Please fill in the information below with any more details available. Please also add any further Rules which may not have been captured here and review the information already provided. Thanks.

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| **Project UK SW Lobster and Crab FIP Harvest Control Rules - SW** | | | | | | |
| **Rules** | **MMO** | **SIFCA** | **D&S IFCA** | **CIFCA** | **IoS IFCA** | **Wales** |
| MCRS Edible Crab Hen | 140 | 140 | 150 | 150 | 140 | 140 |
| MCRS Edible Crab Cock | 160 | 140 | 160 | 160 | 160 | 140 |
| MCRS Lobster | 87 | 87 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| MCRS Spiny Lobster | 95 | 95 | 110 | 110 | 95 | 110 |
| MCRS Spider Crab Hen | 120 | 120 | 130 | 130 | 120 | 120 |
| MCRS Spider Crab Cock | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 |
| escape gaps (pots with soft eyes) | N | Y – Voluntary | Y | N | N | N |
| Berried lobster prohibition | Y | Y – Protection of berried (Egg Bearing) Lobsters | Y | Y | N (Y under national regs) | N |
| Protection of v-notched lobsters | Y | N (yes under national regs) | Y | Y | N (yes under national regs) | Y |
| Prohibition on removal of part of crabs/lobsters | Y - Limit <1%of total catch weight can be landed at end of fishing voyage | N (yes under national regs) | Y | Y | N Yes under national regs) | Y |
| Restriction on parts of crab/lobster by netting | Y - limit <75kg can be landed at end of fishing voyage | N (yes under national regs) | Y (30kg/day caught in nets) | Y EC only not lobster (30kg/day caught in nets) | N (yes under national regs) | Y |
| Restriction on parts of crab/lobster by mobile gear | Y - limit <75kg can be landed at end of fishing voyage | N (yes under national regs) | Y - prohibition | N (yes under national regs) | N (yes under national regs) | Y |
| Restriction on parts of crab/lobster by diving | Y - limit <75kg can be landed at end of fishing voyage | N (yes under national regs) | Y - prohibition | N (yes under national regs) | N (yes under national regs) | Y |
| Prohibition on landing of soft or berried crabs | Y | N (yes under national regs) | Y | N (yes under national regs) | N (yes under national regs) | Y |
| Limit on number landed - Recreational fishers - diving, netting, potting | N | N | Y - 2 lobsters, 5 crabs per day | Y- has limits (for vessels without a permit) on the total number of lobsters and crabs landed per day is 5, the combined total of lobsters only is 2 | N | Y – 0 to 6 nautical miles,  **North Wales** – 2 lobster, 1 crawfish + not more than 5 individuals from edible / spider / velvet crabs.  **South Wales** – fishing from a non-commercial boat; one lobster (*Homarus gammarus)* or one crawfish (*Palinurus elephas*) not exceeding a total of eight shellfish from  lobsters *(Homarus gammarus*), crawfish (*Palinurus elephas*), edible crab *Cancer pagurus*), spider crab (*Maia species*) per boat and 8 kilos per vessel of velvet crab (*Liocarcinus puber*), green crab (*Carcinus maenas*), |
| Limit on number of permits | N | N | No but D&S IFCA issues Permits under its Potting Permit Byelaw. They are not limited by numbers issued. Current number on 9th August 2019 are:   * recreational: 337 * commercial - 178 | N | N | N |
| Licence restrictions | Shellfish Permits | N (yes under MMO licence) | N (under MMO licence) | N |  | N |
| Maximum number of pots in a string per vessel (crab and lobster) | N | N | Y for recreational Potting Permit Holders – 5 pots max whether on a string or individual.  Lyme Bay Reserve’s Voluntary Code of Conduct restricts number of pots to a max of 250 per vessel with a max of 10 pots per string. | N | N | Y – Recreational potting permit allows for 5 pots per vessel. |
| Maximum number of strings per vessel (crab and lobster) | N | N | N | N | N | N |
| Limit on vessel size | N | Y 12m vessel length (Vessels used in fishing byelaw 2012) | Y 15.24m length | Y 16.46m | Fishing Gear Permit Byelaw prohibits the use of vessels greater than 11m | Y – 0 to 6 nautical miles.  **North Wales**   * No mechanically propelled vessel which exceeds 12 metres overall length shall be used in fishing for or taking sea fish within that part of the District to the west of a line drawn 0000 (T) from The Old Lighthouse, Great Ormes Head (530 20.53’N, 030 52.13’W, WGS 84 datum). * No mechanically propelled vessel which exceeds 15 metres overall length shall be used in fishing for or taking sea fish within that part of the District to the east of a line drawn 0000 (T) from The Old Lighthouse, Great Ormes Head (530 20.53’N, 030 52.13’W, WGS 84 datum).   **South Wales**  Maximum vessel size allowed in 0 to 6 nm is 15.9m overall length. |
| Bycatch limit | N | N | N |  | N | N |
| Limit on use of crab for bait | N | N | Y – must meet the MCRS under D&S IFCA’s Potting Permit conditions (150mm H/160mm C) | N | N | N |
| Effort restrictions for vessels under 15m | Yes, through shellfish permit scheme | N | N | N | N | N |
| Effort restrictions vessels over 15m | Yes, through shellfish permit scheme | N | N | N | Yes, through Fishing Gear Permit Byelaw | N |
| Working I-VMS is a requirement | Expected in 2021 for U12m vessels | N | On Mobile Fishing Vessels (under Mobile Fishing Permit Byelaw) between 6.99 and 12m. VMS on over 12m vessels. All must have increased reporting – every 10mins or 3 mins.  Lyme Bay Reserve Voluntary Code of Conduct – any registered vessel wishing to fish within the Lyme Bay SAC will voluntarily fit an IVMS. | N | N | In preparation. |
| Requirement for gear marking | N | N | Y | N | N | Y - PLN for commercials, permit number for pots, identification marks for recreational nets / lines |
| Spatial Controls |  |  | Y – areas within the Inshore Potting Agreement Area are for potting only all year and other temporal controls- alongside mobile gear restrictions. | N |  | N |
| Voluntary v-notching scheme |  |  | Lyme Bay Reserve Voluntary Code of Conduct. Many fishermen across the district v-notch berried/ larger lobsters. | Y not official though |  | N. Some fishermen will chose to v-notch. |
| Commercial vessels Category A without a shellfish entitlement are limited to 5 lobsters and 25 crab (edible, spider, velvets) per day | | | | | |  |
| EU Western Waters Regime limits the number of kilowatt days that >15m potting fleet can use within ICES area VII. This is for edible and spider crabs. For 2019 the limit of kilowatt days for area VII is 543,366. The allocation of days for 2019 is 160 days. This total is likely to increase - last year it went to 220 days. Currently 11 vessels are involved in the fishery. In 2018 of the 543,366 days at sea allocation 491,767 was used up - an uptake of 91%. | | | | | |  |
| Much of the Welsh crustacean requirements are covered by The Specified Crustaceans (Prohibition on Fishing, Landing, Sale and Carriage) (Wales) Order 2015. | | | | | |  |