

BYELAW 31 - PROTECTION OF V-NOTCHED LOBSTERS.

Byelaw confirmed 16.12.97

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 fish for or take any lobster of the species *Homarus gammarus* that is V-notched with an indentation in the shape of the letter “V” in one or more of the five flaps of the tail fan, or otherwise marked in any way or mutilated in such a way that any of the five tail flaps of the tail are missing or mutilated in such manner as could hide or obliterate a V-notch or other marking.
3. Any lobster so marked shall be returned immediately to the sea.