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Dear Deputy Higgins,  
I believe the proposed new fishing regulations are totally unacceptable. Having been a keen angler and fisherman for the past 50 years and the founder and subsequent chairman of the Jersey Inshore Fishermen's Association I feel well qualified to comment on the Sea Fisheries proposals.

**Bass**

A bag limit of 5 bass per head or boat may reduce the very small number of fish sold illegally. If the present law which prohibits non-professional boat anglers from selling their catch were to be better policed and hotels and restaurants made more aware that the practice is illegal, it would go a long way to stopping this back door selling. As others have pointed out, bass stocks are not threatened by local anglers, the greatest threat to bass stocks is caused by professional fishermen targeting spawning bass on Guernsey's north coast. In other countries where spawning fish gather, fishing is banned, allowing spawning to take place naturally and thereby maintaining fish stocks.

**Ormers**

Low water fishermen's catches have diminished considerably in recent years. The days of returning from the Minquiers with 80 ormers in one's sack are long gone. Any low water fisherman who knows a spot around the coast where he may catch 20 ormers on a tide, if restricted, will return the next day to catch the remainder.

**Lobster**

There is no doubt that a few non J Registered boats are abusing the present regulations. The answer is to restrict the number of pots- say to 5 per boat- rather than attempt to catch those offenders with more than 5 lobsters in their possession.

A £20,000 fine is totally out of proportion to the offence. I believe the proposed law is poorly conceived and should not be accepted.

Lawrence Carter