

Southern IFCA Net Fishing Byelaw



What type of Regulated Areas are there?

Net Permit Areas

To fish in **Southampton Water, Christchurch Harbour or the River Hamble** you must have a permit.

For details on eligibility please visit the **Net Fishing Permit** page on our website.

A Fishing Liaison officer is available for any questions relating to Permits, please contact the office if you wish to engage with them.

Net Prohibition Areas

You **cannot** use a net in these areas.

Net Restriction Areas

These areas are subject to **seasonal** and/or **net type**, and/or **net setting restrictions**. See below:

Net Restriction Area	Net Restrictions	When Restriction Applies
Langstone Harbour Net Restriction Area	Ring Nets Only	All year round
Portsmouth Harbour Net Restriction Area	Ring Nets Only	1st Mar to 31st Oct
Christchurch Box Net Restriction Area	Ring Nets Only	15th Feb to 30th Sept
	Bottom Set Nets and Ring Nets	1st Oct to 14th Feb
Poole Harbour Net Restriction Area	Ring Nets Only	1st Mar to 31st Oct
Wareham Approaches Net Restriction Area	Ring Nets Only	All year round
Eastern Fleet Net Restriction Area	Ring Nets Only	All year round
Lyme Bay Net Restriction Area	Must not use a net within three metres of the surface of the water at any state of the tide	All year round
Note all date periods are inclusive of dates listed		

What else do I need to know?

- Any net used in the district must be marked in accordance with the provisions in the byelaw.
- Size and use of a ring net is defined in the byelaw.
- Management of the Net Permit Areas will be informed by a Monitoring and Control Plan which
 will ensure that the Authority are using best available evidence on understandings of interactions
 between net fishing and migratory salmonids.
- If you are using a net in a bass nursery area (BNA) during a BNA period, you are not allowed to have any bass on board the vessel or on your person.

Want to find out more?

Further details can be found on the Southern IFCA website.

Visit our website at:

www.southern-ifca.gov.uk

or scan our **QR code**

or call us on: 01202 721373



Please see over the page for maps of the different regulated areas under the Net Fishing Byelaw



The information provided here is for guidance only, it is the responsibility of the person undertaking the activity to ensure that they are fully aware of all relevant regulations

