



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 make the following new byelaw.

SPIDER CRABS

1. This byelaw applies to any part of the Cornwall Sea Fisheries District within a line drawn on the seaward side of the baselines six 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 remove from a fishery within the District any spider crab (*Maja spp.*) which has a carapace length less than that specified in paragraph 4 below.
3. The carapace length shall be measured along the midline from the edge of the carapace between the rostrums to the posterior edge of the carapace as shown in the schedule to this byelaw.
4. The minimum size for spider crabs (*Maja spp.*), as measured in accordance with paragraph 3 above, shall be 130 millimetres.
5. Any spider crab (*Maja spp.*) measuring less than the size prescribed in paragraph 4 shall be returned immediately to the sea.
6. Provided that this byelaw shall not apply to any person removing any such spider crab (*Maja spp.*) for scientific purposes, with the written authority in that behalf of the Local Fisheries Committee signed by their Clerk and in accordance with any conditions contained in that authority.
7. This byelaw shall come into operation on the confirmation hereof by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and may be cited as the Cornwall Sea Fisheries District Spider Crabs Byelaw 2011.