

NWSFC BYELAW 6 - SHRIMP AND PRAWNS -RESTRICTION ON FISHING.

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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.

*Paragraph (d) is amended by The Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (Miscellaneous Byelaw Amendments) (England) Order 2015 dated 30.11.15.*