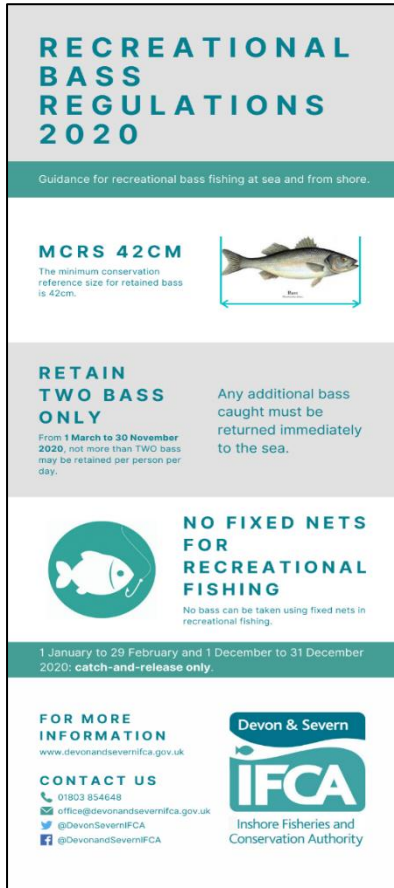


Devon and Severn IFCA News

Bass Fishing Information

Are you a Recreational Bass Fisher?

One of the many activities enjoyed in Devon, the Bristol Channel and Severn Estuary by visitors and locals alike is recreational angling. If you are new to the sport, or a seasoned angler, Devon and Severn IFCA would like to remind you that there is a Bass Compliance Direction in place within the District that is in force all year round.



RECREATIONAL BASS REGULATIONS 2020

Guidance for recreational bass fishing at sea and from shore.

MCRS 42CM
The minimum conservation reference size for retained bass is 42cm.

RETAIN TWO BASS ONLY
From 1 March to 30 November 2020, not more than TWO bass may be retained per person per day.

NO FIXED NETS FOR RECREATIONAL FISHING
No bass can be taken using fixed nets in recreational fishing.

1 January to 29 February and 1 December to 31 December 2020: **catch-and-release only**

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Bass Compliance Direction

It has been announced that the 2020 rules for recreational bass fishing have been rolled over for 2021. The 2020 rules are set out below.

<https://www.devonandsevernifca.gov.uk/Enforcement-Legislation/Bass>

Bass Nursery Areas

Bass Nursery Areas are set out within the Bass (Specified Areas) (Prohibition of Fishing) (Variation) Order 1999. There are restrictions on fishing for Bass in different areas at certain times of the year, including a prohibition on the use of Sand Eels as bait. For information on all nursery areas in the District, please see the link below.

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The Recreational Fishing for Bass Flyer (2020) can be viewed in full [here](#).

Enforcement Action

D&S IFCA's enforcement work is intelligence led. If you see any suspicious fishing activity, please report it to us on the duty telephone number 07740 175479.

Any person found breaching the legislation outlined above may be subject to enforcement action that can include receiving a Financial Administrative Penalty (FAP) or potential prosecution leading to court proceedings.

Please ensure you follow all the regulations detailed here and if you have any questions, please contact us on 01803 854648 or visit our '[Contact Us](#)' page on the website to get details on how to talk to one of our Enforcement Officers.

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