



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.

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1. This byelaw applies 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 remove from a fishery any edible crab of the species (*Cancer pagarus*) which has a carapace size less than that specified in paragraph 4 below.
3. The carapace size shall be measured across the broadest part of the back.
4. The minimum size for crab (*Cancer pagarus*), as measured in accordance with paragraph 3 above, shall be 150mm for female (hen) crabs and 160mm for male (cock) crabs.
5. Any edible crab (*Cancer pagarus*) measuring less than the sizes 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 crab 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 and may be cited as the Cornwall Sea Fisheries District Crabs Byelaw 2011.