

CSFC BYELAW 14 - SHRIMPS OR PRAWNS.

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This byelaw applies to any part of the Cumbria Sea Fisheries Committee's district within a line drawn on the seaward side of the baselines 6 nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea adjacent to the United Kingdom is measured ("the district"). For the purpose of this paragraph "the baselines" means the baselines as they existed at 25 January 1983 in accordance with the Territorial Waters Order in Council 1964 (1965 III p.6452A) as amended by the Territorial Waters (Amendment) Order in Council 1979 (1979 II p.2866).

- (a) No person shall use in fishing for shrimps or prawns, any beam trawl whereof the effective length of beam exceeds 9 metres, or in the case of an otter trawl, the length of headline exceeds 9 metres.
- (b) No person shall use in fishing for shrimps or prawns, more than one beam trawl at any one time, unless the aggregate length of the beams does not exceed 9 metres.
- (c) With a view to limiting the destruction of immature fish, every person in fishing for shrimps or prawns shall as soon as practicable after each haul, thoroughly sift the catch in a riddle, having a mesh such that the spaces between adjacent longitudinal wires are not less than 5 mm and the spaces between the adjacent lateral wires are not less than 60 mm.
- (d) The immature sea fish that pass through such a riddle, must be returned to the sea forthwith unless the landing obligation under Article 15 of Regulation (EU) 1380/2013 requires the fish to be landed.

*Explanatory Note: This byelaw prohibits the use of a beam or other trawl that exceeds 9 m in length. This measure is designed to protect shrimp and prawn stocks.*

*Paragraph (d) amended by The Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (Miscellaneous Byelaw Amendments) (England) Order 2015 dated 30.11.15*