



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.

PROTECTION OF V-NOTCHED LOBSTERS

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 the fishery any v-notched or mutilated lobster of the species *Homarus gammarus*.
3. Any lobster so marked should be returned immediately to the sea.
4. For the purposes of this byelaw:-
 - a. "V-notched" means an indentation in the shape of the letter "V" made in any one, or more, of the five flaps of the tail fan of a lobster.
 - b. "Mutilated lobster" means any lobster which has any of the five flaps of the tail fan missing or mutilated in such a manner that could hide or obliterate a v-notch.
 - c. "Flap" means any part of the five flaps of the tail fan of the lobster.
5. This byelaw shall come into operation on the confirmation hereof by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and may be cited as the Cornwall Sea Fisheries District (Protection of V-Notched Lobsters) Byelaw 1997.