



Mobile Fishing Permit

General Provisions

The permit holder should ensure that they have read the D&SIFCA Mobile Fishing Permit Byelaw and the associated Technical Permit Requirements prior to fishing. All permit holders should be aware of other legislation that applies to mobile fishing activities, which is not listed within the technical permit requirements below.

Failure to comply with any of the Technical Permit Requirements constitutes contravention of this byelaw.

Technical Permit Requirements

1. Catch restrictions

Scallops

- 1.1 *A permit holder or named representative is not authorised to remove from a fishery within the District any scallop (*Pecten maximus*) during the period of July, August, September.*
- 1.2 *A permit holder or named representative is not authorised to remove spiny lobsters (*Palinurus elephas*) from the area of the Lundy Marine Conservation Zone set out in Annex A.*
- 1.3 *A permit holder or named representative is not authorised to remove spiny lobsters (*Palinurus elephas*) from the area of the Skerries and Surrounds Marine Conservation Zone set out in Annex B.*
- 1.4 *A permit holder or named representative is not authorised to remove spiny lobsters (*Palinurus elephas*) from the area of Bideford to Foreland Point Marine Conservation Zone set out in Annex C.*

2. Gear restrictions

Scallop dredging

- 2.1. *A permit holder or named representative is not authorised, to fish for scallop, using any dredge except one fitted with a spring loaded tooth bar and with a mouth which does not exceed 85cm width overall and;*
- i) where rings are used in the construction of a retaining bag for a dredge, these shall not be less than 75mm measured across the inside diameter and;
 - ii) where net is used in the construction of a retaining bag for a dredge it shall have a minimum mesh size of 100mm. No person shall obstruct or otherwise reduce the size of the ring or net mesh of the retaining bag by any method.
- 2.2. *A permit holder or named representative is not authorised to use a vessel with more than two tow bars at any one time.*
- 2.3. *A permit holder or named representative is not authorised to use a vessel operating more than 12 dredges at any one time and;*
- i) Where multiple dredges are used, the length of the tow bar, including attachments shall not exceed 5.18 metres.

Mussel dredging

- 2.4. *A permit holder or named representative is not authorised, to fish for mussel, using any dredge other than of a 'Dutch' or 'Baird' dredge design and where.*
- i) the maximum inside opening of any dredge does not exceed two metres and;
 - ii) the total number of mussel dredges used does not exceed two at any one time and;
 - iii) any blade fitted to the fishing bar must not be toothed and exceed 50mm in depth.

Spatial restrictions

- 3.1. *A permit holder or named representative is not authorised to use demersal mobile gear within the area of Start Bay as set out in Annex 1.*
- 3.2. *A permit holder or named representative is not authorised to use demersal trawl gear within the Lundy Special Area of Conservation as set out in Annex 2.*
- 3.3. *A permit holder or named representative is not authorised to use scallop dredge gear within the Lundy Special Area of Conservation as set out in Annex 2a.*

- 3.4 *A permit holder or named representative is not authorised to use demersal mobile gear within the Lyme Bay section of the Lyme Bay and Torbay Site of Community Importance as set out in Annex 3.*
- 3.5 *A permit holder or named representative is not authorised to use demersal mobile gear within the Torbay section of the Lyme Bay and Torbay Site of Community Importance and Torbay Marine Conservation Zone as set out in Annex 3a. except where;*
- a) *the demersal trawl gear is used in accordance with 4.2 below.*
- 3.6 *No demersal mobile gear can be used within the Plymouth Sound and Estuaries Special Area of Conservation (SAC) as set out in Annex 4.*
- 3.7 *No demersal mobile gear can be used within the Start Point to Plymouth Sound and Eddystone Candidate Special Area of Conservation (cSAC) (Areas B and C) as set out in Annex 5.*
- 3.8 *No demersal mobile gear can be used within the Severn Estuary Special Area of Conservation (SAC) as set out in Annex 6.*

4. Time restrictions

Scallop dredging

- 4.1 A permit holder or named representative is only authorised to use scallop dredge gear between 0700hrs (local time) and 1900hrs (local time)
- 4.2 A permit holder or named representative is only authorised to use demersal trawl gear within the Torbay section of the Lyme Bay and Torbay Site of Community Importance and Torbay Marine Conservation Zone as set out in Annex 3b between 1st April and 30th June (inclusive).