



Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority

Eastern IFCA Permitting Byelaw 2015

Permit Conditions Notice – Whelks

The permit conditions relate to permits which are endorsed for the fishing of whelks under the Eastern IFCA whelk Byelaw 2015.

Interpretation

Within these permit conditions -

- a. 'District' means the Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation District as defined in Articles 2 and 3 of the Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Order 2010 (SI 2010 No 2189);
- b. 'fishing for' includes;
 - i. Using, setting or placing any fishing gear for the capture of sea fisheries resources;
 - ii. Taking or removing sea fisheries resources from a fishery;
 - iii. Landing sea fisheries resources.
- c. 'whelk' means the marine gastropod *Buccinum undatum*;
- d. 'whelk pot' means a pot or trap set for the purpose of catching whelks and which ordinarily consists of a weighted, rope or plastic container with an open top through which whelks can enter but are restricted in escaping by a mesh covering the opening;

Permit conditions

1. Pot limitation – The maximum number of tags which will be issued to a Category One permit holder with a whelk endorsement is 500.
2. Pot limitation – The maximum number of tags which will be issued to a Category Two permit holder with a whelk endorsement is 5.

3. Escape holes – all whelk pots must include a minimum of two escape holes that are positioned at least 150mm from the base of the pot or no more than 50mm from the top of the pot. These escape holes must be of a size that a bar, the diameter of which is 24mm, will pass freely through the hole. Escape holes must not be obstructed by any means
4. Sorting of catch - All whelks must be graded for size immediately after removal from the sea by passing them over or through a riddle constructed of parallel bars with a minimum spacing between bars which a gauge, the size of which is 24mm, will pass through. All whelk rejected by the riddle shall be returned immediately to the sea.
5. Minimum landing size – the minimum size for whelks caught within the District is 55mm, measured as set out in appendix one.
6. Minimum landing size - Whelk below the minimum landing size, caught within the district, shall not be retained on board or be transhipped, landed, transported, stored, sold, displayed or offered for sale, but shall be returned immediately to the sea.
7. Internal pot volume - No person shall fish for whelks using a whelk pot of an internal volume greater than 30 litres.

Commencement date:

Latest review date:

Expiry date:

I hereby certify that the above Regulatory Notice was made by Eastern Inshore Fisheries

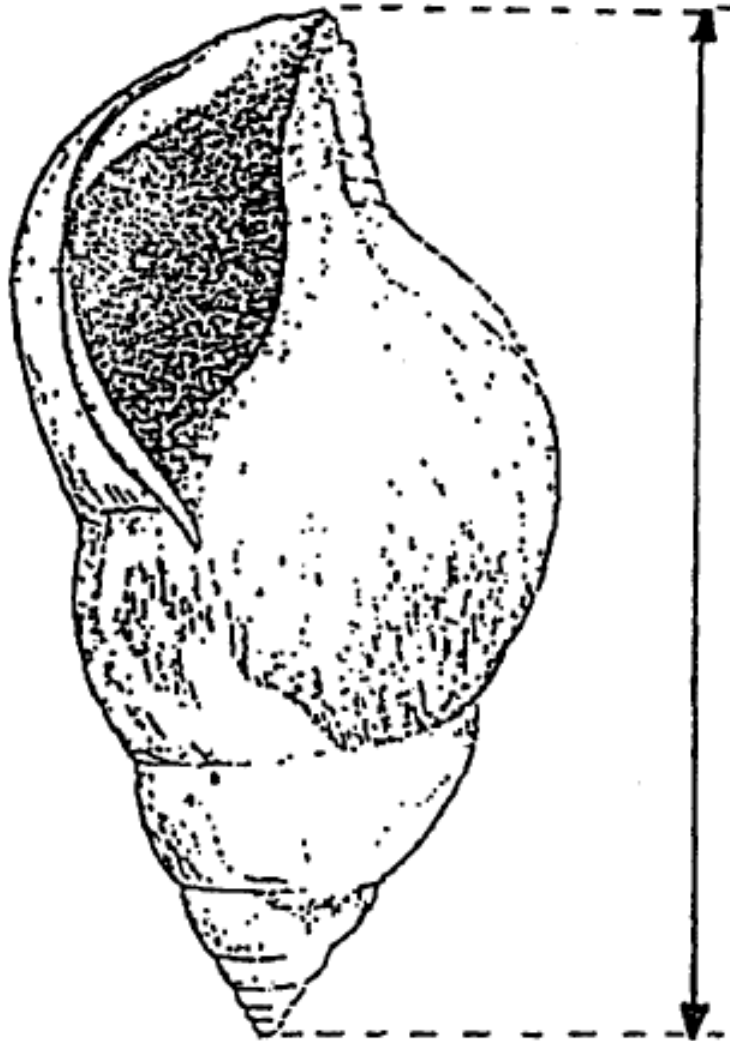
and Conservation Authority at their meeting on 18th September 2013.

The said Regulatory Notice comes into effect on 16th May 2014

Appendix 1

Measurement of the length of a whelk (*Buccinum undatum*) in relation to minimum landing size

The size of a whelk shall be measured as shown in figure 1 as the length of the shell.



The length of a whelk is determined as above regardless of any damage which would reduce its length.