

Devon and Severn IFCA News

Amendment to the Bass restrictions 28th September 2018.



In 2018 the restrictions for catching bass by recreational fishers has been a zero take – Catch and Release only.

Although not a specific D&S IFCA Byelaw, officers have assisted the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) enforcing this EU legislation.

What has changed?

On the 28th of September 2018 Council Regulation (EU) 2018/1308 was published, amending Regulation (EU) 2018/120 as regard the fishing opportunities for European seabass. Article 9 of Regulation (EU)2018/120 has been replaced by the following;

In recreational fisheries including from the shore, from the 1st October 2018 to 31st December 2018, within ICES divisions 4b, 4c, 6a to 7k (which includes waters within the D&SIFCA district) not more than one specimen of European seabass may be retained per fisherman per day.

What does this mean?

From the 1st October 2018 Recreational fishers can retain 1 bass (above the MCRS) per fisher, per day when fishing within the aforementioned areas.

The Minimum Conservation Reference Size (MCRS) remains at **42cm**. We have a list of fish and shellfish sizes in our [Byelaw Book](#) on page 35 & 36.

The amended Regulation can be view online [here](#).

Should you require any further clarification please contact the office on 01803 854648 or the Marine Management Organisation.

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