



SWFSA NEWS -

August 2016

There has been much talk about the Bass fishery and implications going forward. Speculation is of a complete closed season next year. The International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES), the global advisory body on sustainable use of oceans, has advised the British Government there should be “zero catch” of **sea bass** in British waters around England, Wales and the Irish Sea in 2017. This includes both commercial and recreational fishing.

If something does materialise, we need to be in a position to respond with your thoughts. I have previously asked for the members opinions with little response. Please can I ask you all to let me know your Clubs / Personal members opinions so that we can formulate a response when called upon. As it stands now any response would be from the committees perspective.

A link to the article is pasted below

<http://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/695795/Sea-bass-off-British-menu-2017-save-extinction>

Netting Permit Byelaw Consultation

Notice has been received from IFCA regarding netting bylaws they are looking to introduce. Please attend and have your say!

Devon and Severn IFCA are holding a number of events to publicise the proposed Netting Permit Byelaw. Please join Officers at the promotion trailer that will be at the following venues between 1600hrs and 2000hrs. This is your opportunity to ask questions and find out more information. Large charts showing estuaries and coastal areas will be on display as well as the byelaw and permit conditions. Copies will be available for you to take away. Please advertise this as widely as possible within the fishing and angling communities.

Churchfields car park, Appledore, EX39 1RL 15th August 2016
Cove car park, The Cove, Ilfracombe, EX34 9EN 16th August 2016
Fish Quay, Sutton Harbour, Plymouth, PL4 0LH 17th August 2016
Imperial Road Recreational Ground, Exmouth, EX8 1DB 18th August 2016
The Den, Den Crescent, Teignmouth, TQ14 8AA 19th August 2016
Quay West car park, Quay West, Minehead, TA24 5UP 22nd August 2016
Entrance to Sailing Club, The Promenade, Clevedon, BS21 7QU 23rd August 2016
Manor Road car park, Sidmouth, EX10 8RR 24th August 2016
Car park, Creek boat park, Gould Road, Salcombe, TQ8 8DU 25th August 2016
Freshwater Quarry car park, Blackball Lane, Brixham, TQ5 8BA 26th August 2016

The byelaw, permit conditions and charts can be viewed in advance on our website:
www.devonandsevernifca.gov.uk/public-consultation-

The public consultation closes on 22nd September 2016.

FOTM Forms.

Following on from the last newsletter I have noticed an improvement in the forms being supplied. Thanks for taking this on board. This will make life easier further down the line if / when we need to contact them.

FISH RECORDERS REPORT

I have received 10 entries for May's FOTM and 19 for June.

Winners were:-

RYAN CASEY SMOOTHOUND 8lb 14oz 14dr 111.64% WEYMOUTH AS
Senior Boat

TRAD CASEY SPURDOG 16lb 14oz 10dr 140.94% WEYMOUTH AS
Junior

ETHAN CASEY SPURDOG 19lb 12oz 12dr 165.00% WEYMOUTH AS
JUNE FOTM

Senior Shore

KEVIN CHARNOCK BLACK BREAM 4lb 5oz 2dr 216.09% WEYMOUTH AS
Senior Boat

SIMON PUTT COD 33lb 2oz 8dr 166.09% KINGSBRIDGE SAC
Junior

JACK PIKE SPURDOG 15lb 2ozs 126.04% APPLIEDORE SHIPBUILDERS AC

We have received a total of 104 FOTM claims to date. This is 5 more than by the same time in 2015.

All FOTM winners to date can be viewed on the website

The best 5 fish to date are:-

KEVIN CHARNOCK, BLACK BREAM 4lb 5oz 2dr Shore

RYAN CASEY, BLONDE RAY 34lb 9oz 1dr Boat

DAVID BENNETT, UNDULATE RAY 20lb 0ozs Boat

SIMON PUTT, COD 33lb 2oz 8dr Wreck

ETHAN CASEY, SPURDOG 19lb 12oz 12dr Boat.

A new website has been rolled out which keeps you up to date with the Angling on the North Devon Coast. It is certainly worth a look, check it out at:-

<http://www.northdevonanglingnews.co.uk>

Scales Calibration.

It recently came to light that the angling trust have extended the need for a certificate of calibration to 5 years. It is felt by your committee that the current ruling within the handbook which states 12-36 months depending on the life of the calibration certificate is more than enough and will not table any changes at the AGM.

Communication

As stated in the last newsletter, we need your help to enhance the website and profile of the SWFSA.

We encourage members to submit Photos of their catches, Club comp posters, Newsletters and any articles of interest for publication on our website.

Don't forget you can join our Facebook group to show off your catches and discuss fishing in general .

SWFSA ***Personal Memberships***

The Committee have been discussing the Voucher Prize for the best Specimen caught by a Personal Member and have opted to change the way it will be presented for 2017.

Instead of a single prize of £150 tackle voucher, we will be presenting a £100 tackle voucher for the best Specimen Shore Caught and a £100 tackle voucher for the Best Specimen caught from the Boat

**To sign up for Personal Membership visit
<http://www.swfsa.co.uk/memberships-1.html>**

**Click on the personal membership PDF on the right hand side.
Print and fill out the form and return to Jennie Button at the address listed within.**

Wishing you all good fishing

Andrew