

Devon and Severn IFCA News

Bass Restrictions for 2019

In 2019 the restrictions for catching bass by recreational fishers is a zero take – Catch and Release only.



Following the December Council of Fisheries meeting, the new TAC (Total Allowable Catch) regulations are expected to be published during January 2019. It is expected that a bag limit of one fish per day from the 1st April to 31st October 2019 will be implemented for recreational fishers.

[Click to view the proposed 2019 Bass measures](#)

What does this mean?

- In the meantime, the current Bass regulations still apply

From the 1st January 2019, recreational fishers are not allowed to retain any Bass when fishing. Any Bass caught must be immediately returned to the water. Although not a specific D&S IFCA Byelaw, IFCA officers can assist the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) in enforcing this EU Bass legislation. The amended Regulation can be viewed online [here](#).

The Minimum Conservation Reference Size (MCRS) for Bass remains at **42cm**. For a list of fish and shellfish sizes, see our [Minimum Size Guide](#).

Should you require any further clarification please contact the office on 01803 854648 or the [Marine Management Organisation](#).

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