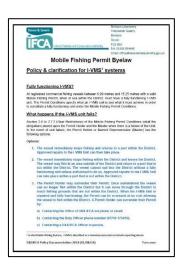
Devon and Severn IFCA News

Reminder to all Mobile Fishing Permit Holders

D&S IFCA would like to remind all Mobile Fishing Permit Holders of their obligation to ensure their Vessel Monitoring System is fully operational.





Devon and Severn IFCA have recently written to all Mobile Fishing Permit Holders to remind them of the conditions that need to be adhered to when operating in the D&S IFCA District.

The full conditions can be found in the Mobile Fishing Permit and on the D&S IFCA website at www.devonandsevernifca.gov.uk.

Links:

- Category One Mobile Fishing Permit Conditions
- Annexes (1-8) for the Category One Mobile Fishing Permit Conditions

D&S IFCA updated the Mobile Fishing Permit conditions on the 1st August 2018 to include the use of Vessel Monitoring Systems (VMS). Since the conditions relating to the use of VMS were brought in, the suppliers of the devices have continued to develop the technology to assist owners in monitoring the devices performance. The two devices currently in use are the SC2 by Succorfish and the VMS+ by AST Marine Services.

If you have the SC2 unit, Succorfish have an app that can be downloaded which offers a regular reporting service identifying whether the device is functional or not. If you have the AST VMS+ unit, there is a website that owners can view to monitor their devices. If you have any questions about the device you have, and how to monitor it, then please contact your provider.

A valid Mobile Fishing Permit is required so a vessel can operate legally in the D&S IFCA District. The VMS unit must be functioning correctly, or you need to act. D&S IFCA has created a Policy and Clarification Document to explain your choices if the VMS unit fails which can be viewed here. If the unit is repaired, then the submission to D&S IFCA of a copy of the engineer's report form is a condition of the Permit Conditions.