

INFORMATION TO FISHERS



This notice is intended to provide the minimum conservation reference sizes (MCRS) for finfish, crustacea and molluscs to all recreational and commercial fishers within the Northumberland IFCA district. Unless specified all measurements apply to the dimension of length. The full version of the MCRS byelaw and method of measurement for fish, crustacea and molluscs can be found at www.nifca.gov.uk/byelaws.

Named Fish Species

Bass (<i>Dicentrarchus labrax</i>)	42 cm
Cod (<i>Gadus morhua</i>)	35 cm
Dover sole (<i>Solea solea</i>)	24 cm
Haddock (<i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>)	30 cm
Hake (<i>Merluccius merluccius</i>)	27 cm
Herring (<i>Clupea harengus</i>)	20 cm
Horse mackerel (<i>Trachurus trachurus</i>)	15 cm
Ling (<i>Molva molva</i>)	63 cm
Mackerel (<i>Scomber scombrus</i>) caught within North Sea	30 cm
Plaice (<i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>)	27 cm
Pollack (<i>Pollachius pollachius</i>)	30 cm
Saithe (Coalfish) (<i>Pollachius virens</i>)	35 cm
Sardine (<i>Sardina pilchardus</i>)	11 cm
Whiting (<i>Merlangius merlangus</i>)	27 cm

Named Mollusc Species

Octopus (<i>Octopus vulgaris</i>)	750 g
Queen scallop (<i>Chlamys</i> spp.)	40 mm
Razor clam (<i>Ensis</i> spp.)	100 mm
Whelk (<i>Buccinum undatum</i>)	45 mm
King scallop (<i>Pecten maximus</i>)	100 mm

Named Crustacea Species

European lobster (<i>Homarus gammarus</i>)	carapace - 87 mm
Norway lobster (<i>Nephrops norvegicus</i>)	whole - 85 mm
	carapace - 25 mm
	tail - 46 mm

The above is up to date as of September 2023