

BASS DISCARDS REPORTING

The **bass fisheries management plan**, developed with input from many fishermen, supports efforts to avoid and reduce bass discards.

Understanding when and why discards occur is a key part of this.

Quality

More accurate data = better stock assessments.

How does recording and reporting discards improve the bass fishery?

Collective action

When everyone contributes, everyone works together to improve the fishery.

Confidence

With accurate data, there is less need for caution in making fishing allocations.

Better management

A better understanding of the fishery leads to more effective management decisions.

Compliance

Discard reporting is required by law*. Not doing it can lead to disruption for your business.

*It is a legal requirement to record and report your discards. [Bass industry guidance](#) - GOV.UK



HOW TO REPORT DISCARDS

- Under 10m vessel – [Record your catch](#) - GOV.UK
- 10 to 12m – [Infographic: How to complete a paper logbook](#) - GOV.UK
- 12m and over – [How to report fishing activities using an electronic logbook software system](#) - GOV.UK

