

## PROTECTION OF BERRIED (EGG BEARING) LOBSTERS

1. This byelaw applies throughout the Southern Sea Fisheries District.
2. No person shall remove from the fishery any berried lobster of the species *Homarus gammarus*.
3. Any berried lobster so berried shall be immediately returned to the sea, as near as possible to the place from which it was taken.
4. For the purpose of this byelaw “berried” shall mean the carrying of any eggs or spawn attached to the tail or some other exterior part of the lobster, or such a condition as to show at the time when it was taken the animal was carrying eggs or spawn so attached.
5. Provided that this byelaw shall not apply to any person removing berried lobster for scientific purposes, under the written authority of the Southern Sea Fisheries Committee and in accordance with the conditions contained in that authority.
6. This byelaw does not prejudicially affect any right of several fishery under the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967.