

## Our Vision:

- Lead, champion and manage a sustainable marine environment and fishery.
- Secure a balance between social, environmental and economic benefits.
- Ensure healthy seas, a sustainable fishery and a viable fishing industry.

## Our Role:

- Our jurisdiction is from estuarine upper tidal limits to six nautical miles out to sea, between the River Tyne and North East Lincolnshire.
- We want to help people to enjoy the rich and diverse marine landscapes along our coast without unnecessarily causing damage or harm.

## This Guide:

- We want to help recreational fisherman who fish from the shore or a boat to understand the laws that affect them.
- This guide gives a brief overview of regulations surrounding recreational angling within the NEIFCA district.

More information is available from our website [www.ne-ifca.gov.uk](http://www.ne-ifca.gov.uk)

## How you can help:

- Take your litter home. It is unsightly and dangerous to marine life.
- If fishing or gathering, only take what you need.
- Return all unwanted and undersized fish and shellfish carefully and alive.
- Ensure you have the means to measure fish and shellfish.
- Please do not tamper with or remove any fishing gear that does not belong to you.

## Reporting suspicious activity:

If you witness any suspicious fishing or gathering activity please contact the NEIFCA office as soon as possible on the number provided. All calls are dealt with in the strictest of confidence.

## Contact NEIFCA

Town Hall  
Quay Road  
Bridlington  
YO16 4LP

Phone: (01482) 393515  
Email: [ne-ifca@eastriding.gov.uk](mailto:ne-ifca@eastriding.gov.uk)  
Website: [www.ne-ifca.gov.uk](http://www.ne-ifca.gov.uk)

North Eastern



Inshore Fisheries and  
Conservation Authority



# Recreational Angling

2018 Edition

## Do I Need a Permit?

A permit is not needed if you are a recreational angler. If you plan on taking shellfish, a Limited Shellfish Permit is required.

Please visit: [www.ne-ifca.gov.uk](http://www.ne-ifca.gov.uk)

Or phone: (01482) 393515

## Enforcement:

It's not uncommon for you to see one of our Fishery and Conservation Officers patrolling the coast.

They may want to have a look at what you have caught and make sure it is the right size or is not subject to any restrictions.

Look out for our patrol vessel the North Eastern Guardian III patrolling our coast.

## Minimum conservation reference size:

Minimum conservation reference sizes (MCRS) ensure the health of the stock and allow the species to breed at least once before being removed from the sea.

The list below outlines the MCRS' for common species. You can contact our office if you are unsure of the correct size for the animal you wish to catch.

<b>Cod</b> - 35cm	<b>Sole</b> - 24cm
<b>Dab</b> - None	<b>Dogfish</b> - None
<b>Mackerel</b> - 30cm	<b>Whiting</b> - 27cm
<b>Pollack</b> - 30cm	<b>Coley</b> - 35cm
<b>Plaice</b> - 27cm	
<b>Thornback Ray</b> - None	

## Restrictions

### Sea Bass:

For recreational fishers, any bass caught during 2018 must be returned immediately. This applies if you are fishing from a boat or from the shore.

### Tope:

No tope or parts can be taken from the district. All tope must be immediately returned to the sea.

### Salmon and Sea Trout:

Any salmon or sea trout must be returned immediately unless you hold an appropriate Environment Agency license.

### No Take Zones:

A no take zone exists at Flamborough Head. This extends from Sewerby Steps to Danes Dyke and 700m seawards from the base of the cliffs.

Nothing can be taken from the shore or sea.

### Shad:

It is prohibited to catch, retain or fish for any shad species. Any shad caught, must be returned immediately.

