

Devon and Severn IFCA News

Potential Changes to the Diving Permit Conditions

D&S IFCA give you the opportunity to have your say on some specific proposals



From 8th March 2019, D&S IFCA will be seeking the views of all stakeholders on some potential changes to the Diving Permit Conditions. All D&S IFCA contacts that have provided an email address will be sent an email circular that provides more detail on each proposal. Other permit holders will be notified by post. We have asked some relevant questions about the proposals. Your answers (if you choose to engage) must be submitted by 12th April 2019. One option is to email your response to consultation@devonandsevernifca.gov.uk

What are the proposals?

In summary the topics are as follows:

- **Number of scallops that can be taken each calendar day by a recreational diver (Category Two Permit)**
- **Applying additional restrictions to protect Spiny Lobster**
- **To introduce some spatial restrictions within the Diving Permit Conditions**
- **To remove a reliance on a deeming clause that is within the Diving Permit Byelaw**

The information and questions have been set out for you to examine [here](#). Information is also posted on our [consultation page](#).

Why are we doing this?

Because we must. D&S IFCA must manage the exploitation of sea fisheries resources within its District. This is specified within the Marine & Coastal Access Act 2009.

The Diving Permit Conditions must be reviewed every three years. Background information about the process is set out in a [report](#). This information gathering exercise is the final phase of the Three-Year Review of Diving Permit Conditions. The D&S IFCA Byelaw & Permitting Sub-Committee, who are [tasked](#) with this work, will examine the findings of this consultation in May 2019 before taking a decision to potentially amend the Diving Permit Conditions.

Need more Information?

- If you haven't done so already, provide us with an email address to help us contact you and keep you informed about things that may affect you.
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