

Annex 2 - Pot Numbers reported by Category One and Category Two Potting Permit Holders on Permit Applications.

The D&S IFCA’s Permit database was interrogated to provide the figures in this Annex. The permit database consists of information and data provided by the permit holders. All Potting Permit holders are required, when completing the application form for a permit, to provide the number of pots of different design or targeting different species that they use within the D&S IFCA’s District.

Category One Commercial Potting Permit Holders

There were 177 current commercial potting permit holders in November 2024. Figure 1 that the majority of potting permit holders are under 10m in length. In fact, of the 177 Cat 1 permit holders 159 or 90% are under 10m and only 18 vessels are over 10m, of which 10 are between 12-14.97m. Figure 1 indicates that the maximum number of inkwell/parlour/creel pots reported used by a permit holder was 1800 pots. The vessel reporting this number of pots was in the largest size category of 12-14.99m, it being a 14.97m day vessel (without vivier tanks). In the 8-9.99m vessel size class a vessel of 8m reported having a maximum number of 1500 inkwell, parlour and/or creel pots.

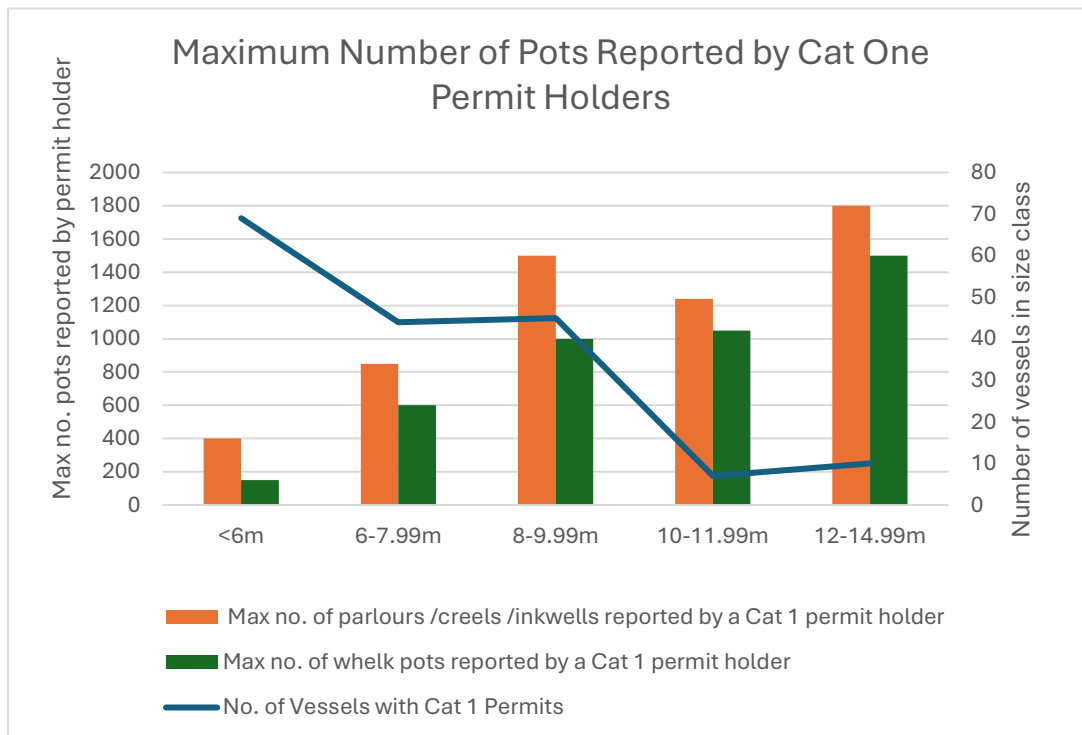


Figure 1 Chart of the maximum number of pots a single Cat 1 permit holder reported using in each of the vessel size classes

In terms of whelk pots used within the District the maximum number reported by a permit holder was 1500 pots operated by a vivier vessel whose home port is Padstow.

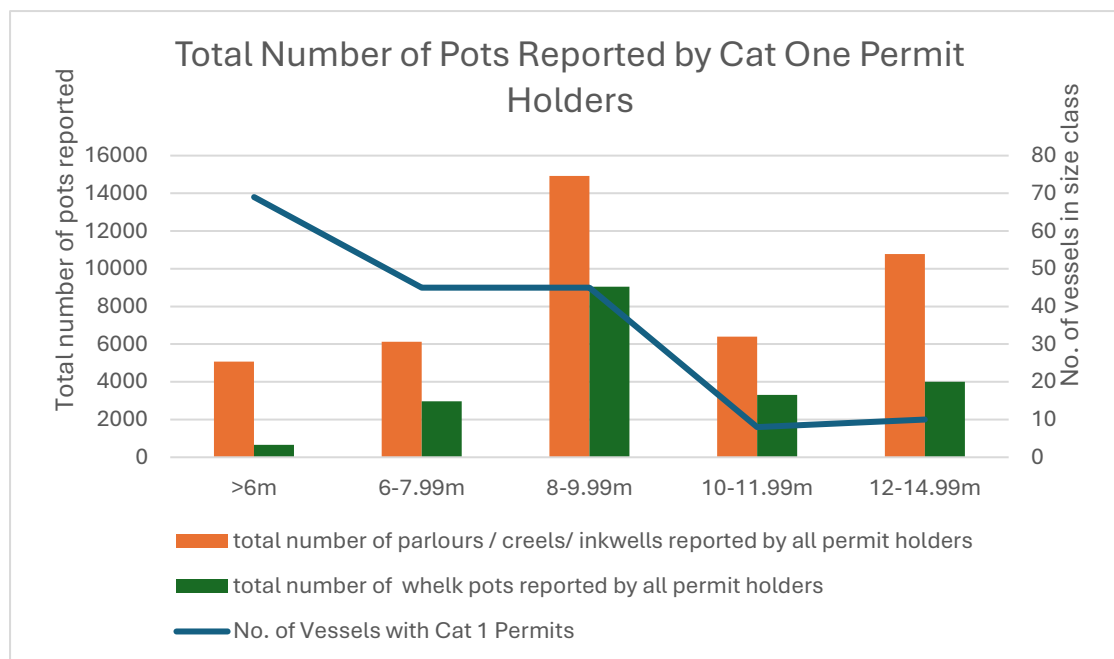


Figure 2 Chart of the total number of pots Cat 1 permit holders reported using in each of the vessel size classes

Figure 2 shows the total number of pots reported by all the Cat 1 permit holders of vessels of different size classes operating in the D&S IFCA's District. The total number of inkwell/ parlour /creel pots operating in the District is 43,302. This chart shows that the greatest number of pots in the District are deployed by the 8-9.99m vessel size class. The total number of pots reported by permit holders of vessels in this size class are 14,917. There are 45 vessels in this size class – second only to the under 6m vessels (69) which had a total of 5,077 pots. The 12m to 14.99m vessels operate a total of 10,785 pots, lower that the 8-9.99m vessels although there are only 18 potting vessels in the size range operating in the D&S IFCA's District.

The 8-9.99m vessel size class also operated the greatest number of whelk pots with a total of 9,050 whelk pots. This is more than double those deployed by the over 12m class and more than triple the 6-7.99m and 10-11.99m vessels.

Category Two Recreational Permit Holders

There are currently 450 recreational potting permit holders operating in the D&S IFCA's District. Recreational permit holders are restricted in the number of pots they can have with five being the maximum. The total number of pots that Cat 2 permit holders currently use is 1832. Some recreational potting permit holders do not take up the opportunity of deploying the maximum number that can be worked.

Three hundred and fourteen (69.78%) of the Cat 2 permit holders either do not have vessel or have vessels under 6m in length. The total number of pots operated by this group of permit holders is 1280 inkwell/parlour/creel pots. Figure 3 show that total number of pots recorded by Cat 2 permit holders for each size class of vessels. Very few whelk pots are worked by recreational permit holders – the total recorded on the Permit database is 48 pots.

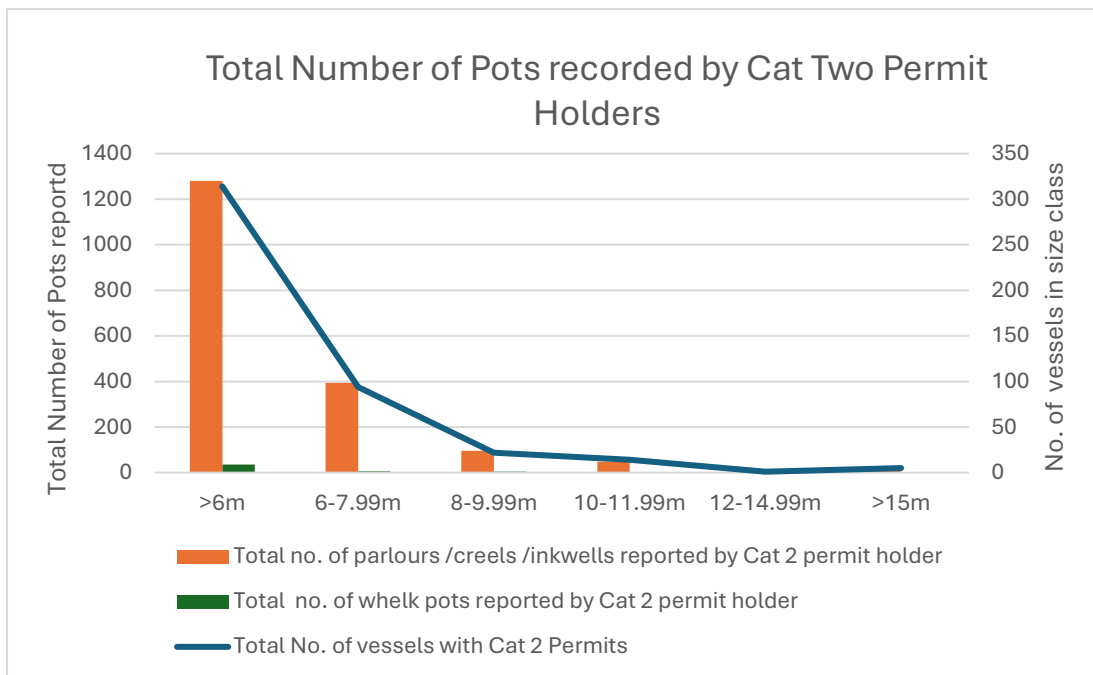


Figure 3 Chart of the total number of pots Cat 2 permit holders reported using in each of the vessel size classes

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