

## 1. Poole Harbour Dredge Permit Monthly Catch Return Data Policy

1.1 The following policy sets out the process by which permit holders should submit monthly catch return data under the Poole Harbour Dredge Permit byelaw.

## 2. Requirement To Submit Monthly Catch Return Data

2.1 Permit condition 2.1 of the Poole Harbour Dredge Permit states that *the permit holder must, at the end of each month, submit a report of the quantities and species caught to the Authority.*

2.2 Whilst the fishery is open, at the end of each month Permit holders are required to submit the following catch return data to Southern IFCA:

- a. The name of permit holder;
- b. the name of permitted fishing vessel;
- c. the Month and year; and,
- d. for each day of the month;
  - i. the hours fished; and
  - ii. the species caught and associated quantities.

2.3 If no fishing has been carried out permit holders must indicate nil catch.

2.4 Permit holders may submit the required catch return data, outlined in paragraph 2.2, using a Monthly Catch Return form or through any other method approved in writing by Southern IFCA. Monthly Catch Return forms are available electronically or in hard copy from the Southern IFCA Office or on the Southern IFCA website: [www.southern-ifca.gov.uk](http://www.southern-ifca.gov.uk).

2.5 The required catch return data, outlined in paragraph 2.2, must be received by the Southern IFCA Office **no later than 14 days following the end of the relevant month.** Information may be submitted electronically to [enquiries@southern-ifca.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@southern-ifca.gov.uk).

- 2.6 Under section 4.3(ii) of the Poole Harbour Dredge Permit Access Policy, when awarding annual permit entitlements, Southern IFCA may consider whether *the permit holder has failed to make any catch return or submit a nil catch return.*
- 2.7 The validity of submitted catch return may be checked against other records held by Southern IFCA and data sources held by other authorities and organisations.

### **3. Failure To Submit The Required Catch Return Data**

- 3.1 Should a permit holder's required catch return data not be received by Southern IFCA **within 14 days following the end of the relevant month** the Authority may decide to take further action for breach of permit conditions.