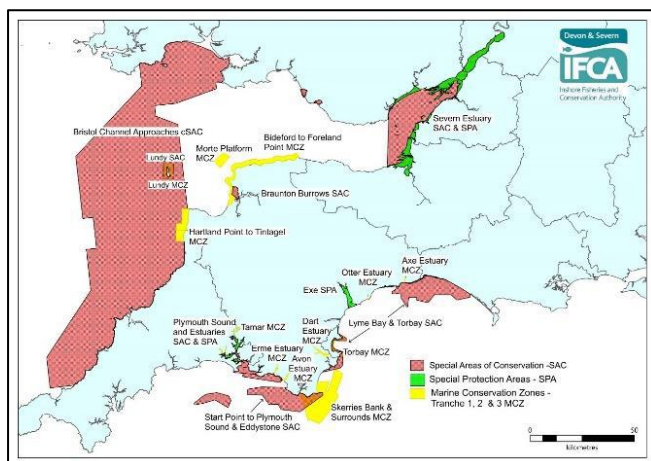


Devon and Severn IFCA News

D&S IFCA request information on fishing activities in five estuary Marine Conservation Zones.

Following the designation of a third tranche of Marine Conservation Zones (MCZs) in 2019, D&S IFCA are requesting information on fishing activities that may be occurring within five estuary MCZ's that fall within its District.



D&S IFCA is undertaking an assessment of fishing activity in the following estuaries that are designated MCZs; Otter, Axe (Lyme Bay), Erme, Devon Avon, and the Dart. For the first stage of this assessment, Officers are gathering information and evidence to better understand fishing locations, levels of activity, and what is important to stakeholders in these areas. D&S IFCA Officers are particularly interested in gathering information on the level and locations of bait digging/ hand gathering, seine netting, and potting.

D&S IFCA are circulating an electronic call for information questionnaire for each estuary which details how you can have your say and provides more information on the subject. The links to the questionnaires can be found on our [‘Engagement & Have Your Say’](#) website page.

What do D&S IFCA want to know?

- Whether any bait digging or hand gathering activities are carried out
- If the conditions of a permit allow, whether any seine netting or potting is carried out
- The location and level of effort of any of these activities

Why is this information needed?

D&S IFCA has limited evidence and data in relation to fishing activities within these MCZs and would like to better understand fishing activity within the sites. This request for information will allow D&S IFCA to estimate how much activity is currently taking place over the different features of the MCZs. This will also help to build an understanding of how important the sites are as fishing grounds to those who use them. The consultations end on 17th December 2021.

More Information

Visit our [‘Engagement & Have Your Say’](#) page for more information. [Contact D&S IFCA](#) to be added to our mailing list. You can also subscribe to our quarterly E-newsletter by contacting D&S IFCA.