

A New D&S IFCA Exemptions Byelaw is Active

After a prolonged confirmation phase, the Exemptions Byelaw 2019 is now in force and applications for Authorisations (Exemptions/Dispensations) can be considered.



Exemptions Byelaw 2019

The Exemptions Byelaw 2019 was made by the Authority on 13th June 2019. After a prolonged quality assurance phase and to recognise legal advice, some modifications to the Byelaw were made after it was subjected to formal consultation.

The Exemptions Byelaw 2019 was confirmed by Defra on 14th April 2020 and enables the Authority to consider an application relating to scientific work or for stocking or breeding purposes where a fishing activity is undertaken that would otherwise be in contravention of one or more byelaws, or one or more of the permit conditions as set out in the byelaws.

The Exemptions Byelaw can be viewed [here](#).

Gaining an Authorisation

D&S IFCA has now developed an Authorisation Request Form for those seeking an authorisation that is often referred to as an “exemption” or “dispensation”.

The form can be viewed [here](#).

Please be aware that it can take up to 60 days of receipt of the application for it to be processed and potentially approved.

More Information

A new display page on the D&S IFCA website has been developed to provide more information about the Exemptions Byelaw, including how it was developed. In due course, D&S IFCA will populate [this website page](#) with more information about the authorisations that have been issued.

For any other queries relating to either the new Exemptions Byelaw 2019 or the Authorisation Request Form, please contact office@devonandsevernifca.gov.uk

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Exemptions Byelaw 2019 - Authorisation Request

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The Exemptions Byelaw 2019 enables the Authority to consider an application relating to scientific work or for stocking or breeding purposes where a fishing activity is undertaken that would otherwise be in contravention of one or more of the byelaws, or one or more of the permit conditions as set out in the Byelaws. The Byelaws and Permit Conditions can be viewed by visiting D&S IFCA's website. If you are in any doubt as to whether the intended activity requires an exemption, please contact D&S IFCA before completing this form.

Determination
The application shall be determined by the Authority within 60 days of receipt of the application at the Authority's office.

In making a determination under this byelaw, the Authority may consult with other persons as it deems appropriate.

Advice
If required, the Authority will be able to advise the potential applicant or applicants regarding the type and detail of information and evidence that must be submitted to support their application and the subsequent assessment of it.

Completing the Application Form
Please complete all requested details within the form before submitting. This should be done accurately in as much detail as possible. If requested information is missing this may result in the application being rejected or result in D&S IFCA refusing to proceed with the application until the failure is remedied.

Please send the completed application form to the office email address or alternatively post a completed form to the D&S IFCA office.

Your Responsibilities
It is your responsibility to check the details are correct before signing the declaration.

You must not carry out the activity for which the authorisation is required until this completed form has been sent to D&S IFCA and the application has been approved.

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