

News story: Recreational anglers charged for breaching bass regulations

Recreational anglers Roshid Ahmed and Suna Miah appeared at Southend Magistrates Court on 16 May 2018 in a prosecution brought by the MMO.

The court heard how both men were observed fishing for bass on Southend Pier on 29 August 2016. The bass and both men's passes to fish on Southend Pier were seized. Kent and Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority collected and measured the fish and in total there were 68 bass retained by the two anglers, all of which were below the minimum conservation reference size of 42cm in length. The details of this were then reported to the MMO for investigation.

Both defendants pleaded guilty and offered an apology to the court stating that they were unaware of the bass regulations at the time of the offending but understand the rules currently in place.

Mr Miah was given a six month conditional discharge and ordered to pay £300 costs and a £20 victim surcharge. Mr Ahmed was also given a six month conditional discharge and ordered to pay £100 costs and a £20 victim surcharge.

A spokesperson for the MMO said:

Bass conservation is a very important issue and this was the first case relating to recreational angling for Bass to be heard in a domestic court.

In cases like these MMO will always take proportionate and appropriate action, including prosecution, to ensure offenders do not profit from such illegal activity and to protect fish stocks for the wider fishing industry and future generations.

Notice: HU12 8DS, Kingston Research Limited: environmental permit issued

The Environment Agency publish surrenders that they issue under the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED).

This decision includes the surrender letter, decision document and site condition report evaluation template for:

- Operator name: Kingston Research Limited
 - Installation name: Saltend Biobutanol Technical Demonstration Plant
 - Permit number: EPR/LP3838KZ/S003
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Notice: NG34 9TH, HM Venn & Sons Limited: environmental permit issued

The Environment Agency publish permits that they issue under the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED).

This decision includes the permit and decision document for:

- Operator name: HM Venn & Sons Limited
 - Installation name: Site 7, Fen Road
 - Permit number: EPR/UP3231YH/A001
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Starter for ten

There are ten key questions following Brexit that policymakers for rural Scotland must ask themselves.

Consultation outcome: Air quality: reducing nitrogen dioxide air pollution in 33 local authorities (England)

Updated: Summary of responses added.

We want to know what measures you think will be effective in reducing roadside NO₂ levels in 33 local authorities in England. We're also interested in how these measures should be assessed.

We have [directed 33 English local authorities](#) to carry out studies into reducing nitrogen dioxide air pollution in their areas. The studies should identify whether there are any measures they can take to reduce NO₂ air pollution in their areas in the shortest time possible.

Your views will help inform the local authority studies, which need to be submitted to the government by 31 July 2018. The government will consider the results, and will publish a supplement to the [UK plan for tackling roadside nitrogen dioxide concentrations](#) by 5 October 2018.