

Does Your Catch Measure Up ?



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RETURN IMMEDIATELY

Sea Trout (Breck Gial) Salmon (Braddan)

It is an offence to retain any salmon and sea trout caught at sea

The Isle of Man Territorial Sea covers nearly 4000km², and offers a large variety of sea angling opportunities to be enjoyed we aim to keep it that way. The Department has built an enviable reputation for the conservation and management of our commercial fisheries. Anglers also have a role to play if we are to maintain and conserve our natural marine heritage.

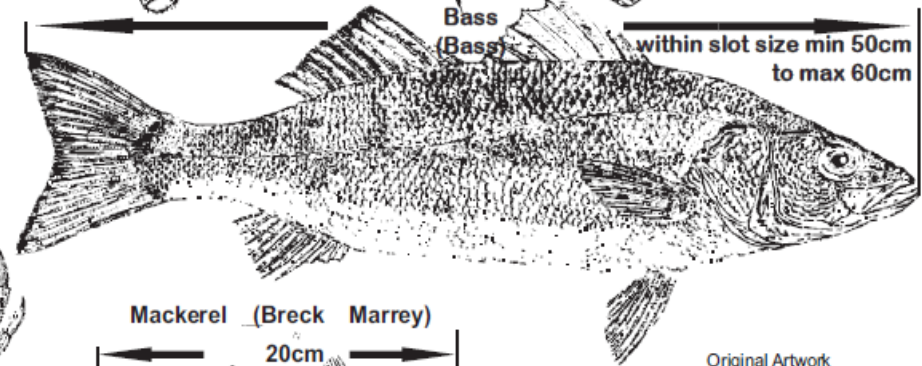
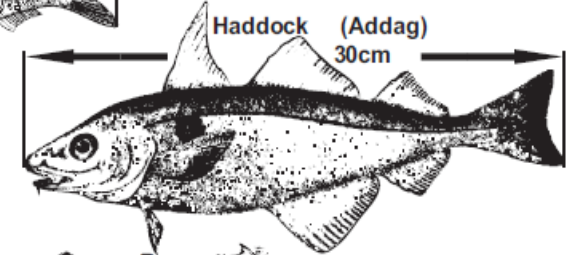
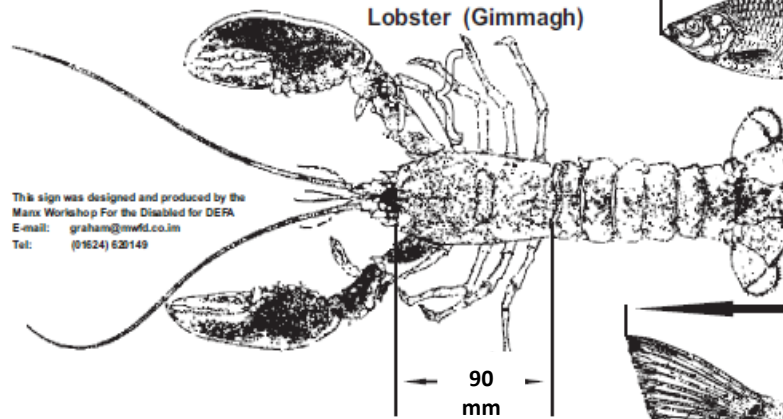
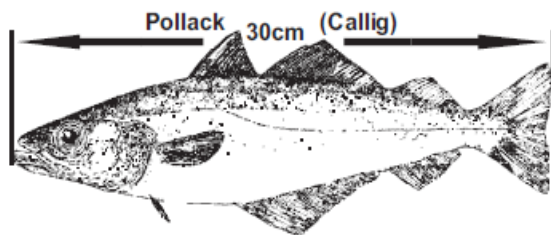
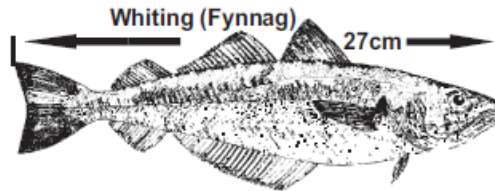
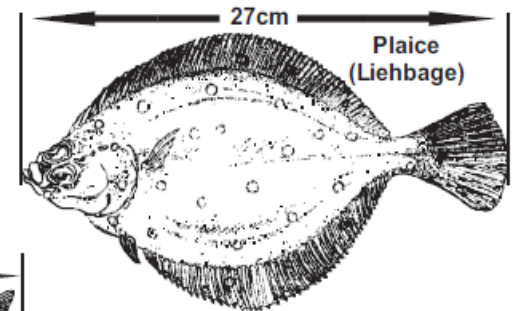
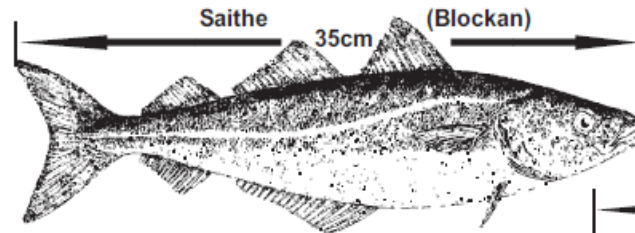
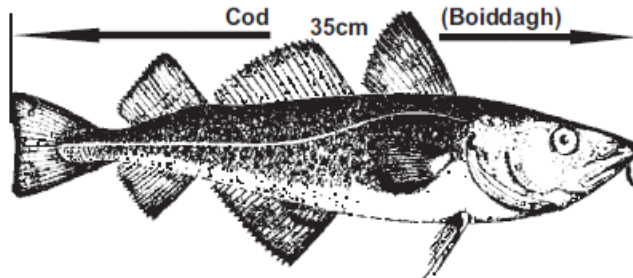
Below are the legal minimum required landing sizes for some species of fish and shellfish found around the Isle of Man waters. We would like you to assist in protecting your future fishing by adhering to these minimum sizes, and would encourage you to comply and help the Isle of Man make a difference.

We have areas closed for scallop fishing such as Port Erin and Douglas Bay; there are also surfters in place and a closed season for our scallop fishery.

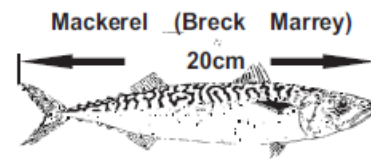
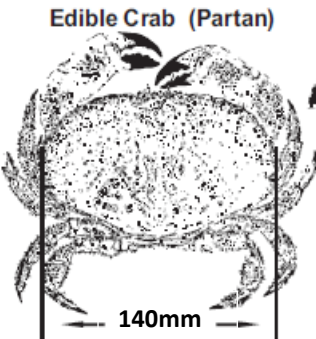
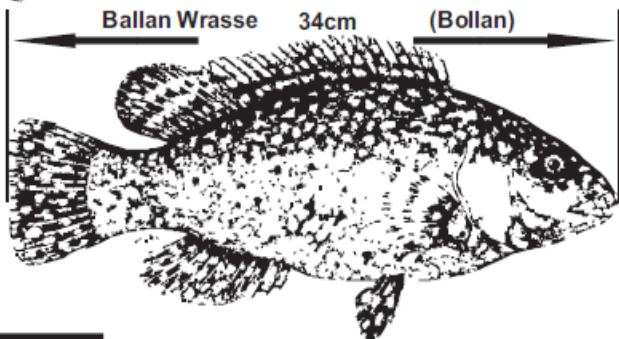
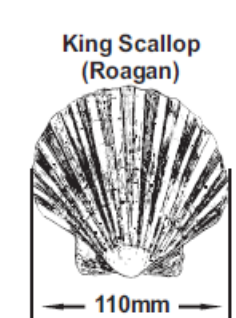
IF YOU SEE ANYONE TAKING UNDERSIZE FISH PLEASE CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE ON 685857, OR YOUR LOCAL HARBOUR OFFICE.

Hobby fishermen must obtain a licence from the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture, before retaining any crab or lobster. A bag limit of 2 lobsters (with a maximum of 7 per week) and 5 crabs per day per person, is in place. **PLEASE ENSURE ANY UNDERSIZE FISH ARE RETURNED UNHARMED TO THE WATER AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.**

We would remind you that it is an offence to keep undersize fish. Several Byo-laws are in place to protect fish stocks in the Isle of Man. The byo-laws contain penalties; with those committing offences being liable to a fine of up to £100,000. Full details of these Byo-laws can be obtained from the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture (DEFA).



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