CALL FOR INFORMATION

Southern IFCA
Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority

Review of Minimum Conservation Reference Sizes



Southern IFCA are reviewing minimum conservation reference size management for species in the District

We are seeking input to this review from all fishers, recreational & commercial, across the District and the wider stakeholder community

This Call for Information provides an initial opportunity to input comments, ideas, information or data to help inform understandings of the relevant fisheries & species and needs of the stakeholder community that will help shape future stages of the review



We want to hear from you:

- Which fisheries and species are important to you?
- Are there any specific species that you feel need a change in MCRS?
- Are there any species that do not have an MCRS which should be considered?
- Do you have any suggested sizes for any species?
- What changes in species do you think may come in the future that we need to consider?
- Are there any other elements of MCRS management that we need to consider?

plus any other information or evidence that you would like to share with us!

Following a review of feedback from Community Drop-In Surgeries held across the District, the Authority agreed to re-commence a District review of minimum conservation reference sizes (MCRS), looking at outputs from Fisheries Management Plans, information from previous stages of review of MCRS, management under the current MCRS Byelaw and species specific recommendations

How to Participate

You can participate in the Call for Information in one of these ways:



Speak to our Officers at sea or on the quayside



Email us at enquiries@southern-ifca.gov.uk with the subject 'MCRS Review'



Phone us on 01202 721373 and we can arrange for an Officer to speak with you

The Call for Information is open until Friday 8th January 2027

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