

Our Vision:

- Lead, champion and manage a sustainable marine environment and fishery.
- Secure a balance between social, environmental and economic benefits.
- Ensure healthy seas, a sustainable fishery and a viable fishing industry.

Our Role:

- Our jurisdiction is from estuarine upper tidal limits to six nautical miles out to sea, between the River Tyne and North East Lincolnshire.
- We want to help people to enjoy the rich and diverse marine landscapes along our coast without unnecessarily causing damage or harm.

This Guide:

- We want to help recreational fishers who fish from the shore or a boat to understand the laws that affect them.
- This guide gives a brief overview of regulations surrounding the Limited Shellfish Permit.

More information is available from our website www.ne-ifca.gov.uk

How you can help:

- Take your litter home. It is unsightly and dangerous to marine life.
- If fishing or gathering, only take what you need.
- Return all unwanted and undersized fish and shellfish carefully and alive.
- Ensure you have the means to measure fish and shellfish.
- Please do not tamper with or remove any fishing gear that does not belong to you.

Reporting suspicious activity:

If you witness any suspicious fishing or gathering activity please contact the NEIFCA office as soon as possible on the number provided. All calls are dealt with in the strictest of confidence.

Contact NEIFCA

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Inshore Fisheries and
Conservation Authority



Limited Shellfish Permit

Do I need a Limited Shellfish Permit?

Before you can catch edible and velvet crabs, lobster and whelks from the shore, a boat or diving, you need a Limited Shellfish Permit.

What is a Limited Shellfish Permit?

- It is a permit available to hobby fishermen that allows an individual to take up to **2 lobsters**, **10 crabs** and **30 whelks** (shellfish) per day from the shore or a boat.
- If there is more than one permit holder present on a boat, you can still only take the above allowance per boat.
- Tags issued are to be affixed to any pots or net used to identify their owner.
- You are permitted to use up to 100m of net to fish for shellfish. However, there are a number of byelaws you must follow.

For information, please visit:
www.ne-ifca.gov.uk
or phone: **(01482) 393515**

Minimum conservation reference size:

Minimum conservation reference sizes (MCRS) ensure the health of the stock and allow the species to breed at least once before being removed from the sea. The list below outlines the MCRS' for common species. You can contact our office if you are unsure of the correct size for the animal you wish to catch.



Shellfish:

Lobster - 87mm
Edible crab - 140mm
Mussel - 51mm
Whelk - 45mm
Velvet crab - 65mm
Razor clam - 100mm

Fish:

Cod - 35cm
Mackerel - 30cm
Plaice - 27cm
Sole - 24cm
Whiting - 27cm

Restrictions

Berried Hens:

It is prohibited to land any female lobster or edible crab bearing eggs. If one is caught, it must be returned immediately and as close as possible to the location at which it was caught.

Escape Gaps:

Escape gaps are mandatory under NEIFCA Byelaw XXVIII. All gaps must measure 80mm x 46mm.

For further information, please visit:
www.neifca.gov.uk

V Notched Lobster Tails:

Have a look at the picture (left) to see what a V notch looks like. This is done to protect female lobsters old enough to breed. If one is caught, you must return it to the sea or rock pool straight away.

Where can I apply?

You can apply for a permit on our website at:
www.ne-ifca.gov.uk/apply-for-a-permit

You can also call our office and we can post out an application form: **(01482) 393515**

Keep up to Date:

To ensure that you comply with all relevant regulations and for the most up to date information, please visit: www.ne-ifca.gov.uk
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