

## Amendments to the Mobile Fishing Permit Conditions

### 1. Background:

On 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026, the B&PSC agreed to formally consult on three proposals to amend the Category One Mobile Fishing Permit Conditions. The proposals are considered as separate Agenda Items 7a-7c.

#### **B&PSC's Proposals:**

- 1) To open a new dredge fishery for razor clams in the South of the D&S IFCA's District.

It is proposed to use a series of Permit Conditions to regulate this new fishery, including defining where the activity can take place within the areas classified for the harvesting of razor clams by the Food Standards Agency and the use of Remote Electronic Monitoring (REM) being fitted to the harvesting vessel to monitor the new fishery.

- 2) To introduce protective measures, using the Permit Conditions, for mariculture sites that have already been licenced by the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) and established in Labrador Bay, South Devon and Bideford Bay, North Devon.

It is proposed to prohibit demersal mobile fishing within these two mariculture sites (set out within this information) and in the Annexes to the Permit Conditions.

- 3) To change the requirement relating to the transmission of IVMS data to reflect the installation of Rewire devices.

It is proposed to amend the Permit Conditions so that Permit Holders with a Nemo (CLS UK (Fulcrum Maritime Ltd)) and a Rewire Security Vessel Monitoring Device fitted to their vessels are compliant with the requirements relating to the transmission and availability of relevant data.

### 2. The Response to the Formal Public Consultation

The formal public consultation began on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2026 and ended on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026. The total response consisted of 10 responses. All 10 responses objected to proposal (1). The responses are documented in Agenda Item 7 (Annex A) - A Summary of Responses from the Formal Public Consultation.

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#### **Background Papers**

B&PSC Papers and meeting minutes ([Section B of D&S IFCA Website Resource Library](#))