



Inshore Insights

Winter Newsletter 2019

Welcome to our e-newsletter.
It provides you with an insight into some of our core work that is all related to the management of Inshore Fisheries.

Click [here](#) to view the 2019 - 2020 D&S IFCA Annual Plan

You can visit our website www.devonandsevernifca.gov.uk for more information and news items.

Our Headline News

D&S IFCA prepare to make a new Hand Working Permit Byelaw



During 2019 D&S IFCA has been reviewing the management of hand working types of fishing activities. Hand working is a collective term that D&S IFCA has used to describe three different sub-groups of fishing activities. These include bait digging, the use of crab tiles and a group of fishing activities known as hand gathering. The hand collection of cockles and mussels is a good example of hand gathering.



During 2019, D&S IFCA has collated information and evidence about each sub-group of activity. Stakeholders were invited to have their say on these activities and how in their view they could or should be managed. Maybe you had your say in one of the three separate call for information campaigns as documented in the reports below:

- [Crab Tiles](#)
- [Bait Digging](#)
- [Hand Gathering](#)

On the 14th November 2019, the D&S IFCA Byelaw & Permitting Sub-Committee discussed the different options that exist to manage hand working types of fishing activity as set out in a report which you can read [here](#). The development of a new byelaw was the option selected, however it is envisaged that it will be a slightly different regulatory format as compared to the D&S IFCA permit based byelaws already implemented to manage other fishing activity such as mobile fishing, potting, netting or diving for crab, lobster and scallop.

Drafting Work

The Hand Working Permit Byelaw will take time to develop and work will continue throughout 2020. The potential need for a permit to conduct the different activities will become a factor in the on-going drafting work. It is envisaged that the requirement for a permit to conduct bait collection and hand gathering will be dependent on the amounts of resource taken. The Hand Working Permit Byelaw would introduce fixed provisions that apply to all persons. Fixed provisions are expected to include a series of catch limits (bag limits) for different species (sea fisheries resources) that are targeted by different types of hand working fishing methods. The bag limits would provide an upper level of catch (a threshold) that would apply to all persons but providing the individual take of the specified species was below the levels set for personal use, it is not envisaged that a permit would be required for the collection of the resources. Commercial activity would exceed the bag limits for recreational take and would therefore be regulated by conditions of use that would be placed in the permits issued by D&S IFCA. In early 2020, D&S IFCA will be seeking the views of all stakeholders to better inform the decision making needed to set the initial bag limits. Look out for our call for information emails or keep an eye on our website consultation page to engage and follow the progress.

The Achievements of D&S IFCA Published in 2018/2019 Annual Report

The Annual Report for the 2018 to 2019 period is divided into core work areas.

- Management of Fishing Activities (including byelaw and permit condition development)
- Compliance
- Evidence/Research
- Internal Process (including communication)

Aims of the Annual Report:

- To be easy to understand and to be effective as a means of reporting;
- To demonstrate the status of workstreams as compared to those identified in the 2018-19 D&S IFCA Annual Plan.
- To highlight which work streams, have been completed by 31st March 2019, or remain on track for completion by the original deadlines;
- To highlight why some workstreams were not completed or not progressed;
- To provide a more in-depth account of specific key tasks (case studies).



The monitoring of identified workstreams and documenting which tasks remain on-going or are incomplete has been fundamental in the creation of the D&S IFCA 2019-20 Annual Plan.

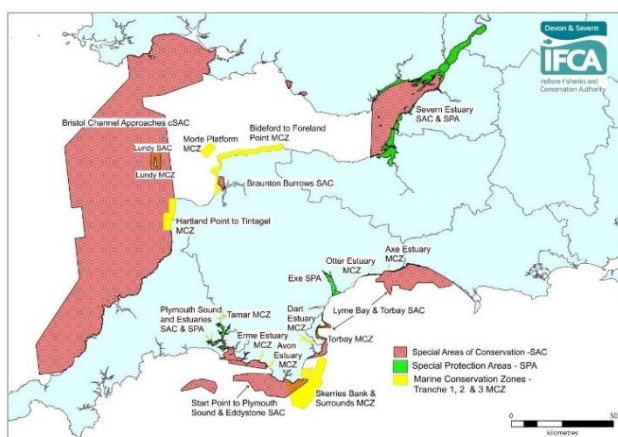
The use of case studies has been used in this report to further explain successful completion of some key tasks.

You can read the 2018/19 Annual Report [here](#).

Other Reports

D&S IFCA has also published a quadrennial report that covers the period 2015 to 2018. This can be read [here](#).

D&S IFCA face new challenges as new MCZ sites are announced

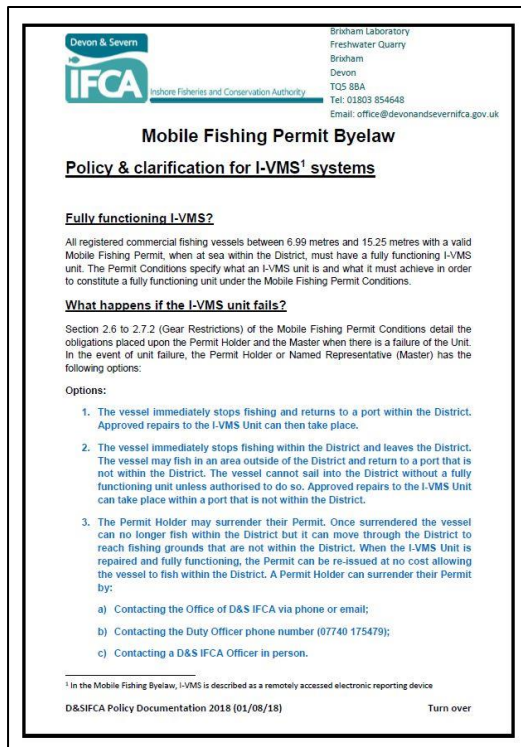


Environment Secretary Michael Gove has announced the creation of 41 new Marine Conservation Zones (MCZs), six of which are located within the D&S IFCA's District. These new designations bring the total number of MCZs in the D&S IFCA's District to 12. 42.3% of the D&S IFCA's District is now covered by Marine Protected Area designations including MCZs. D&S IFCA has a legal duty to seek to ensure that the conservation objectives of any MCZ are furthered.

You can read more about Marine Protected Areas on our [website display page](#).

Enforcement Related News & Information

Reminder to all Mobile Fishing Permit Holders



D&S IFCA would like to remind all Mobile Fishing Permit Holders of their obligation to ensure their Vessel Monitoring System is fully operational.

Devon and Severn IFCA have recently written to all Mobile Fishing Permit Holders to remind them of the conditions that need to be adhered to when operating in the D&S IFCA District.

The full conditions can be found in the Mobile Fishing Permit and on the D&S IFCA website.

Specific links:

[Category One Mobile Fishing Permit Conditions](#)

[Annexes \(1-8\) for the Category One Mobile Fishing Permit Conditions](#)

D&S IFCA updated the Mobile Fishing Permit conditions on the 28th August 2018 to include the use of Vessel Monitoring Systems (VMS). Since the conditions relating to the use of VMS were brought in, the suppliers of the devices have continued to develop the technology to assist owners in monitoring the devices performance. The two devices currently in use are the SC2 by Succorfish and the VMS+ by AST Marine Services.

If you have the SC2 unit, Succorfish have an app that can be downloaded which offers a regular reporting service identifying whether the device is functional or not. If you have the AST VMS+ unit, there is a website that owners can view to monitor their devices. If you have any questions about the device you have, and how to monitor it, then please contact your provider.

Options if the unit fails

A valid Mobile Fishing Permit is required so a vessel can operate legally in the D&S IFCA's District. The VMS unit must be functioning correctly, or you need to act.

D&S IFCA has created a Policy and Clarification Document to explain your choices if the VMS unit fails which can be viewed [here](#).

If the unit is repaired, then the submission to D&S IFCA of a copy of the engineer's report form is a condition of the Permit Conditions.

Market Inspections and reported Illegal Bass Fishing

Devon and Severn IFCA enforcement officers focus on evening fish market inspections & bass compliance in the Bigbury-on-Sea area.



Enforcement Officers from D&S IFCA work a variety of un-social hours and conduct partnership including working with the Marine Management Organisation to achieve different enforcement objectives. During October, increased spells of evening work included shore inspections at the Bigbury-on-Sea area and visits to the Plymouth Fish Market to inspect landings.

D&S IFCA operates an intelligence led and risk-based approach to enforcement. During September and October, officers received increased intelligence that people have been fishing and illegally retaining multiple bass from the shore areas at Bigbury-on-Sea. Although not a locally introduced restriction (Byelaw), D&S IFCA officers assist the Marine Management Organisation in enforcing the EU Bass Legislation.

Outcomes

No offences were detected as a result of the market inspections. Two separate evening shore patrols in October of the Bigbury-on-Sea Beach area resulted in 6 inspections of anglers. No offences were detected, but D&S IFCA will continue to encourage the reporting of suspicious fishing activity as strong intelligence can help our enforcement officers plan future operations.

Reporting suspicious fishing activity

If you would like to report any suspicious fishing activity you can call our out of hours duty phone: 07740 175 479.

Helping you to understand the bass restrictions

- Between 1st January and 31st March 2019, it is **catch and release only** for recreational fishers.
- Between 1st April and 31st October 2019, a bag limit of one fish per day is allowed.
- Between 1st November and 31st December 2019, it is **catch and release only** for recreational fishers.

During the periods of catch and release, recreational fishers are not allowed to retain any Bass. Any Bass caught must be immediately returned to the water. The amended Regulation can be viewed in full online [here](#).

Fish Sizes

The Minimum Conservation Reference Size (MCRS) for Bass remains at 42cm for commercial fishers and D&S IFCA permit holders. For a list of fish and shellfish sizes, click [here](#) to view the D&S IFCA Minimum Size Guide which can also be found on the D&S IFCA website, under the Enforcement & Legislation tab.

D&S IFCA and Applied Genomics Collaboration

D&S IFCA Officers trained to assist with sampling work using the patrol vessel David Rowe

Background



In 2018 Applied Genomics was engaged by Natural England to undertake a feasibility study of our high-volume marine environmental DNA (eDNA) using a sampler as a tool for monitoring inshore fish communities.

Devon and Severn IFCA assisted by providing the Enforcer RIB and crew so the sampler could be deployed in three benthic habitat types (rock, mud and kelp) at locations near the Brixham Environmental Laboratory. The sampler collected each sample over two tidal cycles (25 hours). Samples were then processed in the labs of Applied Genomics and the results were published in a report.

The data collected from samples, accompanied with the report secured further funding from Natural England and Applied genomics are requesting assistance from the D&S IFCA now the project has been continued and expanded.

Secured funding includes payments towards the running costs of the D&S IFCA RIB, DAVID ROWE and crew in transporting the sampling devices to the new sites, Start Bay and Lyme Bay.

Sampling Plan 2019/20

The sampling plan for 2019/ 2020 involves collecting 6 samples a month along the southwest coast of England with two samples being collected from Cornwall IFCA, D&S IFCA and Southern IFCA. The revamped study will investigate the spatial and temporal separation of sampling sites and sampling frequency that are required to deliver reliable results. It is believed that the increased number of samples collected across the study area will enable Applied Genomics to draw meaningful inference from the resulting data.



The eDNA samplers need to be deployed for a total of 25 hours and each deployment and recovery demands approximately 3 hours of staff time. D&S IFCA officers have now been trained in the correct deployment and recovery of the eDNA devices and will look to incorporate this work into their enforcement activities at sea.

Investigations Table

The table below provides an overview of D&S IFCA investigations and their status.

Date of Offence	Offence Type	Status
08/03/19	Non-operational IVMS	Ongoing.
31/05/19	Retention of crab less than the minimum conservation reference size	Financial Administrative Penalty issued.
31/05/19	Retention of whelks less than the minimum conservation reference size	Financial Administrative Penalty issued.
06/06/19	Exceeding the recreational bass bag limit restriction	No further action.
19/06/19	Retention of whelk less than the minimum conservation reference size	Official Written Warning issued.
25/06/19	Fishing without a permit	Under consideration.
30/06/19	Non-compliant pots - Cat 2 Tags	No further action. Not in public interest. Advice letter sent out.
30/06/19	Non-compliant pots - Cat 2 Tags	No further action. Advice letter sent.
04/07/19	Fishing without a permit	Official Written Warning issued.
09/07/19	Retention of lobster less than minimum conservation reference size	Under consideration.
10/07/19	Fishing without a permit	Under consideration.
17/07/19	Netting in an estuary (Dart).	No persons identified.
18/07/19	Diving for scallops during the closed period	Official Written Warning issued.
04/08/19	Non-operational IVMS	Under consideration
20/08/19	Non-compliant wrasse pots – Tag offence	Summons issued, hearing 3rd December.
01/09/19	Non-compliant pots – Escape gap offence	Under consideration
03/09/19	Spatial incursion Annex 2	Ongoing.
07/09/19	Fishing without a permit	Ongoing.
23/09/19	Fishing without a permit	No further action. Advice letter sent.
29/09/19	Fishing without a permit	Ongoing.
03/10/19	Fishing without a valid licence	Insufficient evidence to prove operation in the District.
30/10/19	Fishing without a valid licence	Passed to MMO.
01/11/19	Spatial Incursion Annex 5	Ongoing.
01/11/19	Non-operational IVMS	Ongoing.
08/11/19	Spatial Incursion Annex 5	Ongoing.
24/11/19	Spatial Incursion Annex 5	Ongoing.

Reporting Suspicious Fishing Activity

We use the intelligence we receive to target our enforcement work. If you see any suspicious fishing within the D&S IFCA District then please report it directly to us, anonymously on:

07740 175 479

Do you need a permit?

D&S IFCA issue permits to manage different fishing activities. These include:

- Mobile Fishing (Trawling, Scallop Dredging & Ring Netting)
- Potting
- Netting
- Diving for crab, lobster and scallops

If you conduct these fishing methods, you need a permit. Visit our [on-line permit application facility](#) or contact the office to get an application form. Have a look at our [enforcement page](#) and scroll down to examine the different permits to see what conditions of use apply.

Are Your D&S IFCA Permit Details Up to Date?

Devon and Severn IFCA Application Form for a Category One (At Sea) Mobile Fishing Permit

The completion of this application form places legal obligations upon the Permit Holder. Breach of these legal obligations may lead to prosecution. It is the Permit Holder's responsibility to submit the correct information for the application to be processed. Incorrect information will invalidate the Permit. D&S IFCA must be notified in writing if there are any changes to the information submitted on this application form.

For more information about this form contact D&S IFCA by email Office@devonandsevernifca.gov.uk or telephone 01803 554648

*Please tick the box to state that the above information is understood: ☐

What is your current permit number (if a renewal)?

The Permit is issued to the name of the vessel which may be a person, persons, or a company:

Part 1:

Please complete this section if the vessel is owned by a company. If not then please go to Part 2.

*Name of Company	
*Registered Address of Company	
*Email Address and/or Mobile Telephone Number of Company	

Version control: Mobile Application (Cat 1) – August 2019

*Must be completed including Not Applicable if appropriate

Different application forms are used so you can give us the correct details which allow us to process your permit. Without providing us with the information we need, we can't issue your permit.

Please be aware that the completion of an application form places legal obligations upon the Permit Holder.

Breach of these legal obligations may lead to prosecution.

The details you provide get recorded on our data base and relate to the use of your permit.

Please keep us informed

- **It is important to keep us informed of any changes because incorrect information may invalidate your permit.**

It is the Permit Holders' responsibility to make sure that all the details provided on the Permit Application Form are correct at the time of application and remain correct, so the permit remains valid. For commercial fishers this includes the details of any Owners or Masters of a fishing vessel. If you haven't yet informed us about your Masters (Skippers) please get in touch as soon as possible. If you need to contact us because you are unsure what information we hold regarding your permit, or if you wish to update us, please do so by contacting our offices in writing (or email) using the details below:

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Brixham Laboratory, Freshwater Quarry, Brixham, Devon, TQ5 8BA

Permitting Officer: o.pepper@devonandsevernifca.gov.uk

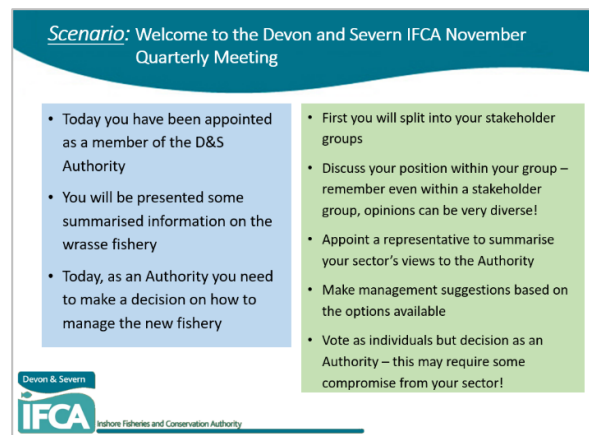
D&S IFCA protects the personal data of permit holders.

D&S IFCA has a privacy policy which is posted on the D&S IFCA website and can be read [here](#).

Environment & Research News

D&S IFCA Workshop for MSc Marine Conservation Students

D&S IFCA Officers hosted University of Plymouth's MSc Marine Conservation students at a workshop to discuss the scope and detail of the work of the IFCA and to undertake a role play exercise to determine possible management measures for an emerging fishery.



Twenty-Four students on the MSc Course in Marine Conservation headed up by Professor Martin Attrill of the University of Plymouth attended a workshop organised and hosted by D&S IFCA Officers in Brixham.

The day was split into two parts – the morning session allowed D&S IFCA the opportunity to describe the broad range of duties and activities undertaken by the D&S IFCA, such as: enforcement and compliance monitoring; MPA management; mariculture; habitat mapping; fishing activity surveys; finfish and shellfish research; marine licence application consultations and planning.

The afternoon session was in the format of a role play workshop replicating a D&S IFCA committee meeting. The students were split into marine sectoral groups and given the scenario of an emerging fishery. Each group then discussed their position in relation to how to manage the fishery and then presented their options. All options were considered by the students and then as individuals they voted on their preferred management measures. This role play replicated an Authority meeting where each member, who represents a sector or agency, give their evidence and thoughts on how to manage such as fishery and then votes on proposed measures. The workshop was a great success and the students preferred options were in fact similar to those proposed by D&S IFCA for a real-life situation, where D&S IFCA had to decide [appropriate measures to manage the Live Wrasse Fishery](#).

One of the students, Eden Amos, contacted D&S IFCA officers after the workshop and gave the following praise *"Thank you for a great workshop simulating the fisheries management issues the IFCA faces! So inspiring to see such responsibility for our inshore marine environment handled so capably and by such a small team who are required to be scientists, policy makers, enforcers and community leaders alike in their efforts to conserve our marine environment in a constantly shifting landscape! Our IFCA's perform a vital role within our statutory marine management community!"*

D&S IFCA has committed its continued participation in this new University of Plymouth MSc Marine Conservation course and this workshop was the first year of our involvement. The IFCA has also agreed to host MSc student placements and has offered two research projects for 2020.

A pdf of the presentations given during morning session, describing the work of the IFCA, is available [here](#).

Somerset Fishermen Undertake Sampling for Bristol Channel Herring Project

Commercial herring fishermen from Minehead in Somerset have joined forces with scientists and fisheries managers from Swansea University, the Blue Marine Foundation and Devon and Severn IFCA to study herring in the Bristol Channel.



Fishermen from Minehead in Somerset believe that herring are spawning locally in the Bristol Channel, something that has never been recorded or documented, despite a commercial fishery for herring existing in the area for thousands of years. The fishermen have teamed up with Swansea University, D&S IFCA and the Blue Marine Foundation, under the [Marine Pioneer Programme](#), in order to improve the knowledge of herring stock structure in the Bristol Channel. Herring genetics are also being looked at, to see how those caught at Minehead and Clovelly are related to herring caught elsewhere in the Severn Estuary, Bristol Channel and Celtic Sea. This part of the work has been supported by the [SEACAMS-2 project](#), and led by Swansea University.

Initial findings have confirmed that herring are spawning locally at both Clovelly and Minehead and that the genetic population structure in the Bristol Channel is likely to be extremely complex. These new findings have implications for the management of commercial fisheries and, crucially, the management of marine developments in the Severn Estuary which have the potential to impact local herring populations. The need for a better understanding of the geographic structure of fish populations has been highlighted in the [D&S IFCA Annual Plan](#).

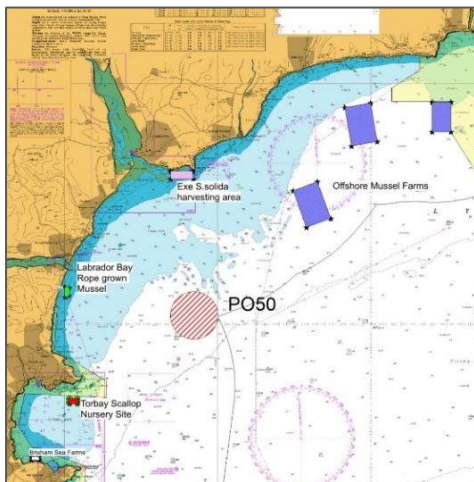
The results also support the need for an Ecosystem Approach to the management of fish stocks, where all the activities which have the potential to impact a population are considered. This is something D&S IFCA are currently advocating for.

Response to Exmouth Marina Dredge Licence Variation

Devon and Severn IFCA respond to a Variation on the Marine Licence to Dispose of Dredge Material from Exmouth Marina at Sea

Background

In 2017 Exmouth Marina Ltd was granted a licence (L/2017/00034/1) by the MMO for a 10-year period to dispose of a maximum of 10,000 wet tonnes of dredged material per annum at licensed disposal site PO070, located between Sprey Point and Teignmouth.



However, in February 2019 after the last disposal event, black sand appeared on the amenity beaches adjacent to the disposal site. It was suspected that the dredged material was migrating onto the beaches nearby. In response to this, Exmouth Marina Ltd has submitted a variation request to change the disposal location of dredged material to site PO050 located 7.7km further offshore and reduce the overall dredge and disposal volumes. A scoping report has been produced by MarineSpace on behalf of Exmouth Marina Ltd and can be read [here](#).

Diagram above: Mariculture Sites between Torbay and Lyme Bay and location of PO050 Disposal Site

Diagram below: IVMS Track of one vessel (commercial trawler) fishing in the PO050 area

D&S IFCA's Response



D&S IFCA was asked to respond to the scoping study and licence variation request. D&S IFCA's response highlights the potential impacts the disposal of the dredge material at the new site PO050 and includes concerns relating to:

Inshore Fisheries

Very little information is included in the scoping report on the fisheries that take place in the vicinity of PO050 disposal site.

D&S IFCA, in its response, included charts

of the commercial Potting and Netting fisheries taking place between Torbay and Lyme Bay, which indicate the importance of this area to the inshore fleet. D&S IFCA is aware that at least 20 mobile fishing vessels (and at certain times of the year, many more) operate in the PO050 disposal site. Charts of IVMS plots of six mobile fishing vessels (demersal and pelagic trawlers, and scallop dredgers) were also included in the response and clearly indicated the importance of this area of South Devon to these fishing sectors.

Fish populations, spawning and nursery grounds

The scoping report highlights the importance of the area for fish, in particular the essential fish habitats including spawning and nursery grounds yet concludes that the impact of fisheries and ecology will be negligible. D&S IFCA raised concerns that the disposal in this area would smother and contaminate these habitats.

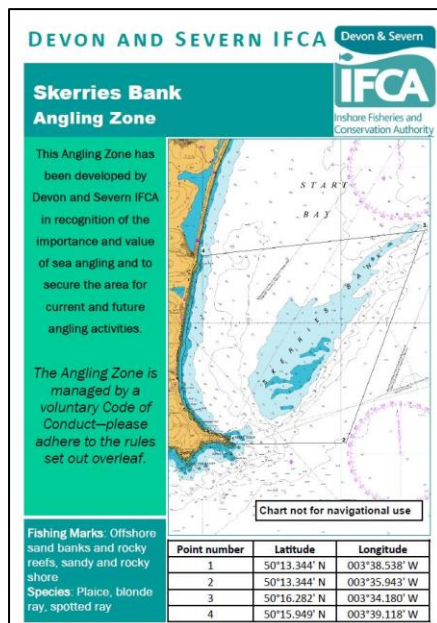
Mariculture

D&S IFCA's response included charts of the location of mariculture sites in the vicinity of PO050 site and describes its concerns relating to the movement and migration of the material though tides, currents and storm on the mariculture production sites and quality of the shellfisheries

Other areas of concern were also emphasised by D&S IFCA and included vulnerability of sensitive benthic species located close to the site; the shortcomings of the predictive modelling of sediment transport; the lack of inclusion in the modelling of wave dynamics or wind driven circulation; and the absence of calibration and validation of the model. D&S IFCA's response can be read [here](#).

Baseline report for Skerries Angling Zone now complete

D&S IFCA has produced a baseline report on the temporal and spatial use of the Skerries Bank Angling Zone by different fisheries user groups.



D&S IFCA has a duty to seek to balance the different needs of persons engaged in the exploitation of sea fisheries resources in the District. Recreational Sea Angling (RSA) was one of three core work areas in the D&S IFCA's Annual Plans between 2012 & 2015.

Following the publication of the [Recreational Sea Angling Strategy](#) D&S IFCA worked with RSA representatives to identify potential areas/sites where appropriate fisheries management would proactively develop the RSA sector.

After a series of consultation events the Skerries Bank was one of three sites chosen to pilot spatial management to protect important areas for sea angling from conflicts with fishing sectors.

A [voluntary code of conduct](#) was created which aimed to balance the needs of the various user groups. In addition, a monitoring plan was developed to collect data via surveys, interviews and completion of commercial logbooks, on the use of the site by different user groups. These data will help D&S IFCA understand how different user groups use the site throughout the year and monitor compliance with the voluntary code of conduct. Analysis of the data has now been completed and the report can be found [here](#).

What conclusions can be made from the data?

The baseline data highlights the importance of the site to all fishing sectors and there is much overlap, both spatially and temporally in their use of the site. However, several limitations of the data mean that a complete picture of the user groups use of the site was not possible. In the absence of socio-economic analyses, the continued development of a co-management approach appears to be the most appropriate way forward.

Next steps:

1. Repeat the engagement work which took place in 2014 to compare each user group's perception about the current activity levels of different sectors against the baseline recorded in this report.
2. Consideration of further monitoring work to overcome some of the limitations of the data e.g. a more in-depth consideration of temporal differentiation in sectoral use of the site. It is the Government's intention to introduce IVMS on all commercial fishing vessels by 2021, so any monitoring work should be conscious of this commitment.
3. A review of the status of the key stocks (only possible over broad geographic scales) and local landings of the same species to understand the conflict on a broader spatial scale.
4. A more in-depth review of the success of spatial/ temporal management for the development of one or multiple user groups elsewhere will aid decisions on the future management of the site.
5. The additional work on the Skerries Angling Zone should feed into a renewed Angling Strategy, which should be included in the D&S IFCA's Annual Plan for 2020-2021.

Interested in our angling work?

D&S IFCA Officers have developed an [Angling Page](#) for our Website.

South West IFCA's receive Seafish Authority funding for Spiny Lobster work

Devon and Severn IFCA, Cornwall IFCA and Isles of Scilly IFCA has received £5,752 from Seafish to aid research work into the movement, growth rates and larval settlement of spiny lobsters (crawfish) in the coastal waters of South West of England.



D&S IFCA prepared a project proposal to request funding for consumables to aid research into the populations of spiny lobsters in the South West. On 29th October 2019, the Seafish South West Advisory Committee met and discussed the proposal. The committee agreed that funds, from Seafish SW Budget for 2019/2020, would be granted to the SW IFCA's to purchase streamer tags and components to make up six post larvae (puerile) artificial settlement structures to be deployed in spring 2020.

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The three IFCA's are working collaborative to gather evidence on spiny lobster movements and growth rates through tagging, working with the fishing industry to achieve this. Fishers are collecting data on the sizes and sexes of spiny lobsters caught to understand the population structure and identify cohort size classes that will eventually recruit into the fishery. Members of the fishing industry have identified their concerns in relation to the possible future increases in landings and wish to avoid a boom and bust fishery. [Read More:](#)

Interested in our Environment & Research Work?

If you're interested in our Environment and Research work, you can find some informative information on the D&S IFCA [Environment & Research website display pages](#).

There is also a large collection of reports and published information in [Section H of our website Resource Library](#)

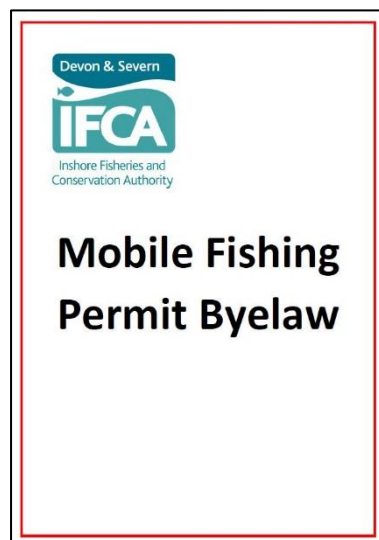
Have Your Say

D&S IFCA Consultations/Have Your Say

All stakeholders are invited to have their say in our Call for Information Campaigns. There are some new consultations being planned and stakeholders on our mailing list will be directly notified about them all.

The Review of the Mobile Fishing Permit Byelaw

New permits for Sand Eel Trawling



The existing Mobile Fishing Permit Byelaw is being reviewed by the D&S IFCA Byelaw and Permitting Sub-Committee (B&PSC).

A review of the Byelaw must take place every 5 years.

To date, the review has already highlighted some potential changes to the wording in the Byelaw and potential changes to the permit conditions that are issued under the Byelaw.

It is envisaged that the activity of sand eel trawling will need to be managed via 2 new types of Mobile Fishing Permits (Category 3 and 4).

These new permits will be for recreational and commercial sand eel trawling. D&S IFCA will be seeking your views on the proposed sand eel permit conditions in late December 2019 and early 2020.

What happens with the information you provide?

Your information is collated, anonymised and summarised into reports. These reports are presented to the D&S IFCA Byelaw & Permitting Sub-Committee (B&PSC). Your response can assist the decision making of the B&PSC who review and develop new byelaws and permit

conditions. In 2020 work will continue developing a re-made version of the Mobile Fishing Permit Byelaw. When drafting work is complete, the amended Mobile Fishing Permit Byelaw and all the associated permit conditions will be subjected to a period of formal consultation.

Keep yourself Informed

When a consultation is about to begin, we directly notify all our permit holders (fishers) and all our contacts on our email mailing list. You may not want to engage and if so, just ignore the email.

Our [consultation page](#) on our website is also a good place to follow the development of new byelaws and/or changes to conditions of use in permit conditions.

We have a duty to consult with our permit holders. If you are not a permit holder you can choose to unsubscribe from our mailing list by contacting D&S IFCA.

Other Information

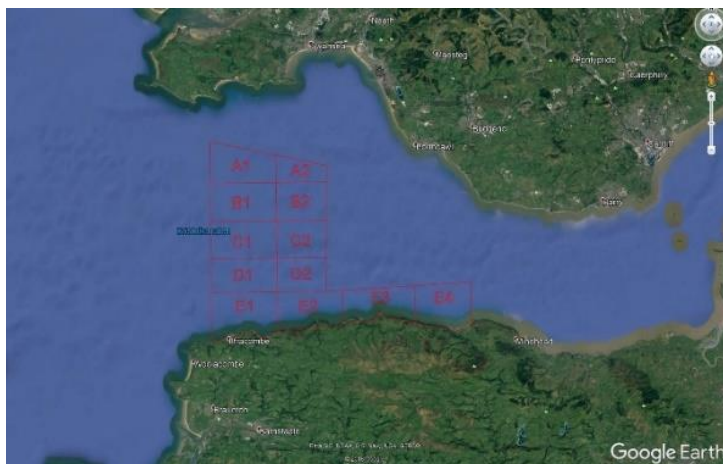
Update to Fishers - Hydrographic Survey Work to be conducted in the D&S IFCA District



The 19-metre survey vessel Northern Wind is set to conduct hydrographic survey work in the Bristol Channel. The vessel has been berthed in Penarth Marina and the survey team (which does not include D&S IFCA staff) wish to keep fishers in this area informed about the work to help avoid any complications.

Why & Where?

The 19-metre survey vessel Northern Wind is set to conduct a hydrographic survey work to update Admiralty Charts. The work will be conducted in the D&S IFCA District in the Ilfracombe to Minehead coastal area.



What equipment will be used?

The survey will not include the use of any towed or trailed equipment and it is not expected to interfere with any other vessel or any set of fishing gear, but as highly sensitive Multi Beam Echo Sounders as well as highly sensitive motion sensors are being used, a wide berth is requested and if possible, passing vessels are requested to reduce speed.

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Tom Watson, who is trying to inform a wide audience said;

“Please make sure that any creels or pots that you have in the survey area are clearly marked and buoyed to avoid fouling. Survey vessel Northern Wind will be working on a 24-hr basis while on site and regular up-dates will be issued each day informing of the survey area but if you have any doubt or concerns please contact me”.

- Mobile 07903 173 624
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