

# STATES OF JERSEY



## **DRAFT SEA FISHERIES (LES ECRÉHOUS) (JERSEY) REGULATIONS 201- (P.94/2018): ADDENDUM TO REPORT**

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**Presented to the States on 6th September 2018  
by the Minister for the Environment**

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## COMMENTS

These draft Regulations prohibit the use of certain types of pots and traps in the area at Les Ecréhous defined within Regulation 1.

In respect of evidence supporting the banning of the use of parlour pots, a PhD study into the ecological and socio-economic benefits of Jersey's 'No Parlour Pot' and 'No Mobile Gear' Zones is currently being undertaken by a local student, through Plymouth University and with the support of the Blue Marine Foundation. The study began in January 2018 and will run for 3 years.

While specific data is not yet available, the measure has been discussed and agreed as highly beneficial by the Minister for the Environment's Marine Resources Panel. Local fishermen are fully supportive of the proposals, following the perceived success of similar restrictions at Les Minquiers reef 20 years ago. Set out below is an excerpt from the Minutes of the 84th Marine Resources Panel meeting held on 21st March 2016 –

**“2. To receive an update on the Parlour Pot Zone at Les Écréhous (Jersey Fishermen's Association)**

- Jersey Fishermen's Association (JFA) reported on the following:
  - 96% fishermen in favour
  - French remain supportive
  - Same in Écréhous as with the Minquiers, parameters still to be agreed.
- The Assistant Director, Marine Resources advised the Panel that the work JFA has undertaken in this matter is commendable.
- Legislation should not be too difficult. Need to progress and involve Les Écréhous residents with the Panel.
- Unknown timing (Law Draftsmen) but hopefully this year.
- The Jersey Aquaculture Association would appreciate seeing a chart produced with this information.
- It was noted that the Panel are supportive.”.

In addition to the above, the proposal was addressed at the meetings of the Joint Advisory Committee (“JAC”) to the Granville Bay Agreement in February 2016, when it was noted that 96% of Jersey's fishermen are in favour of a parlour pot ban at Les Ecréhous within a box that encompassed the emerging rocks, as the area is considered a nursery zone and should be protected. Jersey fishermen believe this important for the future of the stock, and support the management principles of the region's Marine Conservation Society lobster accreditation.

The final borders of the zone as currently proposed were then agreed by the JAC a year later in February 2017.