

# Devon and Severn IFCA News

## Changes to D&S IFCA's Netting Permit Conditions

**Amended Netting Permit Conditions are being issued that apply from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024.**

Following a review of the Netting Permit Conditions, changes have been made to some of the management measures. The amended permit conditions are being circulated and will come into force on **1<sup>st</sup> July 2024**. If you are a current permit holder you will receive your amended Netting Permit Conditions shortly.

### What has Changed?

Some of the changes relate to both Category One (commercial) and Category Two (recreational) Permits, and some only apply to Category Two Permits.

#### 1. The Emsstrom Angling Zone

The Netting Permit Conditions now include a new Annex (6) that sets out the co-ordinates for the Emsstrom Angling Zone. It is now prohibited for commercial or recreational fishermen to use nets in this area. This new restriction replaces a voluntary agreement.

#### 2. New Catch Restrictions for Category Two (recreational) Netting Permits

There are new daily bag limits for a selection of finfish species and sand eel. In any calendar day it is prohibited to remove any bass and no more than:

- a total of two lobsters (from the species of lobster or spiny lobster)
- a total of three crabs (from the species of edible crab and spider crab)
- a total of ten plaice
- a total of three rays
- a total of five sole
- a total of 15 kilogrammes of sand eel.

#### 3. New Gear Restrictions for Category Two (recreational) Netting Permits

There is a new restriction prohibiting Category Two permit holders from joining their nets to those operated by other permit holders.

### The Netting Permit Conditions in Detail

The Netting Permit Conditions (1<sup>st</sup> July 2024) and the Annexes 1-6 (1<sup>st</sup> July 2024) can be viewed using the links below. Presentational improvements have been made to all the Annexes.

[Netting Permit Conditions \(1<sup>st</sup> July 2024\)](#)

[Annexes 1 to 6 \(1<sup>st</sup> July 2024\)](#)



## Questions

If you wish to discuss the changes to the Netting Permit Conditions or have other permit related questions that you would wish to raise with D&S IFCA, please [contact us](mailto:office@devonandsevernifca.gov.uk), by email, [office@devonandsevernifca.gov.uk](mailto:office@devonandsevernifca.gov.uk) or by phone 01803 854648.

## More Information

The review of the Netting Permit Conditions was conducted by D&S IFCA's Byelaw and Permitting Sub-Committee (B&PSC). The officers' papers and other information presented to the B&PSC are all available on D&S IFCA's website, along with minutes from the B&PSC meetings. If you wish to view the information, please visit:

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