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**Dear Hobby Potter**

**Please read the licence conditions before completing the application form on the reverse.**

1. A recreational potter must not fish outside the three nautical mile area of Isle of Man Territorial Waters.
2. Recreational licences to fish for lobster and crab are not transferable.
3. The maximum number of pots that may be used is five.
4. The maximum catch for any one day is five crabs and two lobsters (but no more than seven lobsters per week). The licence holder must not take, kill, land or have in their possession, more than this.
5. A recreational potter must not sell, expose for sale or offer for sale any lobster or crab.
6. No person shall lift, raise, haul or take fish from, re-bait or interfere with another person's pot without prior permission from the Department.
7. Pots must have an unobstructed escape gap as detailed in the Sea Fisheries (Licensing) (Recreational Crab and Lobster) Regulations 2022.
8. A recreational potter must not use a stock cage.
9. Pots must be attached to a float, or marker, which is clearly marked with the licence number.
10. A recreational potter must not take, kill, land or have in their possession, at sea or in the Island:
  - a. an edible crab carrying spawn
  - b. an edible crab that has recently cast its shell
  - c. a lobster carrying spawn or
  - d. a mutilated or V notched lobster
11. A recreational potter must not land in the Island a detached claw of an edible crab or a detached tail or claw of a lobster.
12. A catch return is required to be submitted no later than 31 July each year (immediately following the period of the licence), or along with an application to renew the licence that is made prior to 31 July.
13. Minimum Landing Sizes (MLS) for crab and lobster must be complied with. This is a carapace length of 88mm for lobster and carapace width of 140mm for crab.

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## Application for a recreational licence to fish for lobsters & crabs

This application form is to apply for a licence valid until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023. Please read the following carefully and complete each section. Failure to complete these sections correctly or provide sufficient information may delay the processing of your application. Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS.

### Section 1 Applicant Details (please state n/a where you do not have a vessel)

Applicant Name

Vessel Name and Number (if applicable)

Applicant Address

  
 Postcode

Telephone Number

Email Address

### Section 2 Fee

Please provide a cheque for £10.60, made payable to the Isle of Man Government. Alternatively, payment can be made by debit/credit card upon receipt of a completed application form.

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**Date payment received**

**Cheque Number**

### Section 3 Declaration (to be signed by the applicant)

I declare that the information provided is correct to the best of my knowledge, and request the provision of a recreational licence to fish for crabs and lobsters. I have read the conditions set out overleaf and understand that I must comply with them at all times.

**Signature of Applicant**

**Date**

**Please complete this form, and return it via post/email to the address below, together with payment.**

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### Personal Information

The Department of Environment, Food & Agriculture (DEFA) is a controller under the 2018 Data Protection legislation and will process your personal information in the public interest with that basis being in the Fisheries Act 2012. Your personal information will be held by DEFA. For information on how your details may be used, retained, amended or deleted see our privacy notice at [www.gov.im/fisheries](http://www.gov.im/fisheries) or contact us for a hard copy. To enquire about personal data uses, contact the DEFA Data Protection Officer on 01624 686781, by email at [DPO-DEFA@gov.im](mailto:DPO-DEFA@gov.im), or to make a complaint contact the Information Commissioner, visit <https://www.inforights.im>