

STATES OF JERSEY



DRAFT SEA FISHERIES (MINIMUM SIZE LIMITS) (AMENDMENT No. 5) (JERSEY) REGULATIONS 201-

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REPORT

These draft Regulations are part of a package of measures to protect bass stocks. Minimum size controls are a common management tool employed in many jurisdictions to prevent the retention and subsequent landing of small fish and shellfish. The concept behind the measure is to allow a proportion of any particular species an opportunity to reproduce prior to capture, and therefore assist in maintaining a sustainable fishery. The minimum size for any species is predominantly determined by the biological characteristics. In the Sea Fisheries (Minimum Size Limits) (Jersey) Regulations 2001 there is already a minimum landing size for bass of 36 cm., which was the size described in the EU-wide measures. Scientific evidence indicates that this size is below the first size at maturity, and should be increased to 42 cm. This size also takes into account the socio-economic impact of an increase in the minimum size. The measure applies to all fishermen, whether commercial or recreational, fishing in Jersey Territorial Waters. This increase in minimum size is already in force in EU waters, including France and the UK.

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

These Regulations increase the minimum size limits of bass that may be retained by fishermen from 36 cm to 42 cm.



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Made

[date to be inserted]

Coming into force

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THE STATES, in pursuance of Articles 2, 6 and 8 of the Sea Fisheries (Jersey) Law 1994¹, having consulted with the Secretary of State and obtained his concurrence, have made the following Regulations –

1 Schedule amended

In Part 1 of the Schedule to the Sea Fisheries (Minimum Size Limits) (Jersey) Regulations 2001² in the entry relating to Bass (*Dicentrarchus labrax*) in column 1, for the number “36” in both column 2 and column 3 there shall be substituted the number “42”.

2 Citation and commencement

These Regulations may be cited as the Sea Fisheries (Minimum Size Limits) (Amendment No. 5) (Jersey) Regulations 201- and shall come into force 7 days after they are made.

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- ¹ *chapter 14.825*
² *chapter 14.825.72*