

Fisheries Information Notice 03-2011 Crawfish minimum size and restriction on use of nets in specific areas.



The Sea Fisheries Protection Authority has issued Fisheries Information Notice 03-2011 entitled “Crawfish minimum size and restriction on use of nets to catch crawfish in specific areas”.

LEGISLATION

References: SI No. 232 of 2006 Crawfish (Conservation of stocks) Regulations.
SI No. 233 of 2006 Crawfish (Fisheries Management and Conservation) Regulations.

Minimum size:

An Irish sea-fishing boat fishing in ICES areas VI and VII cannot retain on board crawfish of carapace length less than 110mm measured from the tip of the rostrum to the midpoint of the distal edge of the carapace. Any crawfish taken during the course of fishing shall be carefully handled and returned alive, immediately to the sea. A person shall not display, sell, offer for sale or store for the purposes of selling any crawfish of carapace length less than 110mm.

It is prohibited to fish or attempt to fish for crawfish by means of nets within the geographical area bounded by the following co-ordinates:

Area A

The west coast of Ireland at latitude 53°48'N Longitude 16°00'W
Latitude 53°28'N, Longitude 16°00'W The west coast of Ireland at latitude 53°28'N

Area B

The west coast of Ireland at latitude 52°30'N Longitude 10°12'W
Latitude 52°13'30"N, Longitude 10°12'W Latitude 52°13'30"N, Longitude 9°44'23"W
The west coast of Ireland at latitude 52°30'N



Within the areas bounded by the black lines it is prohibited to fish or attempt to fish for crawfish by means of nets.

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