

Devon and Severn IFCA News

Planned and Reactive Enforcement Work

Enforcement Officers conduct planned and reactive patrols in the Salcombe and Plymouth areas.



Planned Work

On Tuesday 3rd March 2020, Devon and Severn IFCA officers conducted a planned patrol at Salcombe Harbour. The purpose of the patrol was to monitor the authorised scallop dredging activity being conducted within the estuary. Compliance patrols are a key part of enforcement work to make sure that fishers are adhering to the restrictions set out in the Category Two (estuary) Mobile Fishing [Permit Conditions](#) and the [Annexes](#) that accompany the Permit Conditions.

Reactive Work

Devon and Severn IFCA officers also responded to reports of a suspected illegal fixed net in Hooe lake that was reported to be positioned between the tower in the middle of the lake and a wooden structure nearby. Fixed nets within estuaries is prohibited. Netting within the D&S IFCA District is regulated by the [Netting Permit Conditions](#) and [Annexes](#) that accompany the Permit Conditions.

Due to the quick response of the Devon and Severn IFCA officers, they were able to identify the exact location of the suspected net and investigate the matter further. On a falling tide, it became clear that the rope seen around the tower was not attached to a net.

Although no offences were detected on either patrol, Devon and Severn IFCA officers have been able to show a presence in both areas and communicate with members of the public about the role of the IFCA and the enforcement work being undertaken.

Reporting Suspicious Fishing Activity

D&S IFCA makes use of intelligence received to target their enforcement operations and welcome any information concerning suspicious fishing activity. During office hours we can be contacted on 01803 854648. Out of office hours, we have a duty phone number (07740 175479) which can be used to report any suspicious fishing activity.

More Information

More information about the D&S IFCA enforcement team, the work they undertake, our list of investigations and different fisheries legislation can be found on the [Enforcement & Legislation](#) tab on the D&S IFCA Website.