



NWIFCA Potting Permit Byelaw 2019 – Informal Consultation with Fishers

NWIFCA has issued a draft of its new Potting Permit Byelaw and is seeking your views, comments and suggestions on the management measures proposed. These will influence further discussion by the Authority and the Byelaw that is taken through for full approval.

Please read the Guidance notes that accompany the draft Byelaw to help you understand the Byelaw.

Below is a list of questions relating to measures in the Byelaw that we need your ideas on. Please complete this with as much detail on your reasons for your suggestions as possible. Then return this document along with any other comments on other measures not listed here to m.knott@nw-ifca.gov.uk by 12th October 2018.

Thank you.

Mandy Knott

Senior Scientist

Your Name:	
Address:	
Email:	
Phone:	

Questions – please continue on additional sheets if you run out of space:

Question	Your Answer
<p>Are there any other species you think should be included?</p>	
<p>Is the maximum number of animals taken for Recreational Fishing correct? If not, what do you think it should be?</p>	
<p>Is the maximum number of pots for Recreational Permit holders correct? If not, how many do you think should be permitted?</p>	
<p>Is the definition for the lobster / crab pots including escape gap size correct? If not, what do you think it should be?</p>	
<p>Is the definition for the whelk pots including escape holes correct? If not, what do you think it should be?</p>	
<p>Is the definition for the nephrops creel including entrance and escape holes correct? If not, what do you think it should be?</p>	

Do you agree with the cost of the permits, and replacement permits, discs and tags? If not what do you suggest as a reasonable amount?

Do you agree with the requirements for how you mark your gear? If not, what do you suggest?

Are there any measures you think conflict with one another?

Are there any measures that would prevent you carrying out legitimate legal fishing activity?

<p>Do you agree with the current MLS for lobster in the District? If not, what do you think it should be and why?</p>	
<p>Do you agree with the current MLS for edible crab in the District? If not, what do you think it should be and why?</p>	
<p>Do you agree with the current MLS for nephrops in the District? If not, what do you think it should be and why?</p>	
<p>Do you agree with the current MLS for whelk in the District? If not, what do you think it should be and why? Should it be measured any other way?</p>	
<p>Do you think there should be a maximum size of vessel permitted to fish in the fishery? If so what do you think it should be?</p>	
<p>Do you think there should be any closed seasons to protect juvenile or breeding stock? If so, for what species and when?</p>	

<p>Do you think there should be any closed areas to protect juvenile or breeding stock? If so, for what species and where?</p>	
<p>Do you think there should be a maximum number of Commercial Permits issued? If so what do you think it should be for:</p>	<p>lobster / crab –</p> <p>whelks –</p> <p>nephrops –</p>
<p>Do you think there should be a maximum number of pots per vessel permitted in the fishery? If so, what do you think it should be for:</p>	<p>lobster crab –</p> <p>whelks –</p> <p>nephrops –</p>
<p>Do you think any catch restrictions should be set for Commercial pot fishing? If so what do you think they should be for:</p>	<p>lobster crab –</p> <p>whelks –</p> <p>nephrops –</p>