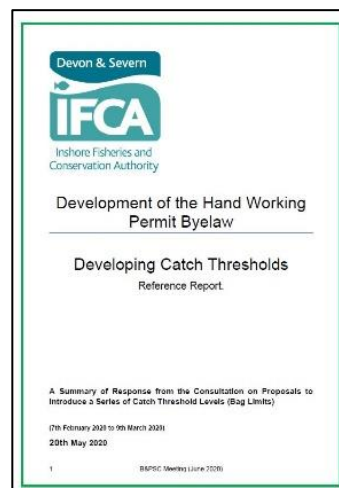


Devon and Severn IFCA News

Developing Bag Limits: Did You Have Your Say?

D&S IFCA asked for your views on developing bag limits to form part of a Hand Working Permit Byelaw. Did you have your say?



D&S IFCA is in the process of developing a new Hand Working Permit Byelaw. If implemented, the new byelaw will be used to manage hand working fishing activity. This includes bait digging, the use of crab tiles and other hand gathering fishing activity.

Earlier this year, D&S IFCA conducted a four week “have your say” communication exercise which ended on 9th March 2020. We asked all interested parties to examine the [information we had prepared](#) about the potential to develop catch thresholds (bag limits) to become part of a new Hand Working Permit Byelaw. The catch thresholds for different sea fisheries resources would become a provision in the Byelaw and a permit would be needed for those with a need to remove more than those set levels.

Who Responded?

134 responses were received by the closing date of 9th March and most of them were submitted by those with a keen interest in angling.

Your view is important and D&S IFCA would like to thank all of those that submitted a response.

Category	Number of Responses
Individually Crafted Responses	63
Petition Responses	52
Sea Angling Clubs/Angling Trust	12
Other Organisations/Councillors	7
Total	134

The responses have been anonymised and summarised into a report which you can now [read here](#). Did you have your say?

What Happens Now?

Development of a new Hand Working Permit Byelaw is a long and complicated task and the responses received during the consultations are influential in the development of the Hand Working Permit Byelaw.

1. The [consultation response report](#) (20th May 2020) will be presented to the Byelaw and Permitting Sub-Committee (B&PSC) in June 2020 as an information item.
2. Members of the of B&PSC are not tasked with any decision making at this time.
3. Officers will consider how the Byelaw and associated permit conditions can potentially be developed and will set out these plans at a future B&PSC meeting.
4. The consultation report will be used as reference information by members of the B&PSC when they discuss and decide how to proceed with the work a bit later this year.
5. There will be more communication and engagement work in 2020.

How to Follow the Development of the Byelaw?

We will continue to provide updates on the website including the [CONSULTATION](#) display page. All papers referred to at B&PSC meetings are displayed on the D&S IFCA website, with the most recent appearing on the [MEETINGS](#) display page. An even larger collection of B&PSC papers and past minutes of meetings can be found in our website [RESOURCE LIBRARY](#).

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