

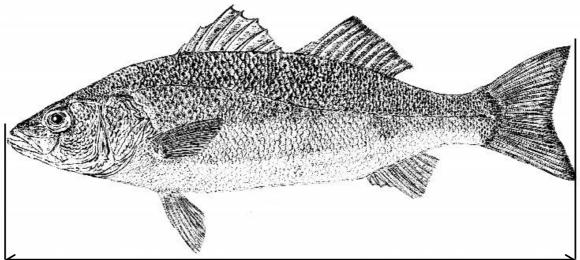
BASS FISHING REGULATIONS



Within the Isle of Man's territorial waters (12nm) bass may be fished for and/or taken by recreational rod and line anglers only. Anglers must abide by the following conditions:

General Restrictions: Only one bass may be retained in any period of 24 hours. An angler may continue to fish after keeping a bass but must not keep another one for the following 24 hours.

Size Limits: A bass may be retained only if it is at least 50cm and no more than 60cm in length as measured from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail as indicated below.



Taking and Killing of Bass: Retained bass must be removed in a whole state (i.e. not gutted or otherwise mutilated) from the foreshore, jetty or recreational fishing vessel from which it was caught.

Handling Bass: Bass must be handled carefully to ensure a high survival rate of released fish. Anglers are advised to carry forceps or long-nosed pliers to assist removal of hooks, and to support fish in the water until they are able to swim off.

Full copies of the Recreational Sea Fishing (BASS) Regulations 2016 are available at www.gov.im/defa or can be requested from the Fisheries Directorate of the Department of Environment, Food & Agriculture tel: (01624) 685857, email: fisheries@gov.im

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