

Devon and Severn IFCA News

One Bass or Zero Bass?

Recreational anglers seek clarity on European Seabass catch restrictions.



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, we have assisted the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) enforcing this EU legislation.

What has changed?

At this time nothing has changed, however on the 4th September 2018 the [European Commission made a proposal](#) to amend this regulation.

What is the proposal?

There is the possibility that a daily bag limit of one fish per day for recreational fishermen will apply from October and continue until the end of December 2018.

The recommendation includes ICES area 4b to c, 7a & (7d to 7h). The D&S IFCA District is within these ICES areas.

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

If this recommendation goes ahead we will post more information.

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