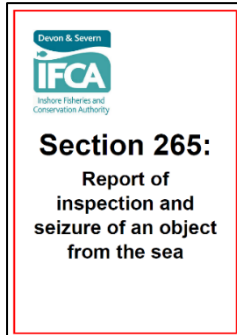


Devon and Severn IFCA Seize Pots

Do these pots belong to you?



At 0926 hours, on 23rd August 2022, Devon and Severn Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (D&S IFCA) Enforcement Officer Callum Bedford inspected static gear located at the entrance to Brixham Harbour.

The inspected gear consisted of:

- A. A string of 7x Inkwel style soft eye pots with attached line and buffs.

The pots were seized and are held in the D&S IFCA's gear storage compound.

The pots being, used for fishing for crab and lobster were seized because:

- a) The pots were not clearly marked with the vessel name or Permit number.
- b) The pots contained insufficient escape gaps.

Devon and Severn IFCA Potting Permit Byelaw

During the period specified in Section 4.1, a permit holder or named representative is not authorised under this Permit, to use for the purpose of fishing for crab, lobster or spiny lobster, within the District any pot where the entrance or entrances to the pot or internal chamber of the pot are constructed from netting and are designed to prevent shellfish exiting unless;

- a) the pot is fitted with an escape gap

2.1.2 Any escape gap must;

- a) be located in the exterior wall of the pot or in the case of a multiple chambered pot each individual chamber must have an unobstructed escape gap located in its exterior wall;
- b) be of sufficient size that there may be passed through the gap a rigid, box shaped gauge, 84 millimetres wide by 46 millimetres high and 100 millimetres long;

A permit holder or named representative is not authorised under this Permit to use any pots, for the purpose of fishing, within the District unless all individual pots or each string or shank of pots is clearly marked by at least one floating marker (buoy or dahn). Each of these

buoys or dahns shall be clearly marked with either the relevant fishing vessels registration (port, letters and numbers) of the vessel named on the Permit or the Permit number.

Claiming the Pots

If you believe these pots are yours then please contact the D&S IFCA Office or Enforcement Officer Callum Bedford.

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Tel: 01803 854648

Enforcement Officer: c.bedford@devonandsevernifca.gov.uk

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It is proposed that D&S IFCA will retain the pots and conduct an investigation.