

Northumberland IFCA Netting: Call for Information

Closing date: 2nd December 2022

Northumberland IFCA are reviewing the Fixed Engine Byelaw and would like hear from you about any change you would like to see in netting management in the NIFCA district. NIFCA do not manage fisheries for migratory fish (salmon or sea trout) which is managed by the Environment Agency, therefore this byelaw and any future versions of it, will not include measures for these species.

To give use your views, please use the questionnaire below.

This is part of a call for information stage and is intended to help us make changes to improve the byelaw. This is the early stages of the process; your views will help to develop the changes to the byelaw. There will be another opportunity to comment once your suggested changes have been developed into proposals. If you provide us with your contact details, we will let you know when future consultations start.

As this byelaw covers a wide area, it is likely to be of interest to many people. This information will be sent to a range of individuals who we have contacts details for, and you may wish to send your views in as part of an organisation or group of people. If you know of anybody who may be interested in responding to this consultation, please direct them to our website, or ask them to contact us and we will ensure they receive a copy of the questionnaire.

Please provide as much information as you can.

At the end of the form below is a comments box for you to provide us with any other information that you think would be useful.

You can also fill this questionnaire in online, or you can request additional copies by contacting our office.

You do not have to complete the whole questionnaire and we will still consider forms with areas left blank, including your contact details.

If you can provide us with your name and contact details this would help us as we may wish to contact you for further information or clarification of any issues you raise. For more information about how we will use your personal data please see the statement at the end of the form.

We look forward to hearing your views.

Personal details	
Your name	
E-mail address	
Postal address	
Please briefly describe your interest in this fishery.	
If you have a licenced fishing vessel, please can you include its name and PLN.	

Question 1	
Do you fish commercially or recreationally?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Question 2	
Do you fish using nets in the NIFCA district? If yes, please go to question 3. If no, please go to question x.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Question 3	
Do you fish using any other gears in the NIFCA district? Please tick all that apply.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Potting <input type="checkbox"/> Trawling <input type="checkbox"/> Do not fish commercially within the NIFCA district <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify 	

Question 4	
What size is your vessel?	

Question 5**What type of net do you use? Please tick all that apply.**

- ☐ Gill net
- ☐ Tangle net
- ☐ Trammel net
- ☐ Other, please specify

Question 6**What time of year do you fish with nets? Please tick all that apply.**

- ☐ January – March
- ☐ April – June
- ☐ July – September
- ☐ October - December

Question 7**What species do you target? Please list below.****Question 8****What depth of water to you fish in? Please tick all that apply.**

- ☐ 0-10 m
- ☐ 10-20 m
- ☐ 20-30 m
- ☐ 30m +

Question 9

How many nets do you fish with? (If you fish with more than one type of net, please indicate how many of each type).

Question 10

What length is/are your net(s)?

Question 11

Do you think any changes to the NIFCA Fixed Engine byelaw are needed? If yes, please provide details.

☐ Yes☐ No

Question 12

Do you have any further comments you would like to make about this byelaw?

How we will handle the information you give us:

We are asking you to provide us with your personal information. We will hold this information securely and in line with the 2017 General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2010. We will only use the personal information you provide to us in this questionnaire in connection with this byelaw review process.

Your name and contact information:

We will not pass your personal details on or make them public and we will not use your details to contact you for any reason outside of this byelaw review process.

The information you provide to us in responding to the questions:

The information you provide us with will be stored in connection with your name and contact details to allow us to contact you if the information you provide is of particular use.

We may wish to use some of the figures you provide on this form in public documents as part of the review process, however, this will not be used in a way which could identify you, or harm your business or personal interests.

How long we will hold the information:

This is an informal consultation and is an opportunity for us to engage with key stakeholders as part of reviewing the byelaw. We keep all personal information in relation to consultations for 7 years (plus current) as per standard practice unless you otherwise inform us that you would like your personal information to be deleted sooner.

You can request that the personal information you supply as part of this process is deleted at any time by contacting us at our office by telephone, email or letter.

For more information about how NIFCA uses personal data, please see our Privacy Notice on our website at: -

<https://nifca.gov.uk/privacy-policy/>