



# **Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority**

## **Whelk Permit Byelaw 2016**

### **Flexible Permit Conditions – Whelks**

These flexible permit conditions relate to whelk permits issued under the Whelk Permit Byelaw 2016 and should be read in conjunction with that byelaw.

#### **Permit conditions**

1. Pot limitation – The maximum number of tags which will be issued to a Category One permit holder is 500.
2. Pot limitation – The maximum number of tags which will be issued to a Category Two permit holder 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. 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 whelks rejected by the riddle must be returned immediately to the sea.
5. Minimum length – The minimum length for whelks caught within the District is 55mm, measured as set out in the Appendix.
6. Internal pot volume - A person must not fish for whelks using a whelk pot of an internal volume greater than 30 litres.
7. Separation and Reporting of Catch – All Category One permit holders must separate whelk caught within the Eastern IFCA district from whelk caught outside the district upon removal from the sea. Such catches must be stored in separate, clearly identifiable containers on board the vessel at all times. The quantities of

whelk taken from inside and outside the Eastern IFCA district must be recorded and reported separately on the whelk catch return forms submitted to the Authority.

### **Vessel Monitoring Devices**

7. Vessels with an overall length of less than 12m must at all times whilst at sea:
  - a. Have either a Nemo or SC2 I-VMS MMO type-approved I-VMS device installed onboard and operating;
  - b. Have the I-VMS unit switched on and transmitting data to the device supplier hub for onward transmission to the UK VMS Hub at least once in every 3 minutes; and
  - c. Ensure that the device has not been manually overridden, has not been tampered with or damaged and is not obstructed or interfered with so as to compromise or prevent the effective transmission of data to the UK VMS Hub.
  
8. Subject to condition 9, vessels with an overall length of 12m or more must at all times whilst at sea:
  - a. Have installed and operating onboard a VMS or VMS+ unit;
  - b. Have the VMS or VMS+ unit switched on and transmitting data to the device supplier hub for onward transmission to the UK VMS Hub at least once in every 3 minutes; and
  - c. Ensure that the device has not been manually overridden, has not been tampered with or damaged and is not obstructed or interfered with so as to compromise or prevent the effective transmission of data to the UK VMS Hub.
  
9. Where a vessel to which condition 8 applies is not able to meet condition 8(b), condition 8 shall not apply if:
  - a. the vessel has onboard and operating, a tracker provided by the Authority; and
  - b. the permit holder or nominated deputy remunerate the Authority for the associated subscription cost.

**Commencement date: 01/04/2026**

**Latest review date: 01/04/2030**

**Expiry date: n/a**

I hereby certify that the above flexible permit conditions were made by Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority at their meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

The above flexible permit conditions come into effect on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Gregory', written in a cursive style.

**Julian Gregory**

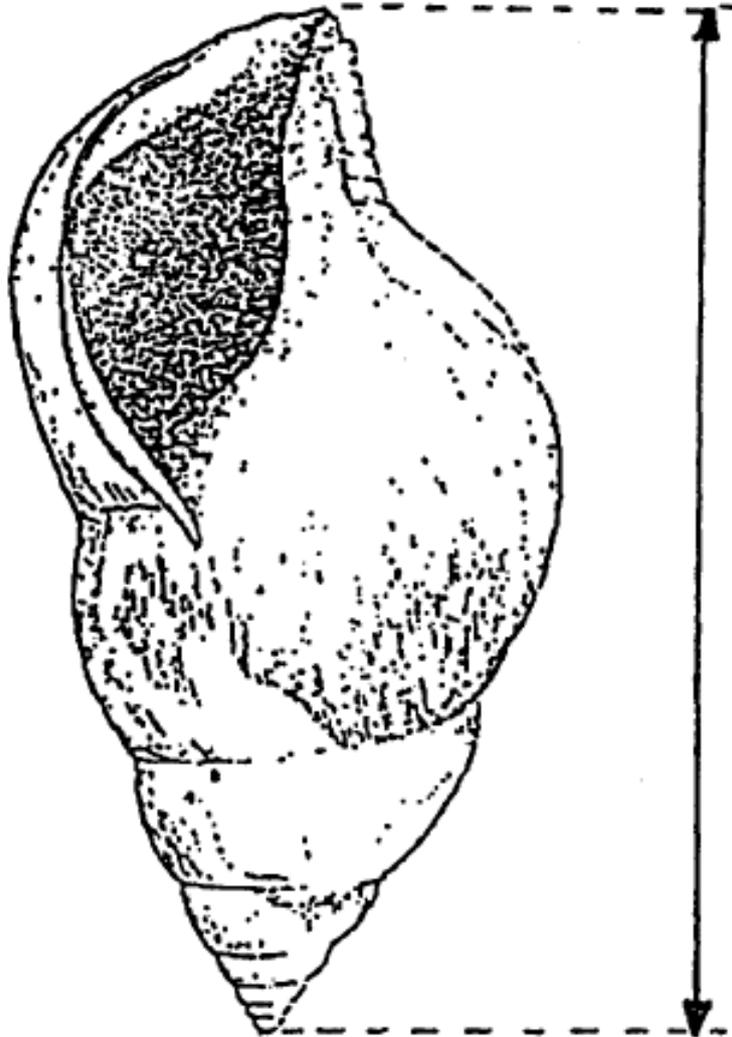
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## Appendix

**Measurement of the length of a whelk (*Buccinum undatum*)** The length of a whelk will be measured as shown below.



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