

General news – October 2017

New lobster conservation regulations



A [new piece of legislation](#) came into force on 1st October that prohibits fishing for berried and spiny lobster.

From 1 October 2017 UK registered vessels must not fish for berried lobsters (*Homarus gammarus*) or crawfish (*Palinurus elephas* and *Palinurus mauritanicus*) from within English waters.

UK registered vessels must not land berried lobsters or crawfish into an English port regardless of where caught.

This is a welcome piece of legislation that the IFCA has been demanding for many years to complement its potting permit byelaw, which prohibits any person fishing recreationally or commercially from removing berried lobsters or spiny lobsters from any fishery in the district.

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