

Whelk Permit Conditions: Additional Measures



Eastern IFCA is proposing additional management measures for whelk fisheries under the Whelk Permit Byelaw 2016. Find out more about the proposed **additional permit conditions** and **new eligibility criteria** below. Have your say: respond to the consultation by **22nd February 2021**.

Whelk Permit Byelaw 2016 – What is it?



The Whelk Permit Byelaw 2016 requires whelk fishermen in the Eastern IFCA district to have a permit to fish for whelks and to fish them in accordance with the permit conditions.

You can find out about the current permit conditions on our website: www.eastern-ifca.gov.uk/byelaws/

Proposed: Additional Permit Conditions



1. If you are convicted of an offence or if a Financial Administrative Penalty (FAP) is issued, you will be prohibited from fishing in the whelk fishery for 12 months from the date of issue or conviction.



2. Any catch of whelk caught inside the district must be clearly labelled and separate to a catch of whelk caught outside the district.



3. Catch returns must be completed in logbooks within 24 hours of fishing, and then returned to Eastern IFCA by the 10th day of the month before further activity (as outlined in the byelaw).



4. If your catch returns are more than a month in arrears you will be prohibited from fishing in the whelk fishery until these returns are submitted.

Proposed: New Permit Eligibility Criteria



1. You will not be eligible to be named on a Whelk Permit if you have, within 12 months of your application, failed to comply with any provision of the Whelk Permit Byelaw 2016 and you are convicted of an offence, or if a Financial Administrative Penalty (FAP) is issued.