

MINIMUM SIZES

CM

Bass	42.0
* Black Seabream	23.0
* Brill	30.0
* Clam (American Hard-Shell)	6.3
Clam (Manila)	3.5
Clam (Warty Venus)	4.0
Clam (Grooved Carpetshell)	4.0
Clam (Surf)	2.5
Cockle (gauge size)	2.38
Cod	35.0
Crab (Edible)	14.0
Crab (Spider) Female - 12.0 Male - 13.0	
Crab (Velvet)	6.5
* Conger Eel	58.0
* Crawfish	11.0
* Dab	23.0
Sole (<i>Solea spp.</i>)	24.0
* Flounder	27.0
* Grey Thick-Lipped Mullet	42.0
* Grey Thin-Lipped Mullet	42.0
* Golden Grey Mullet	36.0
Haddock	30.0
Horse Mackerel (Scad)	15.0
* Lemon Sole	25.0
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
Scallop (ICES area VIId)	11.0
Scallop (ICES area VIle)	10.0
* Skate or ray (Whole)	40.0
* Skate or ray (Wing)	20.0
* Turbot	30.0
Whelk	4.5
Whiting	27.0
* Witch	28.0
* Wrasse (Ballan)	18.0
* Wrasse (Corkwing)	14.0
* Wrasse (Goldsinny)	12.0
* Wrasse (Rock Cook)	12.0

* applies only when caught in the Southern IFC district.

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CLOSED SEASONS

Oysters - throughout District – Closed 1st March to 31st October
Winkles - throughout District – Closed 15th May to 15th September
Cockles - throughout District – Closed 1st February to 30th April
Prawns - Poole Harbour – Closed 1st January to 31st July

CLOSED AREAS

Bottom Towed Fishing Gear – defined closed areas throughout District
Hand Gathering – seagrass beds throughout District & defined areas in Poole Harbour (seasonal)
Fixed Nets – Seasonal closures (1st April – 30th September) in Poole Harbour, Keyhaven, Lymington, Test and Itchen, River Meon, Lyme Bay, Christchurch Harbour and Mudeford
Trawling – within 1 nautical mile of Chesil Beach – closed 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 all year at Fawley Power Station and The Fleet, and between 30th April – 1st Nov in Chichester Harbour, Langstone Harbour, Portsmouth Harbour, S'oton Water, Poole Harbour.

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

No person shall remove any berried lobster or any lobster 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. Please contact us or see <https://www.southern-ifca.gov.uk/all-regulations> for further information on Southern IFCA byelaws.

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