

Note on changes to technical conservation measures post Brexit
As of 1st of January 2021 EU vessels fishing in UK waters will require a vessel licence issued by the UK authorities which will contain the conditions and rules associated with access to UK waters.

While every effort is made to interpret and incorporate changes to EU technical measures to be applied in UK waters, vessel owners or operators fishing in UK waters are advised to regularly check the UK Marine Management Organisation website for guidance on the technical conservation and landing obligation regulations for UK waters: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/technical-conservation-and-landing-obligation-rules-and-regulations-2022>

Holders of Scottish Domestic licences have a legal obligation to access the Marine Scotland website each Friday where variations are published separately: <https://www.gov.scot/collections/fishing-vessel-weekly-licence-variations/>

NWWAC Fisheries Management Chart

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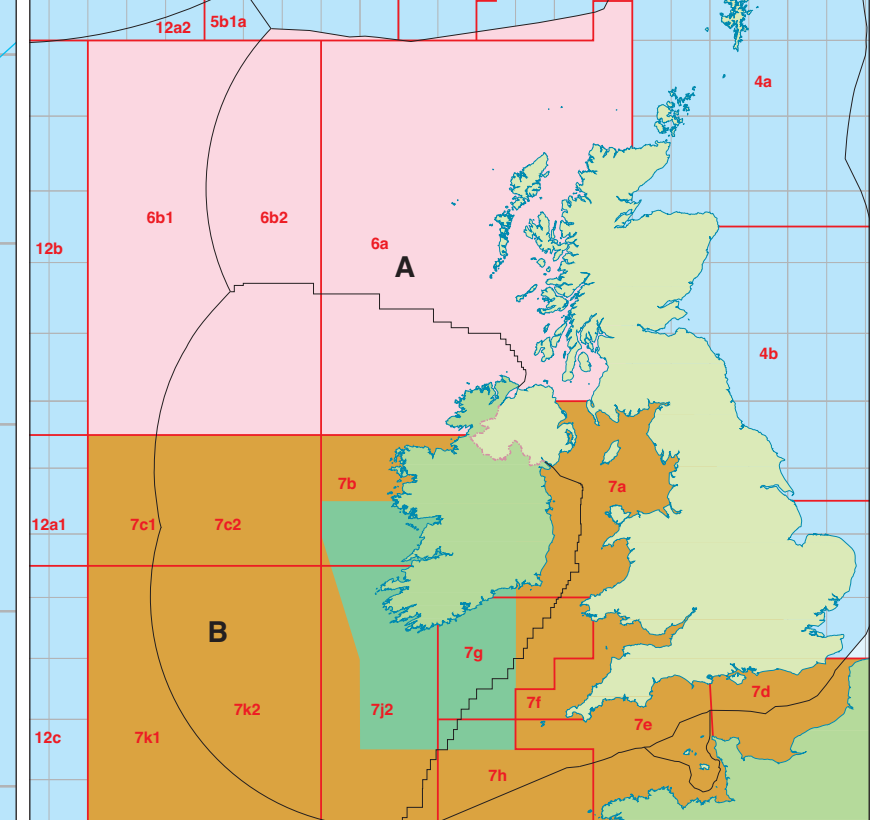
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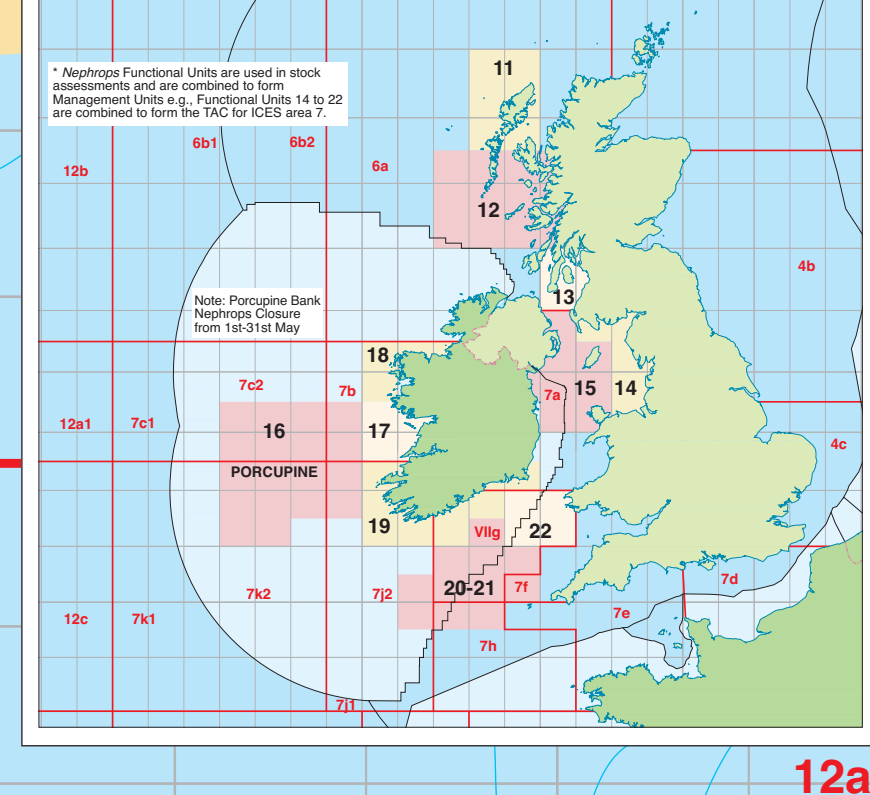
TAC & Quota Stocks Within Scope of NWWAC

Ref No	Species	Area	EU CODE	EU 2022 TAC	UK-NWW Harvest
1	Greater silver smelt	6 and 7, United Kingdom and international waters of 5	AHJ/567	7,670	Shared
2	Tusk	6 and 7, United Kingdom and international waters of 5	LUN/561	3,020	Shared
3	Cod	6b, UK and international waters of 5b west of 12°00' West and 12 and 14	COD/5/6/7	22	Shared
4	Cod	6c, United Kingdom and international waters of 5b east of 12°00' W	COD/5/6/8A	297	Shared
5	Cod	7a	COD/10	92	Shared
6	Cod	7b, 7c, 7e-k, 8, 9 and 10, Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1	COD/7/AD34	381	Shared
7	Cod	7d	COD/7/10	1,141	Shared
8	Megrim	UK and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14	LEZ/56-14	3,200	Shared
9	Megrim	7	LEZ/7	17,063	Shared
10	Anglerfish	6, UK and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14	ANG/56-14	2,378	Shared
11	Anglerfish	7	ANG/7	2,726	Shared
12	Haddock	UK, Union and international waters of 6b; international waters of 12 and 14	HAD/10/14	648	Shared
13	Haddock	6c, United Kingdom and international waters of 5b	HAD/5/6/8A	1,262	Shared
14	Haddock	7b-k, 8, 9 and 10, Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1	HAD/7/AD34	9,212	Shared
15	Haddock	7a	HAD/10	1,208	Shared
16	Whiting	6, UK and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14	WHG/56-14	344	Shared
17	Whiting	7a	WHG/7A	293	Shared
18	Whiting	7b, 7c, 7d, 7e, 7f, 7g, 7h, 7i and 7k	WHG/7A-X-C	6,444	Shared
19	Hake	6.2, 8, 9, 10, UK and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14	HSE/67/14	36,951	Shared
20	Blue Ling	6.4, 7, United Kingdom and international waters of 5	BLUS/67	8,341	Shared
21	Ling	6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, international waters of 12 and 14	LUN/14	7,773	Shared
22	Norway lobster	6, United Kingdom and international waters of 5b	NEP/56/9	314	Shared
23	Norway lobster	7	NEP/7	10,982	Shared
24	Plaice	6, UK and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14	PL/56-14	232	Shared
25	Plaice	7a	PL/7A	543	Shared
26	Plaice	7b and 7c	PL/7B/C	19	NWWAC ONLY
27	Plaice	7d and 7e	PL/7D/E	3,852	Shared
28	Plaice	7f and 7g	PL/7F/G	270	Shared
29	Plaice	7h, 7i and 7k	PL/7H/I/K	110	Shared
30	Pollock	6, UK and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14	POL/56-14	19	Shared
31	Pollock	7	POL/7	4,904	Shared
32	Saithe	6, United Kingdom and international waters of 5b, 12 and 14	POK/56-14	3,082	Shared
33	Saithe	7, 8, 9 and 10, Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1	POK/7/3411	2,158	Shared
34	Skates and rays	United Kingdom and Union waters of 6a, 6b, 7a-c and 7e-k	SRF/7/AD34	6,860	Shared
35	Skates and rays	7a	SRF/7A	297	Shared
36	Greenland halibut	6, UK and Union waters of 4, UK 2a; UK and international waters of 5b	GHZ/2A-C46	703	Shared
37	Common sole	6, UK and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14	SOL/56-14	48	Shared
38	Common sole	7a	SOL/7A	453	Shared
39	Common sole	7b and 7c	SOL/7B/C	19	NWWAC ONLY
40	Common sole	7d	SOL/7D	1,372	Shared
41	Common sole	7e	SOL/7E	533	Shared
42	Common sole	7f and 7g	SOL/7F/G	894	Shared
43	Common sole	7h, 7i and 7k	SOL/7H/I/K	177	Shared
44	Sprat	7d and 7e	SPR/7D/E	0	Shared
45	Picked dogfish	6, 7 and 8, United Kingdom and international waters of 1, 12 and 14	DGS/7/1214	6,064	Shared
46	Other species	Union waters of 6 and 7	OTH/56/7-C	N/A	Shared
47	Other species	Union waters of 2a, 4 and 6a north of 56° N	OTH/2A/4/6A-N	N/A	Shared
48	Black scabbardfish	6 and 7, UK and international waters of 5; international waters of 12	BSF/56/72-	1,710	Shared
49	Afionorus	UK, Union and international waters of 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12 and 14	ALF/3/4-14	174	Shared
50	Roundnose grenadier	6 and 7, United Kingdom and international waters of 5b	RNG/56/7-	2,205	Shared
51	Red seabream	6, 7 and 8	SRB/6/7-	95	Shared

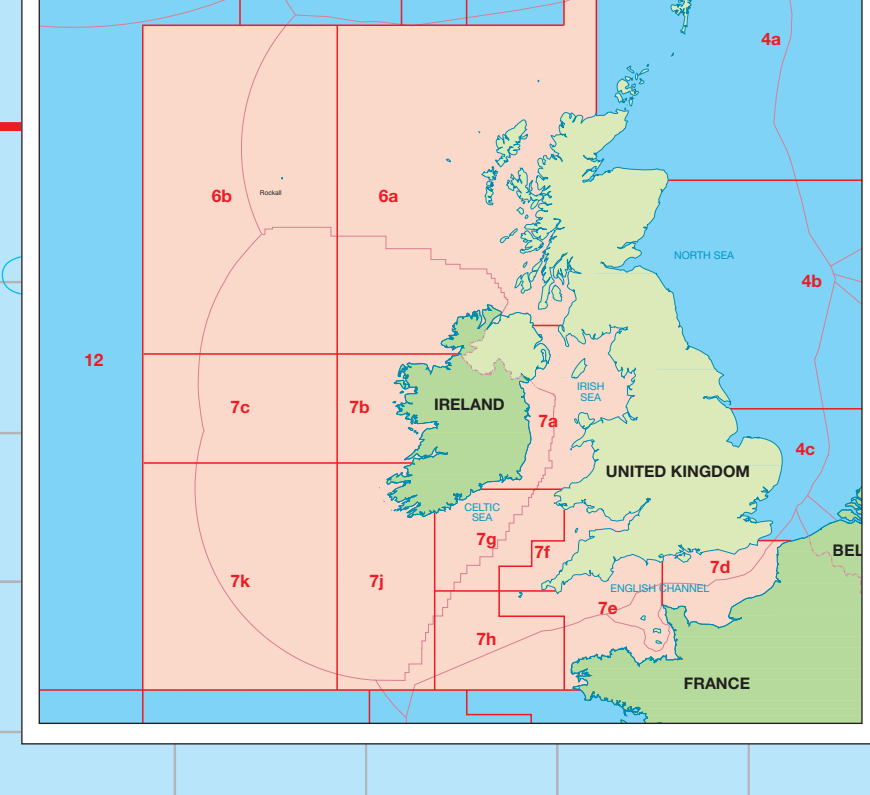
Fishing Effort



Nephrops Functional Units



NWWAC Area



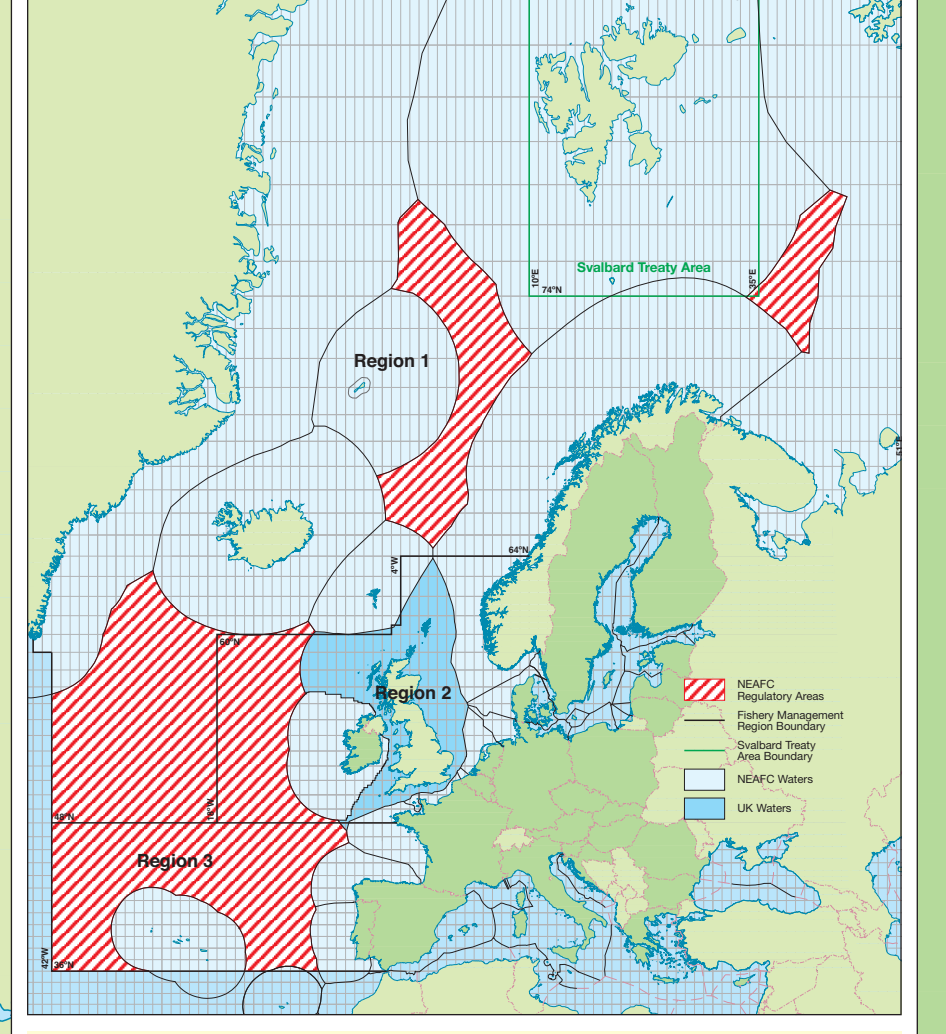
Legend

- IRISH SEA COD BOX**
Closed to all fishing with any demersal trawl, seine or similar gear, and all fish traps, trammel net or similar gear used for any fishing. This closure applies from 1st February to 31st April.
- CELTIC SEA CONSERVATION AREA**
Closed to all fishing activity from 1 February to 31 March each year.
- MAKE BOX**
Below this area a minimum mesh size of 100mm must be used for all towed gears and a minimum mesh size of 150mm used for all otter trawls, extending and trammel nets. Beam trawls of between 50-99mm may be used east of 7° 30' West in the period April to October.
- IRISH SEA OOD BOX**
Closed to all fishing activity from 1 February to 31 March each year.
- Deep Sea Closure**
Closed to bottom trawling and static gear, including bottom set gillnets and bottom set longlines. Council Regulation (EU) 2019/1241
- Rockall Haddock Closure**
No fishing allowed except longlines. Council Regulation (EU) 2019/1241
- Porcupine Bank Nephrops Closure**
Directed fishing for Nephrops and associated species prohibited from 1 May to 31 May each year. Council Regulation (EU) 2019/1241
- Blue Ling Protection Area**
No fishing allowed from 1 March to 31 May each year. Note: bycatch of blue ling must be retained and landed (20% maximum of 10 tonnes per vessel must set the area). Council Regulation (EU) 2019/1241
- Coral Protection Area**
Fishing prohibited with bottom trawls or similar towed nets, bottom set gillnets, extending nets or trammel nets and bottom set engines. Authorised pelagic vessels may fish (with a maximum of 10 tonnes per vessel must set the area). Council Regulation (EU) 2019/1241
- Cape Ground Cod Closure**
Closed to towed gear or static nets from 1 January to 31 March, and from 1 October to 31 December, each year. Council Regulation (EU) 2019/1241

Exemptions to the Landing Obligation

Species	Exemption type	ICES sub-area/division	Gear	Maximum de minimis exemption
Whiting	De minimis	7a, 7e	Bottom trawls and seines ≤ 80 mm, prawn and beam trawls 80-119 mm	up to a maximum of 3%
Common sole	De minimis	7d to 7g	trammel and gill nets	up to a maximum of 3%
Common sole	De minimis	7d to 7h, 7i, 7k	Beam trawls 80-119 mm	up to a maximum of 3%
Haddock	De minimis	7b-c & 7e-k	equipped with Finnish panel	up to a maximum of 5%
Haddock	De minimis	7b-c & 7e-k	All bottom trawls and seines ≥ 100mm with catches comprising not more than 30% Norway lobster and excluding beam trawls	up to a maximum of 5%
Haddock	De minimis	7b-c & 7e-k	≥ 80mm with catches comprising more than 30% of Norway lobster	up to a maximum of 5%
Haddock	De minimis	7a	Beam trawls ≥ 80mm with a Finnish panel	up to a maximum of 5%
Demersal mixed fishery targeting brown shrimp	De minimis	7a	TR2 vessels	a combined quantity of fish species below MCS, which shall not exceed 0.85 % of the total annual catches of plaice and 0.15 % of the total annual catches of whiting in the demersal mixed fisheries
Boarfish	De minimis	7b-c & 7h-k	Bottom trawls	up to a maximum of 0.5 %
Megrim below MCS	De minimis	7d, 7e, the part of 7h North of latitude 49°30' and the part of 7i North of latitude 49°30' North and East of longitude 11° West, 7, outside the, above-mentioned area	Beam trawls 80-119 mm and Bottom trawl, TR2 vessels	up to a maximum of 4%
Common sole	De minimis	7a	Beam trawls 80-119mm with increased selectivity (Finish panel)	up to a maximum of 3%
Greater silver smelt	De minimis	5b (EU waters) & 6	Bottom trawls	up to 0.6 % of the total annual catches of that species from all gears in those areas
Horse mackerel	De minimis	6 & 7b-k	Bottom trawls, seines and beam trawls	up to a maximum of 3%
Mackerel	De minimis	6 & 7b-k	Bottom trawls, seines and beam trawls	up to a maximum of 3%
Norway lobster	Survivability	6 & 7	pots, traps or creels	The Norway lobster shall be released wholly, immediately and in the area where it has been caught
Common sole below MCS	Survivability	7c	Other trawls with a cod end 80-99mm, by vessels - having a maximum length of 10 metres and a maximum engine power of 221 kW; and - fishing in waters with the depth of 50 metres or less and with tow durations of no more than ninety minutes.	The common sole shall be released immediately
Skates & rays	Survivability	6 & 7	Any fishing gear	The skates and rays shall be released immediately.
Plaice	Survivability	7d-g	Trammel nets	The plaice shall be released immediately.
Plaice	Survivability	7d-g	Other trawls	
Plaice	Survivability	7a-g	Vessels having a maximum engine greater than 221 kW and using beam trawls fitted with a top-up rope or berthing release panel.	
Plaice	Survivability	7a-g	Beam trawls, having a maximum engine power of 221 kW on a maximum length of 24 metres, which are constructed to fish within 12 nautical miles of the coast and with average tow durations of no more than ninety minutes	
Plaice	Survivability	7d	Danish seines	
Plaice	Survivability	7b-k	Pots, traps and creels	The fish shall be released immediately.
Species caught in pots, traps and creels	Survivability	5 (excluding 5d and 5e)	5 (excluding 5d and 5e)	The fish shall be released immediately.

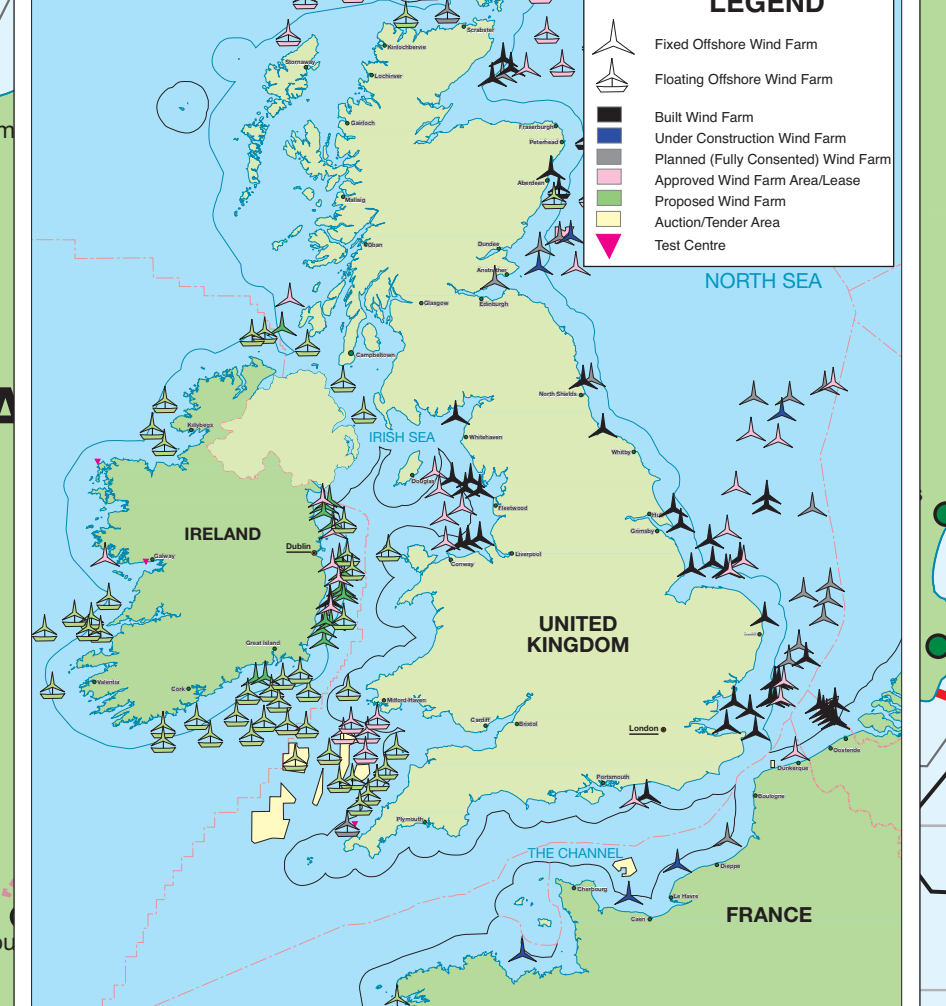
NEAFC Regulatory Areas & Fishery Management Regions



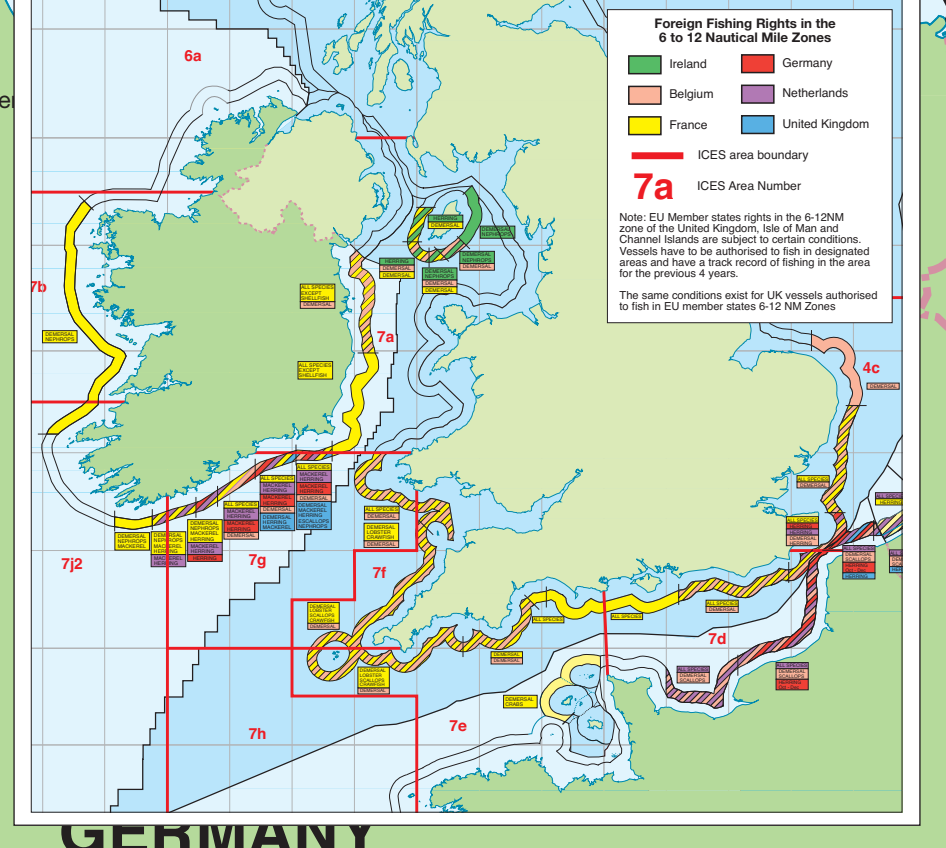
Baseline mesh sizes in North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC) Regulatory Area

Codend mesh size	Conditions
At least 100 mm	None
At least 35 mm	Directed fishing for blue whiting
At least 16 mm	Directed fishing for mackerel (MCRS ≥ 30 cm), capelin and argentine
Static gear mesh size	Conditions
At least 220 mm	None

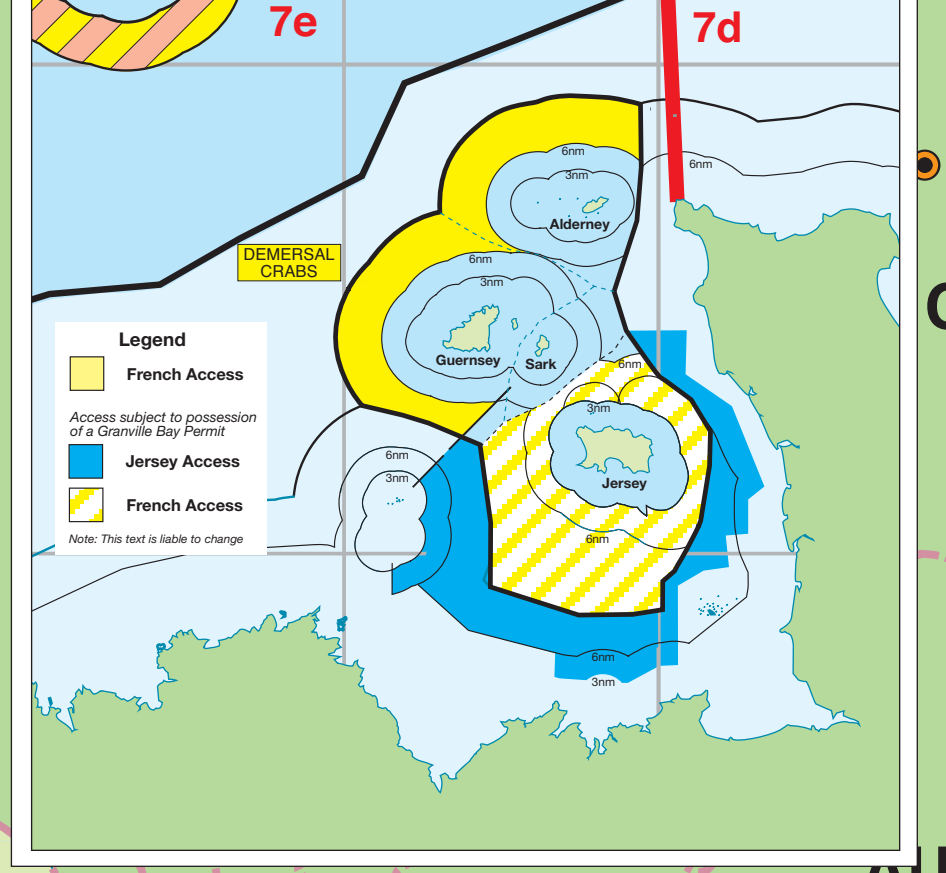
Offshore Wind Farm Projects



Fishing Rights in the 6-12 Mile Zones



Channel Islands



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