

Devon and Severn IFCA News

Scallop Closed Season – Have you had your say yet?

There is still time to have your say on the existing scallop closed season before the consultation ends on 9th October.



The opportunity still exists for you to have your say on the existing scallop closed season. The consultation doesn't end until 9th October.

Your view is important and D&S IFCA encourage you to notify others that may have an interest.

All stakeholders can respond even if they don't conduct fishing activity relevant to the scallop closed season.

What is the Scallop Closed Season?

During July, August and September each year, commercial fishers with a Category One Mobile Fishing Permit and a Category One Diving Permit cannot remove scallops from a fishery within D&S IFCA's District.

Why are D&S IFCA asking for your view?

The Mobile Fishing Permit Byelaw is already being reviewed and D&S IFCA will soon be reviewing the Diving Permit Byelaw.

The Byelaws must be reviewed after five years and the reviews and drafting work will extend into 2021. The reviews of each Byelaw provide an opportunity for the associated permit conditions to be examined. Giving you the opportunity to have your say is part of these review processes.

D&S IFCA has already contacted everyone on its mailing list and has produced some background information. This information has been directly circulated to those that have provided D&S IFCA with an email address.

The background information, topics and questions can be read [here](#) or by visiting D&S IFCA's website/[consultation page](#).

<https://www.devonandsevernifca.gov.uk/Consultation>

Although this information gathering exercise is based around some topics and questions, those that wish to respond are free to express their thoughts and expand their responses beyond the questions.

We will collate the information you provide, and this may help our [Byelaw and Permitting Sub-Committee](#) in their decision making. Work will continue during 2020 and 2021 re-drafting the Mobile Fishing Permit Byelaw, the Diving Permit Byelaw and the associated permit conditions. There will be further consultation in 2021 when each Byelaw is re-made.

How you can have your say:

Contact us via email:

consultation@devonandsevernifca.gov.uk

Write to us:

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Freshwater Quarry,
Brixham,
TQ5 8BA.

Do you want to be better informed?

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Please [contact us](#) if you would like to provide us with your email address or amend any details we already hold.

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What do we do with your information – Privacy Policy

We protect any personal data that you may provide. Personal data submitted in this information collecting process will be securely stored and may be shared with other organisations including Defra and the Marine Management Organisation. The content of responses will be summarised and anonymised where appropriate for documenting in reports that will be presented to the Byelaw & Permitting Sub-Committee and published on our website.

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www.devonandsevernifca.gov.uk

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