

Devon and Severn IFCA News

Devon and Severn IFCA Introduces New Potting Permit Byelaw Permit Conditions.

D&S IFCA is in the process of circulating new Potting Permit Conditions to all fishers that already had a Potting Permit on 9th August 2018.



The new permits are accompanied by four [Annexes](#) (Charts) that relate to the relevant paragraphs in the [Potting Permit Conditions](#). When this circulation process is complete, previous versions of the conditions will no longer be valid. New applicants will also receive the new permits.

What's new?

Key changes include:

1. **New Potting Permit Conditions to replace a reliance on the deeming clause;**
2. **New Potting Permit Conditions for the protection of spiny lobster that has recently cast its shell;**
3. **New Potting Permit Conditions to prohibit the removal of spiny lobster from MCZ areas;**
4. **New Potting Permit Conditions to protect populations of otters within estuaries;**
5. **New Potting Permit Conditions to introduce a 65mm minimum conservation reference size for whelk;**
6. **New Potting Permit Conditions to introduce a restriction for the Lundy Island No Take Zone;**
7. **Some Changes to Category Two Permit Conditions. (Gear – Only 5 pots can be hauled in any day which must be their own pots)**

How and why were the Potting Permits changed?

The changes are all part of the mandatory three-year review of the Potting Permit Conditions. A lengthy process was undertaken which included wide spread consultation. The whole process and decision making by the D&S IFCA Byelaw & Permitting Sub-Committee has been [documented in a report](#).

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