

# Application to trap and/or remove crayfish



Environment  
Agency

Please read the additional notes on the reverse of this form before you fill it in.

## 1 The applicant

Title (Mr, Mrs, Miss and so on) \_\_\_\_\_  
 First name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fax \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mobile \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

## 2 About the water

Name of water \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nearest town and county \_\_\_\_\_  
 Location, give a national grid reference (an upstream and downstream point if on a stretch of river) or attach a clear map with the water marked  
 From \_\_\_\_\_  
 To \_\_\_\_\_  
 e.g. SY 1234 5678

Type of water

Canal ☐ River ☐ Stillwater ☐

Size of stillwater \_\_\_\_\_ acres ☐ or hectares ☐

Does the site have a conservation designation such as an SSSI?

No ☐ Yes ☐ Type of order \_\_\_\_\_

## 3 About the task you plan to carry out

When do you wish to trap? e.g. March to September \_\_\_\_\_

Trapping method

Crayfish trap ☐

Hand net ☐

Drop net ☐

Other (please specify below) ☐

Reason for use

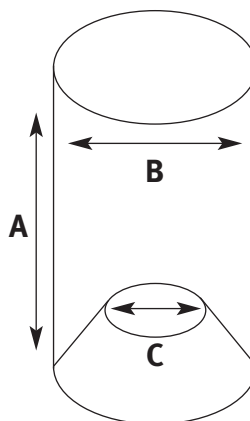
Fishery management ☐

Personal consumption ☐

Commercial ☐

Scientific/Survey ☐

## 4 Trap details



Please give dimensions (in millimetres) if you are planning to use crayfish traps

A: Length \_\_\_\_\_ mm

B: Width \_\_\_\_\_ mm

C: Entrance \_\_\_\_\_ mm

Mesh size \_\_\_\_\_ mm

Please state how many traps or nets you are going to use.

Number of traps/nets \_\_\_\_\_

Maximum trap dimensions, as detailed in the byelaws, are detailed in the additional notes overleaf.

## 5 Crayfish details

Please give details of crayfish species to be trapped/caught


Are you removing the crayfish from site?

Yes ☐

No ☐

## 6 Signature and declaration

If you give any information which is incomplete or inaccurate:

- we will return your application; and
- we will not grant consent.

I have read and understood this form and the data protection notice in the additional notes on the reverse of this form. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the information I have given is correct.

Applicant's signature

Print name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature date (DD/MM/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_

## 7 What happens next?

Please post or fax the completed form to Fish Movements Team (CR1 Applications), Environment Agency, Bromholme Lane, Bampton, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire PE28 4NE.  
 Fax 01480 483 955 or 483 026.

If your application is successful we will send you a consent document along with plastic tags that must be attached to your traps to make them identifiable.

**Important:** You will need permission from the fishery owner and any relevant angling clubs to use the traps, in addition to consent from the Environment Agency.

## Additional notes

### Why do I need to apply for consent?

The Environment Agency regulates the removal of crayfish from inland waters and the use of fishing instruments other than rod and line. This is to protect fisheries and the wider environment from the impacts of an inappropriate activity, the spread of non-native species and disease transmission.

The CR1 form is for crayfish trapping only.

**You must not use your trap/s before you have written permission from us. Doing so could result in prosecution.**

### If you need help and advice

Please get in touch with us if you need any help with your application. You can contact the fish movements team on 01480 483 968 or at [fmapplications@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:fmapplications@environment-agency.gov.uk). If you need local information or advice on trapping in your area please contact general enquiries on 08708 506 506 and ask for your local fisheries officer.

Please make sure you complete all sections of the form.

There is a guidance booklet that accompanies this form called 'using the right trap – A guide to crayfish trapping'. This is available by calling the Environment Agency Customer Services on 08708 506 506 or downloading at [www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk)

### What you will receive and when

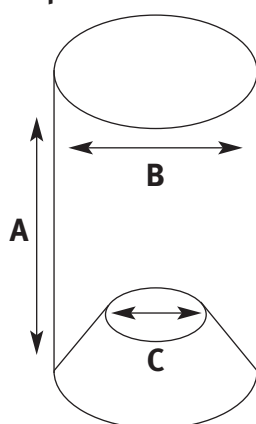
If your application is successful you will be sent a consent along with plastic tags. These must be attached to your traps at all times when in use. If you lose your tags please contact the Fisheries Permitting Team on 01480 483 968 or at [fmapplications@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:fmapplications@environment-agency.gov.uk).

We require 20 working days to process your application. However, we will aim to do it within 10 days. This may take longer if the water you plan to trap on has a conservation designation such as an SSSI, as we may need to consult with other organisations.

### What if I trap other fish?

All species other than those listed on the consent document should be returned to the water from where they came, as soon as possible and with as little damage as possible.

### Trap dimensions



We may not issue a consent if we consider the equipment to be inappropriate. Unless previously agreed in writing, the trap you use must be within the rules below.

A: The trap must be no longer than 600mm

B: It must be no wider than 350mm at its widest point

C: The entrance should be no larger than 95mm in diameter.

The mesh size should be no larger than 30mm at its widest point.

## Data protection notice

The information provided on your application will be processed by us to deal with your application.

We need the information on the form if we are to:

- consider your application; and
- provide an efficient service.

It will also be processed to:

- monitor compliance with the consent/permit conditions;
- process renewals; and
- maintain the relevant public register(s).

We may also use and/or disclose it in connection with:

- offering/providing you with our literature/services relating to environmental matters;
- consulting with the public, public bodies and other organisations (for example Defra, Cefas, English Nature, Countryside Council for Wales) on environmental issues;
- carrying out statistical analysis, research and development on environmental issues;
- providing enquirers with information from the public register;
- investigating possible breaches of environmental law and taking any resulting action;
- preventing breaches of environmental law; and
- assessing customer service satisfaction and improving our service.

Our agents or representatives may do any of these on our behalf.

You should ensure that anyone named on this form is informed of the contents of this data protection notice.