



SEA FISHERIES REGULATION ACT 1966

The Committee for the Cornwall Sea Fisheries District in exercise of their powers under Section 5 of the Sea Fisheries Regulation Act 1966 hereby revoke the existing byelaw and make the following new byelaw.

METHODS OF FISHING (DREDGES) BYELAW

1. This byelaw shall apply to any part of the Cornwall Sea Fisheries 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 purposes 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).
2. No person shall use, or cause, or permit or assist any other person to use, in fishing any dredge, except one fitted with a spring loaded tooth bar and with a mouth which does not exceed 85cm width overall.
3. Where rings are used in the construction of the retaining bag for a dredge, these shall not be less than 75mm measured across the inside diameter. Where netting is used in the construction of the retaining bag for a dredge, it shall have a minimum mesh size of 100mm. No person shall obstruct or otherwise reduce the ring size or netting mesh of the retaining bag, by any method.
4. The total number of dredges used by any vessel shall not exceed 12 at any one time.
5. Where multiple dredges are used, the length of any towing bar to which dredges are attached shall not exceed 5.18 metres. The towing bar shall not be extendable beyond the prescribed maximum length and shall be measured between its extremities including all attachments thereto.
6. Provided that this byelaw shall not apply to any person using any such dredge for scientific purposes, or for stocking or breeding purposes, with the written authority in that behalf of the Local Fisheries Committee signed by their Clerk and in accordance with the conditions contained in that authority.

7. This byelaw shall come into operation on the confirmation hereof by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs may be cited as the Cornwall Sea Fisheries District Methods of Fishing (Dredges) Byelaw 2011.