



## **NORTH EASTERN INSHORE FISHERIES AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

### **MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009 (c.23)**

#### **Catch Returns Byelaw XXXI**

The Authority for the North Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation District in exercise of its powers under sections 155 and 156 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 makes the following byelaw for that District.

#### **1. Interpretation**

In this byelaw:

- (a) 'the Authority' means North Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority as defined in articles 2 and 4 of the North Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Order 2010 (S.I. 2010, No 2193);
- (b) 'catch return' means a form supplied by the Authority for the recording of information on commercial fishing activity and landings within the District;
- (c) 'the District' means the North Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation District as defined in articles 2 and 3 of the North Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Order 2010;
- (d) 'dredging' means towing any appliance through the water with a rigid framed mouth which is manufactured, adapted, used or intended for use for the purpose of fishing for sea fish;
- (e) 'exploiting sea fisheries resources for commercial purposes' means an operation to generate revenue from the exploitation of sea fisheries resources;
- (f) 'longlining' means the setting of lines with hooks to catch sea fish;
- (g) 'netting' means the setting or deployment of a gill or trammel net to catch sea fish;
- (h) 'potting' means the use of a pot, creel or trap to catch sea fish;
- (i) 'rod and line fishing' means the use of a rod and or line to catch sea fish;

(j) 'trawling' means towing or drawing a net to catch sea fish.

## **2. Requirement**

A person exploiting sea fisheries resources for commercial purposes must send the Authority a monthly catch return by the last day of the following calendar month.

## **3. Conditions**

- (a) Catch returns will only be accepted if all the information required on the forms is provided.
- (b) Separate catch returns must be completed for each of the following activities: potting; netting; trawling; dredging; longlining; rod and line fishing; and any other method used in the exploitation of sea fisheries resources

### Explanatory Note

*(This Note is not part of the byelaw)*

*This byelaw requires any person exploiting sea fish resources for commercial purposes to submit catch returns, to the Authority on a monthly basis. Each fishing activity undertaken will require the submission of a separate catch return.*