

Annexes to Agenda Item 10- Outputs form District Wide Port Meetings

Annex 1: Table of the Concerns raised by Fishers attending D&S IFCA's Port Meetings

Category of Concern	Concerns	North Devon			South Devon					East Devon		
		Clovelly	Ilfracombe	Appledore	Plymouth	Dartmouth	Salcombe	Brixham	Torquay	Teignmouth	Exmouth	Seaton
Vivier vessels impact	bigger boats (viviers) working 24/7 are the problem not inshore boats											
	Vivier boats working outside 6nm - impacting crab stocks											
	viviers/super crabbers increase in number used to be 7super crabbers now up to 30 with 3000-6000 pots each											
	Concern viviers will move into IPA when inshore boat bought up											
	viviers only a concern inshore if space becomes available											
	viviers do not creep for gear - one company in particular											
	how would pot limits work offshore - would viviers bring in gear?											
	big boats working 24/7 on the whelks											
	viviers land poor quality crab - making money from it											

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Large vessel impacts	Large vessels have too many pots and larger pots (coming up from Cornwall)											
	growth of larger vessels into potting											
	Too many big vessels inside 6nm											
Efficiency of boats impacts on stocks	10m vessels are very efficient - similar to 15m											
	efficiency of boats damaging crab socks											
Engine Power	twin riggers & engine power concerns outside 6nm											
	engine power concerns											
Escape gaps impacts	escape gaps causing some loss of lobsters											
	escape gaps limit velvet industry - exporter wants velvets for more than 3 months											
	escape gaps cause damage to lobsters/claws											
	crabs not around - not for 50yrs - small going through escape gaps											
Bait/ crab quality issues	Undersize crabs used as bait (from boats own pots).											

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	concerns about ban on crab as whelk bait											
	small crab being used as whelk bait (being bought in)											
	buyers/merchants part of the problem taking poor quality crab											
	poor quality crab used as bait											
	concerned with soft crab used as bait											
	Bait obtained free from Greendale											
Recreational potting concerns	too much recreational potting gear											
	recreational potters landing undersize & berried lobster/crab/											
	lots of recreational floaty rope & lack of enforcement of rec potters											
	too many recreational pots between firing range and Langstone Rocks & from Budleigh											
	more recreational pots in Teignmouth area than commercial											
	up to 10 people on recreational pots hauling 50 pots											
	Recreational potters hauling commercial pots (putting their pots right next to com pots)											

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	Recreational potters not abiding by regs incl no gear marking, too many on boat											
Overfishing/ pot numbers	overfishing of crab & lobster											
	grants have meant more pots on the ground											
	new pots unaffordable so limits effort increase?											
	too many whelk pots on the ground											
	if limit pots per crew number boats would get more crew											
	too much gear on the ground/ too much potting effort											
Demersal gear impacts	trawlers and scallopers destroying habitats and crab stocks inside & outside 6nm											
	scallopers destroy habitat for whelks											
	towed gear conflict with potters											
	crab & lobster berried up when scallop fishery opens = scallopers destroy autumn run											
Netting Impacts	netters moving to potting because of restriction of catches in nets											

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	no pollack netting move to other netting - impacting stocks											
	Stone crushers on net flakers destroying crab											
	too much netting inside 6nm											
	netting destroying crab stocks and crushing ross coral											
Too many regulations / no more restrictions inshore	Devon is most regulated IFCA district - no more regs											
	IPA full to capacity - no need to restrict numbers											
	too many restrictions already											
	Proving data will result in more regulations e.g. new areas closed to trawling											
	cameras on board - would quit fishing if brought in											
MCRS concerns	not happy with 150mm for hen crab											
	concern with MCRS diff for lobsters across boundary with SIFCA											
	size of whelk MCRS a concern across IFCA boundaries											
	Concern with different MCRS inside 6nm and out											
	Whelkers from Lyme Regis taking 45mm											

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	whelks from Devon											
Changes in environment / Populations of other species	shifting dynamics in fisheries, environmental changes											
	warmer water temperatures and environmental conditions are impacting crab stocks rather than effort											
	octopus predation from May onwards impacting stocks											
	seal numbers have increased rapidly and impacting crab stocks											
	lot of lice on lobsters 1 mile off											
	lots of fiddler crab & squat lobsters impacting brown crab stocks											
	too many bull huss on the ground											
	concern that old shell not returned to sea - climate change with decrease calcium in the sea affecting Ph and shell hardness											
Impact of crab fisheries outside 6nm	crab migration from the west and is being hit before it gets to north Devon											

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on migration	which direction is migration of crab along channel. If coming from East is North sea fishery killing the fishery in the SW											
Changes in crustacea stocks	season of crab in North Devon is getting smaller Oct to Dec - only 5-6 weeks run											
	lobster fishery only 3 months											
	inshore potting is declining											
	spider crabs increasing until end of June pushing crab season later											
	Cricket ground: between E & W Rutts dead zone since trawling ban. No crabs											
	few crawfish seen											
	not worth fishing between January & April											
	lots of lobsters - few sizeable crab - maybe lobsters impacting crab stock											
	no longer see good quality crab											
	removal of so many male lobsters											
	no cock crab seen in March											

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Infringements crab claws, scrubbing, catch limit, mutilated tail	lots of crab claws landed even small crab - claws 20% of crab wt. so have value											
	scrubbing of lobster - Budleigh area - never see red eggs											
	divers not adhering to scallop catch limits											
	berried lobsters being landed by Welsh boast into Wales but fishing around Lundy											
	questioned why can't keep males lobsters even with mutilated tail											
Fishery Concerns e.g. prices, diversification, removal of male lobsters	Having to fish more for whelk.											
	poor price for spiders											
	limited ability to diversify											
	fishing is not economically viable anymore; crew have 2 jobs											
Conflict with development	having to move gear for wind farms											
	seaweed farms taking up more areas											
	Portsmouth dredging & other capital dredging impacting crab stocks											

Appendix 2: Table of Management Measures suggested by Fishers attending D&S IFCA's Port Meetings

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Vivier Vessels	Reduce bigger boats (viviers) working (effort or number of boats)											
	ban viviers inside 6nm to protect inshore fleet/ground - viviers defined as those that stay at sea overnight											
	potential ban on viviers with integral tank inside 6nm (grandfather rights for existing inshore day boats that have tanks)											
	limit growth of larger (vivier) boats - immediate action											
	viviers need to be stopped or tied up for long period to allow stocks to recover											
Large vessels	larger vessel restricted to single rigging											
	12m length restriction											
	restrict vessel length, engine power & gear											
Escape gaps / panels	make escape gaps a hinged door that closes after escape											
	biodegradable panel to prevent ghost fishing											
Bait	ban on soft shelled crab as bait but could dead be used?											
	No crab for whelk bait											
	No ban on soft crab for bait											

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	spider crabs could be used as whelk bait											
Recreational potting	restrict recreational pots further - less than 5											
	use drones to enforce rec potters & patrol at weekends											
	recreational potting needs to be monitored & enforced- poor gear marking											
	revoke recreational permits. Ban recreational potting											
	increase cost of recreational permits to £100 or £200											
For pot limits	reduce effort of vessel >12m with grandfather rights											
	pot limits 100 per fisher particularly for smaller vessels											
	pot limits based on vessel size											
	reduce the amount of potting gear											
	pot limits based on vessel rather than crew number or vessel length											
	if pot limits then restrict number per string (25?) and tags each end											
	localised management at Budleigh to reduce potting gear											
	limit number of pots											

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Against Pot limits	Pot limits hard to enforce. Could Cap existing number of pots but not reduce											
	Pot limits - double edged sword d- some vessels may increase pots to meet limit											
	pot limits only work over long period of time - not viable											
	concern that limits will turn fishers into criminals											
	no pot limits											
	If pot limits what happens to pots brought in											
	No more regulations - already restricted by weather, space, trawling, tide, crew, limited season											
Pot limits if applied nationally	pot limits good if applied nationally across the 6nm and with CIFCA/MMO											
	Pot limitations reduce number by 25% nationally											
Days at sea	days at sea for larger vessels											
	DAS limit to 200 days per vessel. Offshore vessels should be tied up for period											
	DAS effort limitation - no. of days or seasonal closure											
Demersal gear	restrict mobile gear to winter months											

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	closed area for trawlers between Berry Head and Lyme Bay											
	one mile exclusion for towed gear											
	limit scallop dredges to 3 or 4 aside inside 6nm											
	no scalloping inside 6nm											
Netting	stone crushers should be banned on netters											
	Open TT to netting when salmon don't run											
MCRS	max size for lobster											
	increase lobster MCRS above 90mm											
	protection of male lobsters?											
	national MCR size limits, not differences in IFCA districts											
	increase in lobster MCRS should be national											
	lobster MCRS should be the same inside and outside 6nm											
	no v-notching											
	Sort out difference in MCRS across SIFCA * D&S IFCA boundary											
Seasonal closures	restrict whelk, crab lobster fishing to summer months only											
	closed season for lobster Oct to April											
	Shift seasonal closures											

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	around Lundy											
Other suggestions	different management measures on each coast											
	return dead shell to sea											
	use catch app for pot numbers. Landings											
	inshore area for inshore boats only											
	more enforcement / presence needed											
	whelk boxes - to protect whelk & allow trawling away from whelk ground											
	should be able to land male v-notch lobsters											
	berried lobster ban across the board!											
No more management inshore	No quota limits											
	management of crab fisheries at a national level - align all measures											
	no seasonal closure already impacted by weather - more & more											
	no more management inshore - offshore fleet need to be reduced & managed											
Cuttle pots	Cuttle strings need to be marked more regularly as too far apart											
	Cuttle pots should be left out at the end of the fishery to allow eggs to hatch											