

# Permit Conditions

## Interpretation

- (1) In this Permit:
  - a) “scallop” means all scallop species, including the king or great scallop (*Pecten maximus*) and the queen scallop (*Aequipecten opercularis*).

## Seasonal Measures

- (2) A person must not use a dredge by means of a relevant fishing vessel within Southampton Water, Portsmouth Harbour or Langstone Harbour between the 1<sup>st</sup> March and 31<sup>st</sup> October each year, both days inclusive.
- (3) Within the Solent, between the 1<sup>st</sup> April and 30<sup>th</sup> September each year, both days inclusive, a person must not:
  - a) use a dredge by means of a relevant fishing vessel to fish for or remove from the fishery any scallops; or
  - b) retain any scallops on board a relevant fishing vessel whilst using a dredge.

## Retention of Sea Fisheries Resources

- (4) No oysters of the species *Ostrea edulis* are to be removed from the fishery. Any oysters of the species *Ostrea edulis* caught in the act of fishing must be returned immediately to the sea.
- (5) Oysters of the species *Crassostrea gigas* must either be retained onboard and landed or returned immediately to the sea at the location at which they were hauled.

## Gear Restrictions

- (6) Dredges used for the harvesting of clam species:
  - a) Must be constructed of rigid bars having spaces of not less than 18 mm between them; and
  - b) Any cross pieces used to strengthen the basket must have minimum spaces of 40 mm between them.
- (7) Within the Solent a person must not, at any one time, use more than two dredges from a relevant fishing vessel when harvesting scallops.

## Catch Reporting

- (8) When fishing in the Solent, the permit holder must submit to the Authority a completed catch return using a ‘Solent Category A Permit Catch Return Form’. Completed catch returns must be submitted either in hard copy or as an electronic PDF document and must be received by the Authority no later than the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the following month.

- (9) When completing the catch return, the permit holder must, for each day of the month, state the following as appropriate:
- a) On a day when hours have been spent fishing and catch has been taken:
    - i. the bivalve harvesting zone where fishing effort was undertaken;
    - ii. the total number of hours spent fishing;
    - iii. the total number of tows undertaken;
    - iv. the quantity in kilograms of each species caught and retained that day;
    - v. the name(s) of the company or individual to whom all parts of the catch were sold.
  
  - b) On a day when hours have been spent fishing but no catch has been taken:
    - i. the bivalve harvesting zone where fishing effort was undertaken;
    - ii. the total number of hours spent fishing;
    - iii. the total number of tows undertaken;
    - iv. and the word 'nil' in the column for 'species caught and quantity'.
  
  - c) On a day when no hours have been spent fishing:
    - i. the word 'nil' in the column for 'hours spent fishing'
    - ii. the word 'nil' in the column for 'species caught and quantity'.