

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 main jurisdiction is from estuarine upper tidal limits to six nautical miles out to sea, between the River Tyne and North East Lincolnshire.
- Our aim is to manage the inshore marine environment in a sustainable manner.
- 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.
- Our Officers usually, but not always, wear a blue uniform and will always carry and show an identification card called a warrant.
- Look out for our patrol vessel the North Eastern Guardian III patrolling our coast. One of our rigid inflatable boats may come alongside you to have a look at your catch when you are fishing from your boat.

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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Website: www.ne-ifca.gov.uk

North Eastern



Inshore Fisheries and
Conservation Authority



Recreational Angling

Do I Need a Permit?

A permit is not needed if you are a recreational angler. If you plan on taking shellfish, a Limited Shellfish Permit is required. Please visit: www.ne-ifca.gov.uk
Or phone: (01482) 393515

When collecting any bait for fishing, only take what you will need and try to back fill any holes you dig on the beach.

Try to avoid disturbing resting birds when bait collecting as these animals need to feed at low tide to enable them to survive a long cold winter and even migrate.

Enforcement:

It's not uncommon for you to see one of our Fishery and Conservation Officers patrolling the coast.

They may want to have a look at what you have caught and make sure it is the right size or is not subject to any restrictions.

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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.

Cod - 35cm	Sole - 24cm
Mackerel - 30cm	Whiting - 27cm
Ling - 63cm	Bass - 42cm
Plaice - 27cm	

Fish are measured from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail fin:



Restrictions

Sea Bass:

Please contact your local IFCA regarding the current legislation for recreational bass fishing.

Tope:

No tope or parts can be taken from the district. All tope must be immediately returned to the sea.

Salmon and Sea Trout:

Any salmon or sea trout must be returned immediately unless you hold an appropriate Environment Agency license.

Shad:

It is prohibited to catch, retain or fish for any shad species. Any shad caught, must be returned immediately.

No Take Zones:

A no take zone exists at Flamborough Head. This extends from Sewerby Steps to Danes Dyke and 700m seawards from the base of the cliffs.

Nothing can be taken from the shore or sea.

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 or phone: (01482) 393515

