

# STATES OF JERSEY



## **DRAFT SEA FISHERIES (INSHORE TRAWLING, NETTING AND DREDGING) (AMENDMENT No. 2) (JERSEY) REGULATIONS 201-**

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### **REPORT**

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These draft Regulations are part of a package of measures to protect bass stocks. Fishing on the beach using a set net is a well-established and common practice during the winter months. Bass is the key target species for the majority of fishers. Currently there is no limit on the amount of set net that an individual can set, and the activity is predominantly undertaken in a recreational capacity. Whilst it is acknowledged that a small number of individuals have historically pursued this activity commercially, it is the view of the Minister that commercialisation is not appropriate given the state of the resource and the potential impact on the stock. Scientific data looking at stock structure shows that a high number of small bass are present in these nearshore coastal waters, indicating the importance of these habitats as a nursery area. The aim of these draft Regulations is twofold. Primarily it is for protection of the stock, particularly juveniles, but in addition it is a measure to reduce possible discards in light of the bag limits that are also part of the package of measures to protect bass.

After lengthy consultation, the maximum length of net has been set at 100 metres per person. In addition, given that an increase in the minimum size is also part of this package, these draft Regulations propose to increase the minimum mesh size from 90 mm. to 110 mm. This will allow individuals to continue to pursue the activity in a recreational capacity in an appropriate and sustainable way.

The amendment also changes the current requirement to mark any beach set nets with name and address contact details. This change facilitates the communication between officers and fishermen, should it be required.

#### **Financial and manpower implications**

As a single amendment there are no financial or manpower implications. However, as part of the package of measures for the protection of bass stocks, the amendments to existing Regulations and the new Regulations together create a requirement for a significant amount of new regulation, enforcement and administrative capacity within the Marine Resources Section of the Department of the Environment. Consequently, the compliance workload associated with the introduction of these measures will require either additional staff or diversion of existing resources from other projects in the short to medium term.

## Explanatory Note

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These Regulations add further restrictions to the use of a beach set net, restricting the mesh size to no less than 110 millimetres and the maximum length of net set on the beach at any one time by the owner to 100 metres. The existing requirement for beach set nets to be indelibly marked with the owner's name and address is changed to require contact details to be indelibly marked.



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*Made* [date to be inserted]  
*Coming into force* [date to be inserted]

**THE STATES**, in pursuance of Articles 2, 5 and 29 of the Sea Fisheries (Jersey) Law 1994<sup>1</sup>, have made the following Regulations –

### **1 Regulation 6 amended**

For Regulation 6 of the Sea Fisheries (Inshore Trawling, Netting and Dredging) (Jersey) Regulations 2001<sup>2</sup> there shall be substituted the following Regulation –

#### **“6 Further restrictions on the use of fishing nets**

- (1) It is prohibited to use a beach set net unless –
  - (a) it has a mesh size of at least 110 mm;
  - (b) it is below the half-tide mark and amongst rocks situated no more than 120 metres apart;
  - (c) it is marked at either end and at 10 metre intervals over its entire length with a buoy, float or other identification mark each with a diameter or width of at least 10 cm;
  - (d) the marks at either end of the net are indelibly marked with the owner’s contact details; and
  - (e) the maximum length of net set on the beach at any one time by the owner is 100 metres.
- (2) It is prohibited to use passive gear other than a beach set net where the depth of the sea is less than 130 cm.
- (3) It is prohibited to use a peg or a stake on a beach to hold a net.”

### **2 Citation and commencement**

These Regulations may be cited as the Sea Fisheries (Inshore Trawling, Netting and Dredging) (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Regulations 201- and shall come into force 7 days after they are made.

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- <sup>1</sup> *chapter 14.825*  
<sup>2</sup> *chapter 14.825.32*