any time.
- We have a duty to consult with D&S IFCA Permit Holders.

You can manage your preferences by contacting D&S IFCA.