



## 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.

### **ST IVES BAY GILL NET FISHERY**

1. No person shall use in fishing for sea fish, any gill net, within that part of the District which lies to the landward side of a line drawn 119° True from St Ives Head (50° 13' .16N, 005° 28' .69W) to the northern extremity of the Black Cliffs (50° 12' .06N, 005° 25' .43W) which is to the east of the Hayle Estuary, during any temporary closure of the fishery.
2. A temporary closure will be implemented by the Chief Fishery Officer, or a Senior Fishery Officer, when the deaths of birds through entanglement with gill nets, as witnessed by fishery officers and other relevant officials, exceeds a predetermined level over any consecutive five day period.
3. Notice of such a closure will be posted in prominent locations and notice boards around St Ives and Hayle harbours, within one working day of the predetermined level of bird deaths being exceeded. A closure shall have effect from midday, the day following a notice being posted, until midday, 21 days thereafter.
4. This byelaw shall not apply to any person using herring nets between 1 October and 31 December each year.
5. The byelaw shall not apply to any person fishing 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.
6. For the purposes of this byelaw:-
  - (a) "temporary closure" shall mean a total prohibition on the use of gill nets for fishing within the area defined in Paragraph 1, for a period of 21 days from the introduction of the closure.
  - (b) "gill net" shall mean any fixed or free floating gill net, tangle net, drift net, ray net, trammel net, or similar enmeshing net.

(c) "predetermined level" shall mean a sum agreed annually between the Committee, Natural England, nature conservation interests and local fishing representatives. Information concerning the agreed sum will be posted in prominent locations and on notice boards around St Ives and Hayle harbour, subsequent to each annual meeting.

(b) "relevant officials" shall mean established officers from either the Environment Agency or Natural England.

(c) "herring nets" shall mean non-monofilament fixed nets of the prescribed size for herring.

7. This byelaw shall come into operation on the confirmation hereof by Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and may be cited as the Cornwall Sea Fisheries District St Ives Bay Gill Net Fishery Byelaw 2011.