



Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority

Shrimp Permit Byelaw 2018

Flexible Permit Conditions – Shrimps

These flexible permit conditions relate to Category One shrimp permits issued under the Shrimp Permit Byelaw 2018 and should be read in conjunction with that byelaw.

Permit conditions

Try-nets

1. No vessel shall carry or deploy more than one 'try net'.
2. 'Try-nets' must be deployed and hauled by hand and meet the following criteria:
 - a) be no more than 500 millimetres in length;
 - b) be no more than 20 kilograms in weight;
 - c) not have tickler chains or any other attachment designed or with the effect of penetrating the seabed except guides, skids or shoe;
3. For the purpose of 1 and 2 above, a 'try-net' is a small trawl deployed by hand from a vessel used to determine the presence or absence of shrimps.

Requirement to have a separator trawl or sorting grid

4. No vessel shall carry or deploy a net, the mesh of which measures between 16 and 31 millimetres unless:
 - a) It is a try net; or
 - b) Netting, the mesh of which measures at least twice that of the codend and no more than 70 millimetres, is fitted across the entire cross-section of the net in such a way that:
 - i. Sea fish cannot reach the codend without first passing through the netting; and

- ii. There is a hole in the net through which all sea fish that do not pass through the netting are able to escape; or
- c) A rigid grid, the spacing between the bars of which is no more than 20 millimetres, is fitted across the entire cross-section of the net in such a way that;
- i. Sea fish cannot reach the codend without first passing through the grid; and
 - ii. there is a hole in the net through which all sea fish that do not pass through the grid are able to escape

Prohibited attachments

5. No vessel shall carry or deploy a net, the mesh of which measures between 16 and 31 millimetres which has the following attachments:
- a. Tickler chains;
 - b. Any item designed or with the effect of penetrating the seabed except guides, skids or shoes.

Guides, skids and shoes

6. No vessel shall carry or deploy a net, the mesh of which measures between 16 and 31 millimetres which uses guides, skids or shoes unless the surface of such which comes into contact with the seabed is flat across its entire length.