

Fisheries Information Notice 07-2007

Bass Fishery – *Dicentrarchus labrax*



The Sea Fisheries Protection Authority has issued Fisheries Information Notice 07-2007 entitled “Bass Fishery”.

LEGISLATION

S.I. 367 of 2007 – Bass (Restriction on Sale) Regulations 2007

S.I. 230 of 2006 – Bass (Conservation of Stocks) Regulations 2006

INTRODUCTION

The main regulation is SI 230 of 2006 which prohibits fishing for bass using nets, landing, transshipping or having onboard bass by an Irish sea-fishing boat. This prohibition is restricted to ICES area VI and VII which covers the entire Irish 200nm fishery zone. It also prescribes a minimum size of 40cm for bass within the State.

SI 367 of 2007 prohibits the sale or offer for sale of bass (other than bass which has been imported into the State) from 1st day of July 2007.

BASS – ANGLERS

Bass Fishing Conservation Bye-law No 826 of 2007 (S.I. 368 of 2007)

The effect of this Bye-law is to impose a bag limit on anglers of two bass in any one period of 24 hours and to provide for a ban on angling for bass during the spawning season (15th May to the 15th June).

SUMMARY

- No bass to be caught by Irish Seafishing boats operating in ICES area VI & VII.
- All bass sold in the State should be imported.
- Minimum size for bass is 40cm.
- Foreign sea fishing boats can continue to fish for, land, tranship or have onboard bass.
- Irish sea-fishing boats operating outside ICES VI & VII can continue to fish for, land, tranship or have onboard bass.
- Anglers limited to two bass bag limits.