

SEA FISHERIES REGULATION ACT 1966

The Committee of the Isles of Scilly Sea Fisheries District in exercise of their powers under Section 5 of the Sea Fisheries Regulation Act 1966 hereby make the following byelaw:

APPLICATION OF BYELAWS

LOBSTER MINIMUM LANDING SIZE

This byelaw applies to any part of the Isles of Scilly Sea Fisheries District within a line drawn from on the seaward side of the baselines 6 nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial waters of the United Kingdom is measured. For the purpose of this paragraph "the baselines" means the baselines as they existed at 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)"

No person shall remove from a fishery within the District any lobster of the species *Homarus gammarus* which has a carapace length less than 90 millimetres.

The carapace length shall be measured parallel to the mid line from the back of either eye socket to the distal edge of the carapace.

Provided that this byelaw shall not apply to any person removing any such lobster (*Homarus gammarus*) for scientific purposes with the written authority of the local fisheries committee signed by their Clerk and in accordance with any conditions contained in that authority.

This byelaw shall come into force from the date of confirmation by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note does not form part of the Byelaw)

This byelaw prohibits the removal of lobsters with a carapace length of less than 90 millimetres from the fishery. This measure is designed to afford protection to lobster stocks and to bring the minimum size for removal in line with that of the Cornwall Sea Fisheries District.

A copy of this application may be obtained from the Council of the Isles of Scilly at the address below. Any person who wishes to object to the confirmation of this byelaw must send a statement of his objection in writing to the Minister of Agriculture not less than 28 days from 19th July 1996.

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