



Marine
Management
Organisation

You said

We did

Changes we've made from the southwest crawfish management workshop in Newlyn on 3 October 2023

You Said...

There has been an increase in effort and landings in the crawfish fishery.

Crawfish are slow growing and there has been a decrease in the average weight of landed fish.

There needs to be a quick change in crawfish management to avoid a fishery collapse.

The fishery is unrestricted and there is too much effort that maybe unsustainable.

We Did...

MMO compiled crawfish data and organised a workshop to gather data and understand the scope of the fishery.

MMO have announced a fishing vessel licence variation to increase the minimum conservation reference size to 110 mm in ICES area 7.

MMO are completing a consultation to propose a seasonal closure that will offer protection for the berried females and limit the risk of mortality due to the removal of fish in poor condition in the winter.

MMO will work with IFCA's and the fisheries management plans to look at fisheries effort control.

Please email effort@marinemanagement.org.uk to give us your feedback

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