

DEVON SEA FISHERIES COMMITTEE

BYELAW 22 REMINDER

COMPLIANCE BY 20TH NOVEMBER 2009

Pots Used For Fishing For Crustacea (20th November 2007)

No person shall use or cause to be used for the purpose of fishing for Brown/ Edible Crab (*Cancer pagurus*) Lobster (*Homarus gammarus*) or Spider Crab (*Maja squinado*) any pot of whatever material having an entrance fitted with a soft eye unless the pot or parlour within a pot is fitted with an escape gap.

Any escape gap must:

- a) be located in the exterior wall of the pot
- b) be so designed and constructed and of sufficient size that there may be easily passed through it a rigid box shaped gauge which measures 84 millimetres wide by 46 millimetres high by 100 millimetres long, and
- c) be fitted in such a way that the longitudinal axis is parallel to the base of the pot and is located in the lowest part of the parlour as is practically possible, other than in the bottom

For the purpose of this byelaw:-

A 'pot' shall mean a cage or trap capable of capturing a crustacean.

'Parlour' shall mean a separate compartment within a pot.

'Soft eye' shall mean the entrance or entrances to the pot or parlour which are constructed of netting.

To facilitate the necessary modifications to existing pots this byelaw shall come into force 24 months following the date of confirmation.