

Devon and Severn IFCA News

River Teign Patrols

D&S IFCA's Enforcement Officers conduct shore patrols in and around the Teign Estuary focussing on bass nursery area legislation.



With lockdown restrictions being eased, people are making the most of the nice weather and returning to sea and rivers to fish recreationally. Officers from D&S IFCA have recently patrolled the River Teign to ensure the public are adhering to the Bass Nursery Area restrictions. We are pleased to report on the day that the river was patrolled all fishing from Shaldon beach and around the Shaldon bridge area was being conducted legally.

Bass

The Bass Nursery Area on the River Teign is active between the 30th April and the 1st November. During this time, you are **prohibited** from retaining **any** bass caught from a boat or use sand eel as bait. If you are fishing from the shore, then you can retain no more than **two** bass per person and from the 1st December 2020 this will revert to catch and release. The Minimum Conservation Reference Size (MCRS) for any bass to be retained is **42CM**, measured from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail fin.

D&S IFCA has information about current bass regulations posted on its website. You can view the website display page [here](#).

Mussel & Cockles

Concerns have again been raised regarding the amounts of mussels and cockles being collected from the Salty. Despite several hand gatherers being active, no illegal activity was observed by officers. We would like to take the opportunity to reiterate that the temporary closure of shellfish beds, implemented on 1st May 2019, still applies on both the Exe and the Teign Estuary but only applies to the collection of mussels.

Intelligence Led Enforcement

On this occasion there were no noticeable infringements observed. Our enforcement work is targeted, and intelligence led and therefore if you wish to report any suspicious or illegal fishing activity then please contact us on 07740 175479, anonymously if required.