

Devon and Severn IFCA News

D&S IFCA - Notice to Permit Holders

Roll out of iVMS Devices for Mobile Fishing Gear Vessels under 12 metres in overall length operating in D&S IFCA's District



D&S IFCA is directly contacting all holders of a Mobile Fishing Gear Permit with the following information set out below:

Dear Mobile Fishing Permit Holder,

If you own a vessel under 12 metres in length this notice applies to you. If your vessel is 12 metres in overall length or over this notice is for information only and you don't need to take any action.

Permit Changes

D&S IFCA is on track to achieve the necessary changes to the Category One (at sea) Mobile Fishing Permit Conditions to recognise the choice of iVMS devices available from the four suppliers under the national iVMS rollout. The anticipated changes to the Permit Conditions will give you a greater choice of iVMS units that can be fitted to your vessel/s.

It is intended that these changes to the Permit Conditions will come into force from 1st March 2022. Please be advised that until those changes have been made you cannot change your device to any of the new devices offered by the four suppliers and legally fish in D&S IFCA's District.

New Devices & Funding

D&S IFCA is committed to providing you with the opportunity to continue to operate with your current Succorfish device, or to change to a new iVMS device from one of the four suppliers and benefit from the available national funding. You will need to change to a new supplier if you have an AST device currently fitted.

National Rollout

You will be aware that for vessels 10 metres and over in length, the national rollout of iVMS devices starts on 15th February 2022. The MMO has identified the timetable for the other sizes of vessels to have iVMS fitted later in the year. The timetable can be viewed [here](#).

It has been agreed to allocate a specific rollout timetable for all vessels that have had iVMS devices fitted under the requirements of the D&S IFCA Mobile Fishing Permit Byelaw. This will help prioritise vessels that currently do not have an iVMS device fitted and provides additional time for you to choose your preferred supplier. If you want or need to change your current iVMS device, then the rollout period will be from 3rd October to 30th October 2022.

You can decide to change your iVMS supplier from 1st March 2022, however, the grant funding application process may be slower than if you waited until October, as the MMO will prioritise vessels according to the national timetable.

Please also remember that should you change suppliers you must ensure that the device will be fully operational from 1st March 2022 if you wish to fish within D&S IFCA's District

Questions

If you wish to discuss any matter raised in this Notice or have other permit related questions that you would wish to raise with D&S IFCA, please [contact us](#), preferably by email, office@devonandsevernifca.gov.uk or by phone 01803 854648.

End of the notice.

Other Notices

You can find other Notices to Permit Holders that have been circulated on our website display page by clicking [here](#).