

## General News – August 13th 2018

### Devon and Severn IFCA Introduces New Potting Permit Byelaw Permit Conditions.



D&S IFCA is in the process of circulating new Potting Permit Conditions to all fishers that already had a Potting Permit on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2018. The new permits are accompanied by four Annexes (Charts) that relate to the relevant paragraphs in the Potting Permit Conditions. When this circulation process is complete, previous versions of the conditions will no longer valid. New applicants will also receive the new permits.

#### What's new?

Key changes include:

1. **New Potting Permit Conditions to replace a reliance on the deeming clause;**
2. **New Potting Permit Conditions for the protection of spiny lobster that has recently cast its shell;**
3. **New Potting Permit Conditions to prohibit the removal of spiny lobster from MCZ areas;**
4. **New Potting Permit Conditions to protect populations of otters within estuaries;**
5. **New Potting Permit Conditions to introduce a 65mm minimum conservation reference size for whelk;**
6. **New Potting Permit Conditions to introduce a restriction for the Lundy Island No Take Zone.**
7. **Some Changes to Category Two Permit Conditions (Gear – Only 5 pots can be hauled in any day which must be their own pots)**

#### How and why were the Potting Permits changed?

The changes are all part of the mandatory three-year review of the Potting Permit Conditions. A lengthy process was undertaken which included wide spread consultation. The whole process and decision making by the D&S IFCA Byelaw & Permitting Sub-Committee has been [documented in a report](#).

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