

Devon and Severn IFCA News

Severn and Somerset Netting Patrols

Devon and Severn IFCA Enforcement Officers have conducted patrols of the Severn Estuary



Enforcement Officers from Devon and Severn IFCA (D&S IFCA) have recently done a number of patrols around the Somerset Coast and the Severn Estuary. One of the main aims of the patrols was to enforce the D&S IFCA [Netting Permit Byelaw](#) in the area and inform local fishers of the permit conditions that the Byelaw sets out.

The Severn has the second highest tidal range in the world and as such can be a very challenging environment in which to fish, with traditional fishing methods still employed in many of the coastal towns and fishing villages along the northern coasts of Somerset and Devon. Netting is a popular fishing activity within the Severn, with fishers using many different types of nets to catch a variety of species of fish.

The D&S IFCA Netting Permit Byelaw was brought in on the 8th May 2018 to manage netting activities within the D&S IFCA District. This byelaw brought in the need for anyone (commercial and recreational fishers) wishing to fish with a net to possess a D&S IFCA Netting Permit. The permit contains a [number of conditions](#) and has separate [Annexes](#) (charts) to help manage and regulate netting activity. A Netting Permit costs £20 and lasts for 2 years.

How can you get a Netting Permit?

You can get an application form for a permit by contacting D&S IFCA. Permits can also be purchased on the D&S IFCA [website](#).

For further information or queries about the Netting Byelaw please contact the DSIFCA Office on 01803 854648 or email info@devonandsevernifca.gov.uk