

## Potting Permit Byelaw

### **Policy & clarification on the use of multiple Category Two permits on a single vessel**

Section 5 of the Potting Permit Byelaw specifies that the Authority may authorise the use of pots by issuing a Category Two permit to:

- a) the owner of a named vessel that is not a relevant fishing vessel;
- b) a named person without a vessel

Section 15 of the Potting Permit Byelaw specifies that the permit holder or the nominated named representative must be present when the permit is in use.

The permit conditions specify catch, gear, spatial and time restrictions that are applicable per permit holder.

### **Explanation**

The interpretations used within the Potting Permit Byelaw explain the criteria required to qualify as a relevant fishing vessel that is issued with a Category One permit. Relevant fishing vessels are commercial vessels. Recreational fishers qualify for Category Two permits.

Section 5 (a) and (b) of the Potting Permit Byelaw makes it possible for more than one person to have a Category Two permit to use on a single vessel. One person or more may be the owner of the vessel, but it is also possible that others with no vessel may conduct potting from this same vessel. This is possible where family members or a group of friends all fish with pots together.

The conditions of use within each potting permit are for each permit holder.

Individual pots can be combined to form longer strings providing they are set and hauled while all individual permit holders are present.

All individual tags must be fitted to combined strings of pots and the combined strings of pots must be marked with all the relevant permit numbers that have been assigned to individual permits.

The catch restrictions within the permit specify the total individual catch per person per calendar day. Total catch can also be combined if more than one permit holder is present.

All shellfish removed by a Category Two permit holder is for personal consumption only.