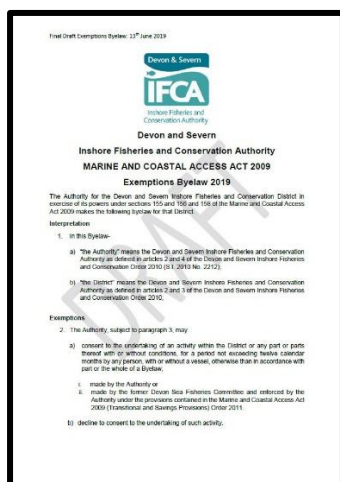


# Devon and Severn IFCA News

## Exemptions Byelaw 2019 To Be Confirmed?

**The Exemptions Byelaw 2019 enters its quality assurance phase before consideration by the Secretary of State**

During 2019, D&S IFCA have been developing a new Byelaw – The Exemptions Byelaw 2019.



The proposed [Exemptions Byelaw 2019](#) enables the Authority to consider and potentially grant or decline permission for the conducting of an activity that would otherwise be a contravention of a Byelaw or a Permit Condition within a Byelaw that the Authority has inherited or introduced.

There are different scenarios where the Authority and stakeholders can benefit from the issuing of authorisations (exemptions). This would include scientific work that could add to an existing evidence base or contribute to a longer-term data set, potential to explore new fisheries through pilot projects such as aquaculture or allow other activities such as gear recovery from a Marine Protected Area to be controlled.

The Exemptions Byelaw 2019 was subjected to a six-week formal consultation period in July and August 2019 where objections or support for its introduction could be raised. The Byelaw was advertised, along with the consultation [Impact Assessment](#) that accompanies it.

The responses were all compiled in a report that you can read [here](#) or by visiting the [Consultation Page](#) of the D&S IFCA website. [www.devonandsevernifca.gov.uk/consultation](http://www.devonandsevernifca.gov.uk/consultation)

The consultation findings were considered by the D&S IFCA Byelaw and Permitting Sub-Committee on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019 and, based on the supportive response received, no amendments were considered necessary to the draft Exemptions Byelaw 2019 that had been advertised.

### Quality Assurance

The MMO received the submission package from D&S IFCA on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019 and a 28 working day period for quality assurance will end on the 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019. After quality assurance the Byelaw will potentially be confirmed and will come into force on a specified date.

### **Need More Information?**

The D&S IFCA Byelaw & Permitting Sub-Committee (B&PSC) are tasked with byelaw review work and the development of new byelaws. More information about their work can be found in our [guide](#).

If the Byelaw is confirmed in due course, D&S IFCA will develop a website page on the Environment & Research drop down menu. This is where information will be posted about the number and types of exemptions being issued for different activities.

You can follow our work by visiting the D&S IFCA website. You can also contact us, and we will add you to our mailing list. You will then receive our free quarterly e-newsletter.