

Investigation Report

DSIFCA 01_26 – Undersized Lobster

Date of offence: 08/01/2026

Trigger: Premises inspection

Details / Synopsis / Facts of the case

On the 8th January Officers conducted an inspection of shellfish landed to Brixham Fish Market that consisted of 52 lobster, 58 edible crab. The inspection identified one (1) lobster to be below the national Minimum Conservation Reference Size (MCRS) of 87mm. The lobster was seized and released alive to sea unharmed.

Relevant legislation

Contrary to Article 13 of Regulation (EU) 2019/1241 as read with Annex VI.

Previous infringements

- Has the owner been found guilty by a court, or accepted a FAP or Simple Caution for the same category of offence within the last two years? Yes No
- Has the master been found guilty by a court, or accepted a FAP or Simple Caution for the same category of offence within the last two years? Yes No

Outcome

The Authority has reviewed all the evidence in the case and has determined the Evidential threshold has not been met. The case was closed with No Further Action being taken.