

# Devon and Severn IFCA News

## A Call for Information – Hand Gathering

**D&S IFCA are seeking your views on the management of hand gathering fishing activities**



D&S IFCA are inviting you to have your say on how, in your view, the many different hand gathering fishing methods could or should be managed in the D&S IFCA District. The information that is provided can potentially be added to D&S IFCA's baseline information.

### What is Hand Gathering?

There are many different methods that fall under the term "Hand Gathering". Examples would be hand collection of mussels, cockles, clams, winkles, limpets and other molluscan species. Other examples would include raking for cockles and clams, as well as seaweed harvesting and spear fishing to capture various sea fish.

D&S IFCA has already collected some information about the use of crab tiles and the activity of bait digging. This Call for Information is focussed on the remaining fishing methods.

D&S IFCA are circulating an electronic [information flyer](#) that provides more information on the methods that we have defined as hand gathering. The information flyer also gives you some information about our legacy byelaws that are being reviewed and some of our research work.

### What do D&S IFCA want to know?

- Do you conduct any of the hand gathering activities we have set out?
- Do you know other people who conduct hand gathering fishing activities?
- Where do you or others conduct hand gathering methods?
- How often do you or others conduct hand gathering activities?
- Do you think there is an issue with any of the hand gathering activities?
- Do you have any comments about the current Byelaws that are relevant to hand gathering fishing methods?
- Is further management or different restrictions required?
- How would any potential changes to the management of hand gathering fishing activities impact you or others?

## Why are D&S IFCA doing this?

D&S IFCA must manage the exploitation of sea fisheries resources within its District. As part of this work, we must review our Byelaws. This review is conducted by the [D&S IFCA Byelaw & Permitting Sub-Committee](#).

This information gathering exercise is the final part of a three-phase approach to gather information about different hand working fishing methods. It forms part of a [larger plan](#) for D&S IFCA to review the management of hand working fishing activities. The information collected will help D&S IFCA later this year when the different options for management will be discussed.

## How to respond

This is not a questionnaire, but you do have different options to choose from to submit your response by the closing date of 26<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

1. Contact us via email – [consultation@devonandsevernifca.gov.uk](mailto:consultation@devonandsevernifca.gov.uk)
2. Telephone us or come along in person to our office and speak to one of our officers during dedicated time slots which are as follows:

- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July (16.00 to 18.00 hrs)
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July (16.00 to 18.00 hrs)
- Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July (10.00 to 12.00 hrs)
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July (16.00 to 18.00 hrs)

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## More Information

Visit our consultation page for more information about this and the other consultation work we undertake. Contact D&S IFCA to be added to our mailing list. You can also subscribe to our free quarterly E-newsletter by contacting D&S IFCA.