

**FOR OFFICE USE**

Permit number: \_\_\_\_\_

# 2018



**APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL SHELLFISH PERMIT**  
(in accordance with Byelaw 4 'Crustacea & Molluscs Permitting and Pot Limitation')

APPLICATION for a Commercial Shellfish Permit for the year 2018 to fish for shellfish in the permitted area of sea within the limits of the Northumberland Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority district. I understand that there is a payment of £180 for this annual permit which will be valid until 31<sup>st</sup> December of the year specified.

**Please complete this form in BLOCK CAPITALS**

**PART 1: CONTACT DETAILS**

Full Name of owner of vessel \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number Landline \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**PART 2: VESSEL DETAILS:**

Is this a renewal or a new permit application?  RENEWAL - permit number \_\_\_\_\_  NEW APPLICATION  
 Name of Vessel \_\_\_\_\_ Home Port \_\_\_\_\_  
 Type of Vessel  Trawler/ Keel  Coble  Fast Worker  Other  
 Overall Length (in metres) \_\_\_\_\_ KW of Engine \_\_\_\_\_  
 Is the Vessel a registered Fishing Vessel? \_\_\_\_\_ PLN \_\_\_\_\_  
 Category of Fishing Licence \_\_\_\_\_ Licence No. \_\_\_\_\_

**PART 3: PAYMENT DETAILS:**

Preferred Method of payment: (£180 to be paid in full by card or cheque only)  Payment Card  Cheque (enclosed with form)

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Date payment Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Method: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorised: \_\_\_\_\_

**PART 4: DECLARATION:**

I HEREBY DECLARE that I will comply with the conditions subject to which a permit is issued to me.

*I understand and agree that Northumberland Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority will hold and use the information contained in this application, and any additional information which I may provide in the future, in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998/General Data Protection Regulation 2016 and for the purposes of administering the Shellfish Permit and complying with any legal requirements. I understand and agree that the Authority may contact me in relation to my permit and matters which could affect my permit (for example permit returns, byelaw amendments, consultations etc.)\**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**TO SIGN ON RECEIPT OF TAGS ONLY**

I confirm having received \_\_\_\_\_ tags for permit number \_\_\_\_\_ and acknowledge that it is my responsibility to keep a record of the tags and to report the number of any tags which are lost to the NIFCA office as soon as possible.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*\*For more information about how we store and process your data, please visit: [www.nifca.gov.uk/permits/](http://www.nifca.gov.uk/permits/) where you will find the Authority Privacy Notice. Any changes to the above information should be notified to the Chief Executive immediately. This application form should be completed and returned to: NIFCA, 8 Ennerdale Road, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 4RT.*

# STATE OF STOCK QUESTIONNAIRE

1) How long have you been a fisher within the NIFCA district? \_\_\_\_\_

2) Which port do you work from? \_\_\_\_\_

3) What species do you target? *Please rank score with 1 being the most important and 4 the least. If you do not target a species please leave blank.*

Species	European Lobster	Brown Crab	Velvet Crab	Nephrops
Score				

4) Over the last X years as a fisherman, have you observed any general changes with landings in the fisheries: *Using INCREASED; DECREASED; NO CHANGE in the table below:*

	3 years	5 years	10 years
European Lobster			
Brown Crab			
Velvet Crab			
Nephrops			

5. a) Over the last X years as a fisherman have you changed: *Using INCREASED; DECREASED; NO CHANGE in the table below*

	3 years	5 years	10 years
No. of Days at Sea			
No. of pots fished			
Size of area fished			

b) During this time have you change the location you have fished?

YES / NO *If YES please give details below*

Location (*from where and to*): \_\_\_\_\_

When: \_\_\_\_\_

Why: \_\_\_\_\_

6. a) In your opinion, do you think the level of management is: *(Please circle)*

Too Much Regulation                      Just right                      Too Little Regulation

b) If TOO MUCH or TOO LITTLE REGULATION, what byelaw/ regulation do you think needs revising?

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7). In your opinion, what do you think is the current state of the fishery? *(Please circle)*

<b>Lobster</b>	Very Good	Improving	Stable	Deteriorating	Very Bad
<b>Brown Crab</b>	Very Good	Improving	Stable	Deteriorating	Very Bad
<b>Velvet Crab</b>	Very Good	Improving	Stable	Deteriorating	Very Bad
<b>Nephrops</b>	Very Good	Improving	Stable	Deteriorating	Very Bad

8). Please let us have any other comments about your views on the state of stocks within the NIFCA district below?

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***Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. Your responses will be treated in confidence and will assist with future management which aims to achieve the best possible fishery and long-term sustainability.***