

## **News story: Changes to recreational bass restrictions from 1 October**

The European Union has announced an amendment to Council Regulation (EU) 2018/120 as regards fishing opportunities for European seabass.

From 1 October to 31 December 2018 in recreational fisheries in ICES divisions 4b, 4c, 6a, 7a to 7k, one specimen of European seabass may be retained per fisherman per day. This applies if you are fishing from a boat or from the shore.

This follows advice from the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) on European seabass stocks and an estimated higher survival rate of the species from catch-and-release practices.

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