



Mobile fishing (estuary) permit

Permit issued to:

Permit holder's address:

Named representative(s):

Permit category:

Permit number:

Vessel permitted is:

Vessel PLN:

Vessel length:

Permit start date:

Permit expiry date:

General Provisions

The permit holder should ensure that they have read the D&SIFCA Mobile Fishing Permit Byelaw and the associated Technical Permit Requirements prior to fishing. All permit holders should be aware of other legislation that applies to mobile fishing activities, which is not listed within the technical permit requirements below.

Failure to comply with any of the Technical Permit Requirements constitutes contravention of this byelaw.

Technical Permit Requirements

1. Gear, Spatial and Time restrictions

1. River Axe

1.1 No mobile gear can be used in the River Axe¹

2. River Otter

2.1 No mobile gear can be used in the River Otter¹

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3. River Exe

3.1 No mobile gear can be used in the Exe Estuary¹ except that;

Vessels using pushed mobile gear are permitted subject to the following;

- a. Vessels less than 10 metres in overall length may not fish in the areas set out in Annex 1 and are subject to any conditions in the completed Habitats Regulations Assessment for the proposed activity;
- b. Vessels greater than 10 metres in overall length may not fish anywhere in the public fishery and are subject to the conditions in the completed Habitats Regulations Assessment for the proposed activity.

4. River Teign

4.1 No mobile gear can be used in the Teign Estuary¹ except that;

- a. the area defined by The River Teign Mussel Fishery Order 1966 as varied by The River Teign Mussel Fishery (Variation) (Oysters) Order 1996 set out in Annex 2 is not covered by the Mobile Fishing Permit Byelaw.

5. River Dart

5.1 No mobile gear can be used in the Dart Estuary¹ except that

- a. Dredging for mussels (*Mytilus sp.*) is permitted subject to the following:
- b. The area of the Dart estuary which lies to the landward side of a line drawn from the castle known as Kingswear Castle to the castle known as Dartmouth Castle;
- c. The vessel used must not exceed seven metres overall length;
- d. Dredging is permitted between 1st October to 31st March. The permit holder must inform the Authority prior to fishing for the first time during the fishing season;
- e. The permit holder must submit to the Authority at the end of the period the amount of mussel by weight removed;
- f. The maximum dredge width to be used shall be one metre;
- g. Only one dredge shall be permitted;
- h. Fishing shall only take place between 0800hrs (local time) and 1800hrs (local time) on weekdays, but not during public holidays.

6. Salcombe Harbour

6.1 No mobile gear can be used in the Salcombe Harbour¹, except that

Dredging for scallops (*Pecten maximus*) is permitted subject to the following:

- a. The area of the Salcombe estuary that can be fished is defined in Annex 3;
- b. The vessel used must not exceed seven metres in overall length;
- c. Dredging is permitted between 15th December to 15th March. The permit holder must inform the Authority prior to fishing for the first time during the fishing season;

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- d. The permit holder must submit to the Authority at the end of the period the number of scallops landed;
- e. The maximum dredge width to be used shall be one metre;
- f. The maximum number of dredges to be used at any one time shall be two;
- g. No toothed dredges shall be used;
- h. Dredges shall be hauled by hand only and no mechanical assistance is permitted;
- i. Fishing shall only take place between 0900hrs (local time) and 1600hrs (local time) on weekdays, but not during public holidays.

7. River Avon

7.1 No mobile gear can be used in the River Avon¹

8. River Erme

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9. River Yealm

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10. River Taw/Torridge

10.1 No mobile gear can be used in the River Taw/Torridge¹

[1] Estuary limits defined in the Mobile Fishing Permit Byelaw