

SOUTHERN IFCA Wheelhouse Card

MINIMUM SIZE	CM
Bass	42.0
* Black Seabream	23.0
* Brill	30.0
* Clam (<i>Mercenaria mercenaria</i>)	6.3
Clam (<i>Ruditapes philippinarum</i>)	3.5
Clam (<i>Venus verrucosa</i>)	4.0
Clam (<i>Ruditapes decussatus</i>)	4.0
* Cockle	2.38
Cod	35.0
Crab (Brown)	14.0
Crab (Spider) (Female) 12.0 (Male)	13.0
Crab (Velvet)	6.5
* Conger Eel	58.0
Crawfish	9.5
* Dab	23.0
* Flounder	27.0
* Grey Mullet	30.0
Haddock	30.0
Hake	27.0
Herring	20.0
* Lemon Sole	25.0
Ling	63.0
Lobster (Carapace length)	8.7
Mackerel	20.0
Megrim	20.0
* Mussel	5.0
* Oyster	7.0
Plaice	27.0
Pollack	30.0
Queen Scallop	4.0
Razor Clam (<i>Ensis spp.</i>)	10.0
* Red Mullet	15.0
Saithe	35.0
Scad (Horse Mackerel)	15.0
Scallop (ICES area VIId 11.0)	10.0
* Skate (Whole)	40.0
* Skate (Wing)	20.0
Sole	24.0
Surf Clam	2.5
* Turbot	30.0
Whelk	4.5
Whiting	27.0
* Witch	28.0

* indicates Byelaw

CLOSED SEASONS

Oysters - throughout District – 1st March to 31st October

Winkles - throughout District – 15th May to 15th September

Cockles - throughout District – 1st February to 30th April (outside of Poole Harbour)

Prawns - Poole Harbour – 1st January to 31st July

CLOSED AREAS

Bottom Towed Fishing Gear – throughout District – Reef and seagrass areas

Hand Gathering – throughout District – Seagrass beds

Fixed Engines (Nets) – Seasonal closures in Poole Harbour, Keyhaven, Lymington, Test and Itchen, River Meon, Lyme Bay, Christchurch Harbour and Mudeford

Trawling – within 1 nautical mile of areas of Chesil Beach – 1st May to 31st August

Poole Harbour

A Poole Harbour Dredge Permit is required to use, retain on board, store or transport a dredge in Poole Harbour.

Shellfish hand gathering is prohibited in certain areas of Poole Harbour between 1st November and 31st March.

Bass Nursery Areas

Fishing for bass or the use of sand-eels as bait from a boat is prohibited at certain times in Chichester Harbour, Langstone Harbour, Portsmouth Harbour, Southampton Water, Fawley Power Station, Poole Harbour and The Fleet.

Vessel Restrictions

The maximum size of vessels allowed to fish commercially in the Southern IFCA District is 12 metres overall length.

Commercial Fishing

Any vessel fishing commercially within the District must be registered with the Authority. It is an offence to sell any sea fish caught from a vessel which is not correctly licenced and registered in accordance with current regulations.

Lobsters/Crawfish

No person shall remove any berried lobster or any lobster or crawfish with a notch cut in its tail or a mutilated tail.

Scallop Fishing

When dredging for scallops a maximum of 12 dredges may be towed at any time. All dredges must be fitted with a spring loaded tooth bar and the mouth of any dredge must not exceed 85cm in overall width. No more than two tow bars may be used and the maximum length of any tow bar shall not exceed 5.18 metres including attachments.

No person shall fish for or take any scallop from any fishery on any day before 0700 and after 1900 local time.

NOTE Information on this card is provided to assist fishers and should not be used as a definitive statement of current regulation.

Further information on Southern IFCA byelaws can be obtained from the Southern IFCA office or at www.southern-ifca.gov.uk/byelaws

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MINIMUM LEGAL SIZES

