

## Eastern IFCA Formal Consultation: Shrimp Permit Conditions Review

The Shrimp Fisheries in Eastern IFCA's district are managed under the Shrimp Permit Byelaw 2018, with permits issued to allow fishing within the Wash and North Norfolk Coast (A Category 1 Permit), and the rest of the district (A Category 2 Permit). Under the byelaw, it is a requirement for Eastern IFCA to review the conditions attached to these permits every 4 years, to ensure the conditions are fulfilling their purpose without causing unnecessary issues.

As such, Eastern IFCA are seeking the views of stakeholders as part of the review for the Shrimp Permit Byelaw 2018 permit conditions. While no significant environmental or compliance issues have been identified with the shrimp fisheries that need to be addressed, Eastern IFCA is proposing two changes to the permit conditions:

**1) An increase to a 3-minute ping rate for VMS.**

This will bring all positional reporting in line with IVMS and ensure the shrimp fishery requirements are in line with other Eastern IFCA fisheries

**2) Removing or altering the experience requirements on Category 1 Shrimp Permits (usable within the Wash and North Norfolk Coast).**

Industry members have told us that this requirement is making it very difficult to find skippers, and as a result vessels are sometimes not able to go to sea. Alterations could, for example, include replacing the experience requirement with a training session to ensure skippers are aware of the permit conditions and how to ensure the fishery doesn't adversely affect the habitats of the Wash and North Norfolk Coast.

This consultation is an opportunity for stakeholders to provide feedback on the above proposals, as well as the broader permit conditions.

To respond to the consultation, the consultation document below can be downloaded, completed, and sent to the office at [mail@eastern-ifca.gov.uk](mailto:mail@eastern-ifca.gov.uk).

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