



Sussex IFCA Hand Gathering Byelaw 2021
Regulatory Notice; Marine and Coastal Access
Act 2009, sections 155 and 156

Notice is hereby given that Sussex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (Sussex IFCA) intends to apply to the Minister for the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for confirmation of the Hand Gathering Byelaw 2021.

The Hand Gathering Byelaw 2021 establishes new management for the harvesting of marine fauna and flora from the intertidal zone by hand, or with hand held implements. Hand gathering includes bait collection for angling and the removal of species for human consumption. The Byelaw is intended to protect sensitive species and habitats within Marine Protected Areas from the impacts of disturbance, reduce the risks of pollution and reduce the risks of over exploitation. The Byelaw enables the continuation of hand gathering with defined daily bag limits, and introduces the requirement for hand gathering permits for persons gathering commercial and high quantities.

The full Byelaw, regulatory notice, impact assessment and associated guidance information can be found here: <https://www.sussex-ifca.gov.uk/live-consultations>

Any person wishing to object or comment on the confirmation of the above byelaw must do so in writing before the **15th April 2022** to:

Marine Conservation and Enforcement Team, Marine Management Organisation, Lancaster House, Hampshire Court, Newcastle Upon Tyne NE4 7YH, Email ifcabyelaws@marinemanagement.org.uk

And send a copy of this representation marked 'Byelaw Consultation' to the Sussex IFCA, 12a Riverside Business Centre, Shoreham-by-Sea, BN43 6RE, Email admin@sussex-ifca.gov.uk