LEGISLATION FOR CRUSTACEAN FISHERIES IN WALES
with effect from 1 February 2016

Lobster
Minimum Size - 90mm
Length of carapace – mid-line from the back of either eye socket to the distal edge of the carapace

Minimum Size - 110mm
Length of carapace – tip of the central rostral spine to the distal edge of the carapace

Brown / Edible Crab
Minimum size - 140mm
Width of the carapace measured across the broadest part of the back

Spider Crab - Minimum Size:
Male - 130mm  Female – 120mm
Length of carapace – mid-line from the edge of the carapace between the rostrums to the posterior edge of the carapace

Velvet Crab
Minimum size remains unchanged at 65mm
Width of carapace measured across the broadest part, excluding spines, of the back

Parts of Crustaceans
It is prohibited to land detached parts of Lobster, Edible Crab, Spider Crab, Crawfish, Velvet Crab and Green Crab

V-notched Lobsters & Crawfish
It is prohibited to land V-notched or mutilated lobsters and crawfish

The above measures apply in all Welsh territorial water (i.e. 0–12 nautical miles). Carriage restrictions also apply.
Further information will be available on our website from 1 February
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