

# Devon and Severn IFCA News

## Sand Eel Trawling – Have Your Say

**D&S IFCA is inviting you to have your say on the development of Mobile Fishing Byelaw Permit Conditions to manage the activity of sand eel trawling for both commercial and recreational fishers.**



We are directly contacting everyone on our mailing list and are giving you options on how to respond. All stakeholders can respond even if they don't conduct the activity.

**The information gathering exercise ends on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020.**

If you wish to subscribe to our mailing list you can do so [here](#), and you will then receive direct notification of future D&S IFCA consultations.

D&S IFCA have produced some information about the proposals and set out some background information which you can read in full [here](#) by opening the pdf document. The circulated information includes the initial proposals, links (if reading in electronic format) to further information and explains how you can participate in the process. This information gathering exercise is based around six questions that are set out after some background information.

The proposals include developing catch, gear and spatial permit conditions that would be relevant to different fishers who could qualify for either a commercial (Category 3) or recreational (Category 4) permit; however, all fishers would need to use a vessel below seven metres in overall length in order to conduct the activity.

### How you can have your say

You have several options to choose from:

1. Contact us via email – [consultation@devonandsevernifca.gov.uk](mailto:consultation@devonandsevernifca.gov.uk)
2. Write to us
3. Telephone us and come along in person and speak to one of our officers during dedicated time slots which are as follows:

Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	(16.00 to 18.00 hrs)
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	(16.00 to 18.00 hrs)
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	(10.00 to 12.00 hrs)
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	(16.00 to 18.00 hrs)

### How will your information help us?

We will collate the information you provide, and this may help our Byelaw and Permitting Sub-Committee in their decision making. D&S IFCA protects any personal data it receives and has a privacy policy which you can read [here](#).