

NATIONAL GUIDANCE FOR SEA ANGLING'S PROFESSIONAL AND COMMERCIAL BAIT COLLECTORS AND DIGGERS ISSUED BY THE ANGLING TRUST - April 2020



Whilst travelling for the purpose of recreational sea angling and related bait collection is clearly not permissible under the current Coronavirus restrictions, there are a range of activities deemed as essential for which travel is both required and lawful.

This has been confirmed by the Association of Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities on April 20th who has advised that:

“As with all commercial fishing, including shore-based activity classed as work, it is not suitable to be performed at home. Picking and digging bait is both a service to the wider community and the livelihood of people performing this work, including the shops and retailers who rely on bait digging throughout the rest of the angling year.”

This is for commercial bait diggers only. There is still no relaxation on non-essential activity, such as fishing, or recreational anglers digging their own bait.

IFCA and the Angling Trust's supporting advice is that such workers should be able to carry on working if this work does not contravene the Government's guidance, including social distancing and hygiene. We strongly recommend you check the Government's updates on Covid-19 guidance.

ACCREDITATION

The person(s) accredited to carry out all or some of the above work on behalf of:

_____ (Tackle Shop/Bait Company)

Are as follows:

1) _____

2) _____

Authorised by:

_____ (title) _____ (date)

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