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Monthly Shellfish Activity Log (MSAL)

Who must complete a monthly Shellfish Activity Log?

The Sea Fisheries (Logbook) Regulations 2015 requires masters of British fishing vessels of less than 10 metres in overall length, who are fishing in the Isle of Man's territorial waters for shellfish (including Edible Crab and Lobster), whelks or Nephrops, to complete and submit Shellfish Activity Logs.

A "British fishing vessel" is defined as: a fishing boat which is registered in the Isle of Man under the Merchant Shipping (Registration of Fishing Vessels) Regulations 1991, or in the United Kingdom or Channel Islands under equivalent legislation, and which holds a valid UK commercial fishing licence.

How to complete the Shellfish Activity Log

1. Each book contains 50 sequentially numbered sheets, with one original and two carbon copies for each sequentially numbered sheet. Prior to completion, please use the attached cardboard insert behind the 3rd sheet to avoid data transferring onto subsequent sheets.
2. The log must be completed on a daily basis and no later than 23.59 UTC.
3. Use one sheet per month.
4. Insert the relevant month and year, followed by the name of the vessel, the vessel PLN, the main / usual port of departure and the main /usual port of landing.
5. Column 1: for ease of completion, the day of the month has been pre-inserted.
6. Column 2: insert the area fished, for example, 37E5, 36E5.
7. Column 3: insert the scientific square and sub-square, for example, D7(i) for Calf of Man (see included map). If you fish in more than one sub-square per day, please note additional ones in the Comment column.
8. Column 4: insert the soak time of the pots (in hours).
9. Column 5: insert the time spent fishing (in hours) – *Fishing time* is defined as the time spent absent from port, for example, if the vessel left port at 10:00 and returned to port at 14:00, then the time spent fishing would be recorded as 4 hrs.

10. Column 6 & 7: insert the number of pots hauled and set on that specific day. For example, if 100 pots are hauled and one string of 10 is, for example, returned to shore for repair, then the *No of Pots Hauled* is recorded as 100 and the *No of Pots Set* is recorded as 90. Alternatively, if 100 pots are hauled and 2 additional strings of 10 pots are set then the *No of Pots Hauled* is recorded as 100 and the *No of Pots Set* is recorded as 120.

11. Columns 8 to 11: Columns 8 to 10 relate to Edible Crab, Lobster and Whelks only. Column 11 should be used to record other species caught including Nephrops. For all species, please record the total retained catch in kilos, by species, caught and retained on that specific day only. For the purpose of completing this form, *retained* is defined as stored or landed.

12. Column 12: this column is reserved for any comments/observations the Master wishes to record, for example, unusual catches or did not fish but retrieved catch from store pots. Please also record whether V notched lobsters and berried crabs and lobsters are caught, and the number of each, in this column.

13. Monthly Totals by Species Retained: for each species, the monthly totals retained should be shown in the relevant totals boxes at the base of each column (13). Note that Nephrops tails should be converted to whole weight by multiplying by 3.

14. Declaration: please complete and sign, to certify that all entries are a true and accurate record. Please note that false statement may render the person completing the record liable to prosecution.

Name of processor/person species landed to: please ensure that this box is completed.

Submission of Log

Following completion for the month concerned, the original (top) copy should be removed from the book and forwarded to DEFA within 48 hours of the end of the month to which it relates. Late submissions may result in prosecution. The second copy is for the Masters' own records and the third copy must remain in the book at all times. The Master is required to keep the book for 2 years. **Note that DEFA issued Shellfish Activity Logs must be used.** These can be obtained from DEFA - contact details overleaf.

The completed forms may be placed into any of the log sheet boxes at Douglas, Ramsey, Peel or Port St Mary; it can be scanned to fisheries@gov.im or posted/delivered to:

DEFA Fisheries Directorate
The Slieau Whallian
Foxdale Road
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Contact

For further information, please contact DEFA.

Data Protection Act 2002

The data collected will be used by DEFA for fishery science analysis only. It may be disclosed in an anonymous and/or aggregated form to other organisations, bodies or persons for this purpose.