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Viviers UK fined for undersized whelks

At Portsmouth Magistrates Court on the 2nd of July Viviers UK Ltd., owners of the registered fishing vessel P11 "Ask Me" and Mr Paul Lambert then master of the Portsmouth based boat were fined and ordered to pay costs of £8,666 for illegal fishing.

Lambert & Viviers UK entered guilty pleas and were both ordered to pay a fine of £2,500, costs of £1,663 each and a victim surcharge of £170.

The court heard that Lambert had been issued with two very recent verbal warnings prior to him committing the offence. The bench considered Portsmouth based Viviers UK prior convictions for illegal fishing.

Southern IFCA presented evidence that the minimum landing size for whelks is a key measure to protect stocks. Whelks are slow growing whelk and consequently vulnerable to over exploitation.

Commenting on the case for Southern IFCA a spokesperson said "Illegal fishing threatens for the sustainability of the stock in the Solent. Legitimate fishermen are losing out because of the actions of those who not take adequate measures to ensure that they land only mature shellfish".

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The Southern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority's vision is to:

"lead, champion and manage a sustainable marine environment and inshore fisheries, by successfully securing the right balance between social, environmental and economic benefits to ensure healthy seas, sustainable fisheries and a viable industry".

There are ten IFCAs whose jurisdictions cover the entire coastline of England. The marine element of the IFCA District extends 6 miles seaward and the terrestrial element covers the constituent local Authority areas. Southern IFCA manage the coastal waters of Hampshire Dorset and the Isle of Wight.

Southern IFCA is a joint committee of the Councils which fund the Authority's. Southern IFCA is tasked with the sustainable management of inshore sea fisheries resources in their Districts.

Further information

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