



Isles of Scilly Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority

MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009 (c.23)

Crawfish Minimum Landing Size Byelaw

The Authority for the Isles of Scilly Inshore Fisheries and Conservation District in exercise of its powers under Section 155 and 156 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 make the following byelaw for that District.

Interpretation

(1) In this byelaw:

- a) “Authority” means the Isles of Scilly Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority as defined in Articles 2 and 4 of the Isles of Scilly Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Order 2010 (SI 2010/2213);
- b) “carapace” means the area of hard body shell from the tip of the central rostral spine to the rear end of the body shell;
- c) “crawfish” means a spiny lobster of the species *Palinurus elephas*;
- d) “District” means the Isles of Scilly Fisheries and Conservation District as defined in Articles 2 and 4 of the Isles of Scilly Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Order 2010 (SI 2010/2213).

Catch Prohibitions and Restrictions

(2) A person must not remove from a fishery within the District:

- a) any crawfish with a length of less than 110 millimetres; being the length measured along the centre line of the carapace; or
- b) any part of a crawfish (including the tail), which is detached from the body of a crawfish.

Any such crawfish or part thereof, must be returned immediately to the fishery in a position as near as possible to that part of the sea from which it was taken.


Dispensations

(3) This byelaw does not apply to a person performing an act that would otherwise constitute an offence against this byelaw, if that act was carried out in accordance with a written

permission issued by the Authority permitting that act for scientific, stocking or breeding purposes.

- (4) The dispensation will only be valid if during crawfish removal from the fishery, the dispensation is produced for inspection upon request by an Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Officer of the Authority or any other person authorised by the Authority to make such a request.

I hereby certify that the above byelaw was made by the Authority at their meeting on the 11th day of June 2019.

Signature  Date: 2nd September 2019

Tom Hooper
Chief Officer to Isles of Scilly Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority
Town Hall, St. Mary's, Isles of Scilly, TR21 0LW

The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs in exercise of the power conferred by section 155(4) of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 Confirms the 2019 Byelaw made by the Isles of Scilly Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority on the 11th June 2019.

Signature:  Date: 26 May 2020

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Explanatory Note (*This note is not part of the byelaw*)

The purpose of the Crawfish Minimum Landing Size Byelaw is to support the sustainable harvest of crawfish within the Isles of Scilly Inshore Fisheries and Conservation District.

The byelaw establishes a prohibition on landing crawfish under 110 millimetres in carapace length or any parts detached from the body of a crawfish, except in accordance with a written dispensation for certain lawful activities as listed in the byelaw.