# Devon and Severn IFCA News

## Enforcement Officers conduct weekend patrols

**Devon and Severn IFCA Enforcement Officers have been conducting weekend shore patrols around the District.**



Fishing activity is not a Monday to Friday 9-5 job or pastime, and neither is enforcing fisheries legislation. Enforcement Officers from the D&S IFCA operate outside of 'normal office hours' throughout the year and in different parts of the D&S IFCA District.  They work in the evenings, early mornings, weekends and bank holidays. Recently officers conducted a weekend patrol into the evening to monitor commercial and recreational fishing activities.

Officers can gain intelligence and observe fishing activities by conducting shore patrols.  On this weekend the officers conducted shore patrols in and around Brixham and Teignmouth. Officers were focusing on commercial vessels operating without a relevant permit to conduct those fishing activities.  Commercial vessels operating within the D&S IFCA District are required to have a permit for the use of mobile fishing gear, potting, netting and diving for lobster, crab and scallops.  The different permits and their conditions can be viewed on the D&S IFCA website either on the Enforcement & Legislation drop down menu or within the D&S IFCA website Resource Library.

If you wish to apply for a permit this can be done by contacting D&S IFCA or by using the on-line permit application facility by using this link.

**Intelligence Led Enforcement**

On this occasion there were no noticeable infringements observed.  Our enforcement work is targeted, and intelligence led, so if you see any suspicious fishing activity please report it to us, anonymously on 07740 175479.

**More Information**

If you have any questions about the permits that we issue, and the conditions attached to them then please contact us in the office via phone or email.

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