

DAERA MONTHLY SHELLFISH RETURN (MSR1 form)

Notes for Guidance

1. Completion of the form MSR 1

(a) Vessels required to complete monthly return.

This form must be completed by all masters of under 10 metre fishing vessels with a shell fishing entitlement.

Those masters of the above vessels already completing an EU logbook as a record of their fishing activity can continue to do so, and will not be required to complete this form.

(b) General

The form shall be completed daily, and must be submitted to the nearest port office or Fisheries Division no later than the 15th of the following calendar month.

Nil returns must be submitted to DAERA HQ or your local Port Office..

2. Procedure for completion

(a) Entries on the form must be legible and indelible.

(b) Vessel owners using both pots and nets should complete a separate monthly form for each gear type.

(c) Each form must be signed by the master.

3. Information concerning the vessel, gear and catch

The following general information is to be filled in at the top of the form:

- Port of landing;
- Name of Vessel;
- PLN number
- Month and year of return

In addition the following information must be filled in against the corresponding columns.

- Record the caught and retained weight each day ie either landed that day or stored for landing at a future date. Stored catches should only be recorded on that day.

Column no 1- Day of month. All information regarding the catch for that date in the month must be completed across the page.

Column no 2 – Area. Enter ICES rectangle and sub rectangle obtained by to the attached map.

Column no 3 – Gear type. Set refers to the number of pots or length of nets on the sea bed that day. Hauled refers to the number of pots or length of nets in metres lifted that day.

Column no 4 – Edible crabs. Record the caught and retained weight of claws and each species of crab separately.

Column no 5 – Lobster. Record the caught and retained weight in kilos.

Column no 6 – If you have caught another species record the species code and the caught and retained weights.

Column no 7 – Strangford Lough. Record as Strangford Lough if caught and retained between Killard Point and Ballyquinton Point.

Column no 8 – Larne Lough. Record as Larne Lough if caught and retained between Barr's point and Chaine Tower.

Column no 9 – Rathlin Island. Record as Rathlin Island if caught and retained within 1 mile of low water mark around the island.

4. Responsibilities of the owner in respect of form MSR1

- to enter the required daily data, complete the monthly total entries, and to indicate the ICES rectangle mainly fished during the month;
- To certify with his signature that the data and other information entered in this form are correct
- To submit the form to the nearest port office or Fisheries Division by the 15th calendar day of the month immediately following the month to which the return refers.
- and keep a copy of this form for at least 2 years.

DATA PROTECTION ACT

All data provided by means of this form will be handled and processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. It may be disclosed to the other Fisheries Departments in the UK, their agencies and authorised agents and to other Government departments. It may also be published or disclosed in an anonymous and aggregated form to those organisations, bodies or persons for other organisations, bodies or persons for other purposes, including economic and scientific research.