

CSFC BYELAW 20 - FOR THE PROTECTION OF IMMATURE PLAICE - MINIMUM MESH SIZES.

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No person shall use in fishing for sea fish any towed net between the first day of June and the last day of October inclusive unless: -

- (1) the cod-end sensu-stricto is of such dimensions that the mesh when measured in accordance with Commission Regulation (EEC) 2108/84 is not less than 110 mm; and
- (2) the cod-end sensu-stricto, as defined in Commission Regulation (EEC) 3440/84, shall not have less than 30 meshes in its longitudinal axis, when measured between the cod-line meshes and any lacing meshes joining it to the main body of the trawl or any lengthening piece; and
- (3) the cod-end is made of single twine.
- (4) For the purpose of this byelaw, "fishing vessel" means any vessel for the time being employed in fishing operations or any operations ancillary thereto.

This byelaw applies to any part of the Cumbria Sea Fisheries Committees' district bounded in the north by a line drawn due west from the base of Maryport south pier seaward to the median line between England and Scotland and in the south by a line due west from the base of Whitehaven south pier seaward to a position Latitude 54° 33'.80N Longitude 003° 40'.40W and thence along a line drawn 230°(T) to 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. 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).

*Explanatory Note: This byelaw is designed to protect stocks of small and immature Plaice in a defined area where they are known to shoal and are vulnerable to being caught by towed gear at certain times of the year.*