



Voluntary Code of Conduct for the Recreational Sea Angler

Try and use a charter boat that supports
the Lyme Bay Reserve

Never drop litter or waste into the sea

Always return undersize fish

Never gaff a fish. Always use a net

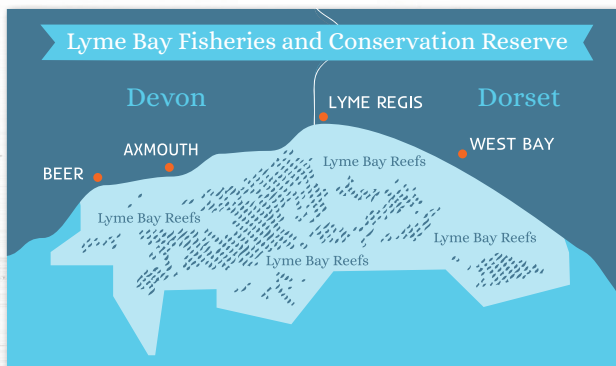
Why not limit how many hooks you are using

Never take more fish than you or your
family can consume

Dispatch all fish quickly and humanely

Why not practice 'catch and release'
or even take a photo

Remember, dragging your anchor can
cause damage to the sea bed





Lyme Bay

Fisheries and
Conservation Reserve

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What is the Reserve?

The Lyme Bay Fisheries and Conservation Reserve is a marine area in which multiple uses such as fishing and diving are allowed as long as none are damaging to the seabed or to nature conservation.

Our mission is to forge links between fishermen, conservationists, regulators and scientists in order to maintain a healthy, productive and sustainable Marine Reserve within the bay. Our vision is to achieve a well-managed Marine Reserve that will benefit fishing and conservation alike.

In recognition of fishermen's help in conserving the Reserve, the Blue Marine Foundation facilitates practical improvements such as ice-making equipment and port improvements. Education programs are run to inform children about the wealth of undersea life right on their doorstep and how this integrates with their local communities through fishing.

And the proof is in the pudding. Year on year there has been an improvement in fish stocks and marine life in general within the Reserve. Divers have reported 'forests of seafans' recolonising reefs; anglers have reported better fish catches both in quality and size; commercial fishermen have reported steady, dependable landings of shellfish.

This is a good news story in which we have all played our part. With a little thought and consideration, there is no reason why the Lyme Bay Fisheries and Conservation Reserve should not continue to be enjoyed by everyone.

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