## **Devon and Severn IFCA News**

## **Update on Crab Tiles**

D&S IFCA asked for your views on the management of crab tiles. You told us, and a summary report has now been compiled.





A Call for Information – A Focus on Crab Tiles – campaign was conducted between 4<sup>th</sup> January and 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019. We asked all interested parties to examine the information we had prepared about crab tiles and then give us their views on how this fishing activity could or potentially should be managed in the D&S IFCA District. Your view is important and D&S IFCA would like to thank all of those that submitted a response.

## What Happens Now?

The responses have been anonymised and summarised into a <u>report</u> which you can now read. This report will be presented and discussed by the D&S IFCA Byelaw and Permitting Sub-Committee at their meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

The focus on crab tiles is part one of a <u>three-phase plan</u> to review the many different types of Hand Working Fishing Activities that are conducted in the District. Reviewing the management of different fishing activities is a <u>key task for the D&S IFCA Byelaw and Permitting Sub-Committee</u>. When all methods have been examined in more depth, options for management, including the potential introduction of new restrictions, will be considered. This work relating to Hand Working Fishing Activities will be on-going throughout 2019.

• The next Hand Working "Call for Information" campaign will be about bait digging and is expected to begin in the middle of March 2019.

## **Do You Need More Information?**

Keep an eye on our <u>CONSULTATION</u> page. Those on our contacts list will be directly notified by email about all our Call for Information campaigns. You can be added to our list of contacts by contacting D&S IFCA. You will then have on-going choices including receiving our free enewsletter.

The Crab Tile Report is one of several officer papers that will be presented to members of the Byelaw and Permitting Sub-Committee at their next meeting. The agenda and officer papers are posted on the D&S IFCA Website. You will find them on our <u>MEETINGS</u> page and also within section B of our <u>RESOURCE LIBRARY</u>.