

CSFC BYELAW 25 - REQUIREMENT FOR ESCAPE GAPS IN POTS, CREELS AND TRAPS.

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No person shall use or cause to be used for the purpose of fishing for sea fish or crustacea any pot, creel or trap constructed of whatever material unless:-

- (a) it has at least one unobstructed escape gap located in the lowest part of the pot, creel or trap or in the case of a parlour pot the parlour area; and
- (b) is so designed and constructed that each escape gap is of sufficient size that there may be easily passed through the escape gap and completely passed into the pot, creel or trap, a rigid boxed shaped gauge which shall be a gauge 74 millimetres wide, 44 millimetres high and 100 millimetres long.

This byelaw applies to any part of the 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. 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 allow small immature lobsters and crabs that have not had a chance to breed to escape from pots and creels and thereby enhance the biomass of the species.*