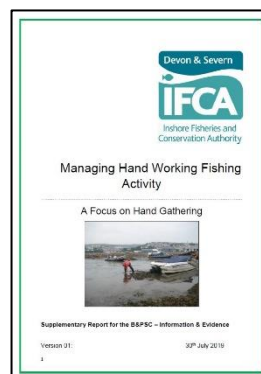


Devon and Severn IFCA News

Update on Hand Gathering

D&S IFCA asked for your views on the management of hand gathering. You told us, and a summary report has now been compiled.



A Call for Information – A Focus on Hand Gathering – campaign was conducted between 28th June and 26th July 2019. We asked all interested parties to examine the information we had prepared about the different hand gathering activities and then give us their views on how these fishing activities could or potentially should be managed in the D&S IFCA District. Your view is important and D&S IFCA would like to thank all of those that submitted a response.

What Happens Now?

The responses have been anonymised and summarised into a [report](#) which you can now read. Parts Six and Seven of the report focus on the information gathering exercise and the responses we received. This report will be presented and discussed by the D&S IFCA Byelaw and Permitting Sub-Committee at their meeting on 15th August 2019.

The focus on hand gathering is the last of a [three-phase plan](#) to review the many different types of Hand Working Fishing Activities that are conducted in the District. This included the use of crab tiles and the activity of bait digging. Reviewing the management of different fishing activities is a [key task for the D&S IFCA Byelaw and Permitting Sub-Committee](#). When all methods have been examined in more depth, options for management, including the potential introduction of new restrictions, will be considered in November 2019.

Do You Need More Information?

You can be added to our list of contacts by contacting D&S IFCA. You will then have on-going choices including receiving our free e-newsletter.

Keep an eye on our [CONSULTATION](#) page. Those on our contacts list will be directly notified by email about all our Call for Information campaigns.

The Hand Gathering Report is one of several items that will be presented to members of the Byelaw and Permitting Sub-Committee at their next meeting. The agenda and officer papers are posted on the D&S IFCA Website. You will find them on our [MEETINGS](#) page and also within section B of our [RESOURCE LIBRARY](#).