

# Devon and Severn IFCA News

## D&S IFCA Conduct Bank Holiday Shore Patrols

Patrols on the 26<sup>th</sup> August at Teignmouth and Shaldon used to promote engagement and target a range of issues



On the bank holiday Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> August, D&S IFCA conducted an early morning shore patrol around Teignmouth and Shaldon including Polysteps, the Salty and the areas near Shaldon Ness. Although D&S IFCA enforces a range of fisheries legislation, officers also take the opportunity to engage with people, inform, educate and listen.

### What gets enforced?

Different fisheries legislation restricts fishing activity in the Teign. For example, fixed and drift netting is prohibited in the estuary via the [Netting Permit Byelaw](#) and associated [Netting Permit Conditions](#) and [Annexes](#). The estuary is also an active [Bass Nursery Area](#) between 30<sup>th</sup> April and 1<sup>st</sup> November each year and bass can't be targeted by fishers using a vessel. Between 1<sup>st</sup> April and 31<sup>st</sup> October, a bag limit of one bass per person, per day, applies to all recreational fishers. On this occasion there were no noticeable infringements observed. Our enforcement work is intelligence led and if you see any suspicious fishing activity you can report it to us, anonymously on 07740 175479.

### Engagement

Engagement with different interested parties, is a key part of D&S IFCA working. Talking to our Officers is a good way for you to find out what fishing activity is illegal, what is not, and to learn about any potential developments regarding future management of fishing activities.

Officers chatted to several members of the public including anglers and cockle collectors about various issues and topics. The on-going reports of large-scale cockle collection is a concern to many residents in this area, and although it is not currently restricted by a Byelaw, D&S IFCA is reviewing the management of all Hand Working Fishing Activities including a range of hand gathering fishing methods. Cockle collection was highlighted in a report presented to the D&S IFCA Byelaw & Permitting Sub-Committee at their [meeting](#) in August. Maybe you had your say in a recent consultation documented in the [report](#).

In November 2019, options for management will be discussed that will include the potential development of a new Byelaw or Byelaws to manage different types of hand working fishing activity.

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