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Dear Permit Holder,

**New Shellfish Byelaw Regulations – Over 10m Vessels Potting Inside 3 NM within the NEIFCA District.**

On the 8 August 2019 Defra formally confirmed Byelaw XXVIII ‘Crustacea Conservation Byelaw 2018’ which included the following new management measures covering the NEIFCA district:

- A prohibition on the use of pots by over 10m vessels inside 3 nautical miles and establishment of a supporting ‘sunset list’
- A prohibition on removing, taking and landing ‘soft shelled lobsters’
- A maximum pot size of 50cm x 60cm x 110cm
- A prohibition on removing, taking and landing lobsters displaying mutilated pleopods

As the current holder of a NEIFCA shellfish permit for a vessel exceeding 10m overall length I am writing to advise you of the changes in the legislation. Under the new regulations, only over 10m vessels which have successfully applied and been admitted onto a ‘sunset list’ will be permitted to work pots within the 3 nautical mile limit of the Authority’s district.

If you wish to apply for your vessel to be admitted to the ‘sunset list’ you must complete and return the enclosed application form as soon as possible and no later than Monday 10 February 2020. Prior to completing the application I would advise you to read and carefully consider the additional notes.

**Please note that applications will only be considered from those vessels that can demonstrate a track record of using pots to catch lobster and crab from within the NEIFCA district and have registered catches of lobster and crab with NEIFCA since 2016.**

If you require any further information you can contact me at our Bridlington address.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Thomas McCandless', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

David Thomas McCandless  
**Chief Officer**