

**NWSFC BYELAW 19 - SPECIFIED FISH SIZES.**

*Byelaw confirmed 24.07.09.*

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
<b>SHELLFISH SPECIES</b>	
	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†
<u>or</u> 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 philipinarum</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
<u>or</u>	6.4kg
Brill ( <i>Scophthalmus rhombus</i> )	300
Cod ( <i>Gadus morhua</i> )	350
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	300
( <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i> )	
Hake ( <i>Merluccius merluccius</i> )	270
Herring ( <i>Clupea harengus</i> )	200
Horse Mackerel	150
( <i>Trachurus trachurus</i> )	
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	250
( <i>Pagellus bogaraveo</i> )	
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	280
( <i>Glyptocephalus cynoglossus</i> )	

*Paragraph 2 is amended by The Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (Miscellaneous Byelaw Amendments) (England) Order 2015 dated 30.11.15. The Order also amends the Bass Minimum Landing size in the Fish Species table from 360mm to 420mm.*