

NWIFCA Byelaws to be amended by the Defra Amendment order SI to meet requirements of the landing obligations

The full byelaws with proposed amendments (highlighted in blue) are as follows:

BYELAW 6 - SHRIMP AND PRAWNS -RESTRICTION ON FISHING

This byelaw applies to all the Sea Fisheries Committee 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 25th 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 (*Crangonidae*, *Pandalidae*, *Palaemonidae*) any trawl, or shank or bow net or any mobile net except in accordance with the following regulations:-

The length of the beam, measured between its extremities and including all attachments, or in the case of an otter trawl the length of the headline or where more than one net is used from any vessel tractor, cart or other vehicle or unit the total length of such beams or headlines shall not exceed 10 metres.

- (b) Any net mentioned in (a) above shall have in all its parts a mesh of such dimensions that when the mesh of the net is stretched diagonally lengthwise a flat gauge 20mm broad and 2mm thick shall pass through it easily and with sufficient manual pressure.
- (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 millimetres and the spaces between the adjacent lateral wires are not less than 60 millimetres.
- (d) The immature fish that pass through such 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*

Byelaw confirmed 26.03.01

BYELAW 19 - SPECIFIED FISH SIZES

1. This byelaw applies to any part of the District within a line drawn on the seaward side of the baselines six nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea adjacent to the United Kingdom is measured. For the purposes of this paragraph “the baselines” means the baselines as they existed at 25th 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).
2. No person shall remove from a fishery within the area of the North Western and North Wales Sea Fisheries Committee District any fish of the species specified in paragraph 3 which measures less than the minimum size specified for the species, and any such fish taken shall be returned immediately to the sea *unless the landing obligation under Article 15 of Regulation (EU) 1380/2013 requires the fish to be landed.*

3. SPECIES SIZE

SHELLFISH SPECIES

	MINIMUM SIZE (MM)
Bean Solen (<i>Pharus legumen</i>)	65*
Carpet shell (<i>Venerupis senegalensis</i>)	38
Clam (<i>Venus verrucosa</i>)	40
Crawfish (<i>Palinurus</i> spp)	95
Donax clam (<i>Donax</i> spp)	25
Edible Crab (<i>Cancer pagurus</i>)	130
Hard Clam (<i>Callista chione</i>)	60
Lobster (<i>Homarus gammarus</i>)	87
Nephrops (<i>Nephrops norvegicus</i>)	20†
or overall length	70
Octopus (<i>Octopus vulgaris</i>)	750g
Queen Scallop (<i>Aequipecten opercularis</i>)	40*
Razor Clam (<i>Ensis</i> spp)	100*
Scallop (<i>Pecten maximus</i>)	110*
Short necked clam (<i>Ruditapes phillipinarum</i>)	40
Spider Crab (<i>Maja squinado</i>)	
Male	130
Female	120
Surf Clam (<i>Spisula solidissima</i>)	25
Velvet Crab (<i>Liocarcinus puber</i>)	65
Whelk (<i>Buccinum undatum</i>)	45*

* Longest part of shell.

† Carapace length

FISH SPECIES

Bass (<i>Dicentrarchus labrax</i>)	420
Black Seabream (<i>Spondyliosoma cantharus</i>)	230
Blue ling (<i>Molva dypterygia</i>)	700
Bluefin tuna (<i>Thunnus thynnus</i>)	700
	or 6.4kg
Brill (<i>Scophthalmus rhombus</i>)	300
Cod (<i>Gadus morhua</i>)	350 22
Conger eel (<i>Conger conger</i>)	580
Dab (<i>Limanda limanda</i>)	150
Flounder (<i>Platichthys flesus</i>)	250
Grey mullet (<i>Chelon labrosus</i>)	200
Haddock (<i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>)	300
Hake (<i>Merluccius merluccius</i>)	270
Herring (<i>Clupea harengus</i>)	200
Horse Mackerel (<i>Trachurus trachurus</i>)	150
Lemon Sole (<i>Microstomus kitt</i>)	250
Ling (<i>Molva molva</i>)	630
Mackerel (<i>Scomber scombrus</i>)	200
Megrim (<i>Lepidorhombus</i> spp.)	200
Plaice (<i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>)	270
Pollack (<i>Pollachius pollachius</i>)	300
Red Mullet (<i>Mullus surmuletus</i>)	150
Red Seabream (<i>Pagellus bogaraveo</i>)	250

Saithe (<i>Pollachius virens</i>)	350
Sole (<i>Solea solea</i>)	240
Turbot (<i>Psetta maxima</i>)	300
Whiting (<i>Merlangius merlangus</i>)	270
Witch Flounder (<i>Glyptocephalus cynoglossus</i>)	280

Byelaw confirmed 24.07.09

BYELAW 9-SKATE FISHERY

No person shall take from a Fishery *unless the landing obligation under Article 15 of Regulation (EU) 1380/2013 requires the fish to be landed*–

- (i) any Skate or Ray that measures less than 45 centimetres between the extreme tips of the wings; or
- (ii) any wing which measures less than 22 centimetres in its maximum dimensions and which is detached from the body of the Skate or Ray.

Explanatory Note: This measure is designed to allow fish to reach maturity in order that they may have the opportunity to breed.

Byelaw confirmed 16.04.93

BYELAW 14-SHRIMPS OR PRAWNS

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.

Byelaw confirmed 21.04.04

BYELAW 6–FOUL HOOKING OF FISH

- (a) No person shall use a rod and line for the purpose of taking sea fish other than by hooking them in the mouth.
- (b) All sea fish hooked otherwise than in the mouth shall be returned to the water without delay, whether alive or dead, and if alive, with as little injury as possible.

Option a) Remove paragraph b.

Option b) Insert 'unless the landing obligation under Article 15 of Regulation (EU) 1380/2013 requires the fish to be landed' at the end of paragraph b.

RESTRICTIONS ON FISHING

No person shall fish for sea fish

- a) in the Relevant Fisheries Area except by hook and line using a lure or bait on or attached to the hook;
- b) In the Relevant Fisheries Area using any device calculated or designed to foul hook fish. Fish hooked otherwise than in the mouth shall be returned to the water as soon as practically possible and with as little injury as possible;
- c) By any method inland of the Normal Tidal Limit. This provision shall not apply to sea fish caught whilst fishing under a licence issued subject to the Salmon and Freshwater fisheries Act 1975.

Option a) Remove 'Fish hooked otherwise than in the mouth shall be returned to the water as soon as practically possible and with as little injury as possible'.

Option b) Insert 'unless the landing obligation under Article 15 of Regulation (EU) 1380/2013 requires the fish to be landed' at the end of paragraph b.