

Amendments to the Netting Permit Conditions

1. Background:

On 26th February 2026, the B&PSC agreed to formally consult on five proposals to amend the Netting Permit Conditions. Proposals (1-4) related to commercial (Category One) Netting Permit Conditions, and proposal (5) related to both commercial (Category One) and recreational (Category Two) Netting Permit Conditions. The proposals are considered as separate Agenda Items 6a-6e.

B&PSC's Proposals:

- 1) A prohibition on the catch, retention of, and landing of bass by a Category One Permit Holder operating a non-powered vessel or a licenced fishing vessel without a bass authorisation.
- 2) A prohibition on the removal of more than five lobsters (including spiny lobster), and twenty five crabs (mixture of species as defined) in any calendar day from a fishery within the District from a non-powered vessel or a licenced fishing vessel without a shellfish fishing entitlement.
- 3) The introduction of Category One Permit Conditions to limit the amount and length of net that can be fished by a Category One Netting Permit Holder operating a non-powered fishing vessel.
- 4) The introduction of Category One Permit Conditions to require Category One Permit Holders operating non-powered fishing vessels to supply catch related data to the Authority.
- 5) A relaxation of a current Netting Permit Condition relating to the requirement of using flags to mark fixed nets (however all nets will still need to be marked in alternative ways).

2. The Response to the Formal Public Consultation

The formal public consultation began on 26th March 2026 and ended on 24th April 2026. The total response consisted of 26 responses, with 20 comments raising objection to proposal (5) and one objection to proposal (2). The responses are documented in Agenda Item 6 (Annex A) - A Summary of Responses from the Formal Public Consultation.

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Background Papers

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