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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-2021

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/

TAC & Quota Stocks Within Scope of NWWAC

Ref No	Species	Area	EU CODE	EU 2021 TAC	UK-NWW Interest
1	Greater silver smelt	6 and 7, United Kingdom and international waters of 5	ARU/567	3,509	Shared
2	Tusk	6 and 7, United Kingdom and international waters of 5	USK/567EI	3,037	Shared
3	Cod	6b; Union and international waters of 5b west of 12°00' W and of 12 and 14	COD/5W6-14	25	Shared
4	Cod	6a; Union and international waters of 5b east of 12°00' W	COD/5BE6A	387	Shared
5	Cod	7a	COD/07A	115	Shared
6	Cod	7b, 7c, 7e-k, 8, 9 and 10; Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1	COD/7XAD34	730	Shared
7	Cod	7d	COD/07D	701	Shared
8	Megrim	UK and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14	LEZ/56-14	3,179	Shared
9	Megrim	7	LEZ/07	14,718	Shared
10	Anglerfish	6; UK and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14	ANF/56-14	3,179	Shared
11	Anglerfish	7	ANF/07	30,033	Shared
12	Haddock	UK; Union and international waters of 6b; international waters of 12 and 14	HAD/6B1214	1,404	Shared
13	Haddock	6a; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b	HAD/5BC6A	924	Shared
14	Haddock	7b-k, 8, 9 and 10; Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1	HAD/7X7A34	11,983	Shared
15	Haddock	7a	HAD/07A	1,592	Shared
16	Whiting	6; UK and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14	WHG/56-14	352	Shared
17	Whiting	7a	WHG/07A	305	Shared
18	Whiting	7b, 7c, 7d, 7e, 7f, 7g, 7h, 7j and 7k	WHG/7X7A-C	8,692	Shared
19	Hake	6 & 7; UK & international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14	HKE/571214	44,451	Shared
20	Blue Ling	6 & 7; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b	BLI/5B67-	8,908	Shared
21	Ling	6, 7, 8, 9 and 10; international waters of 12 and 14	LIN/6X14 1	11,687	Shared
22	Norway lobster	6; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b	NEP/5BC6	353	Shared
23	Norway lobster	7	NEP/07	11,118	Shared
24	Plaice	6; UK and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14	PLE/56-14	258	Shared
25	Plaice	7a	PLE/07A	1,177	Shared
26	Plaice	7b and 7c	PLE/7BC	19	NWWAC ONLY
27	Plaice	7d and 7e	PLE/7DE	8,387	Shared
28	Plaice	7f and 7g	PLE/7FG	1,249	Shared
29	Plaice	7h, 7j and 7k	PLE/7HJK	56	Shared
30	Pollack	6; UK and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14	POL/56-14	117	Shared
31	Pollack	7	POL/07	7,355	Shared
32	Saithe	6; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b, 12 and 14	POK/56-14	3,848	Shared
33	Saithe	7, 8, 9 and 10; Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1	POK/7/3411	2,695	Shared
34	Skates and rays	United Kingdom and Union waters of 6a, 6b, 7a-c and 7e-k	SRX/67AKXD	6,875	Shared
35	Skates and rays	7d	SRX/07D	1,183	Shared
36	Greenland halibut	6; UK and Union waters of 4; UK 2a ; UK and international waters of 5b	GHL/2A-C46	703	Shared
37	Common sole	6; UK and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14	SOL/56-14	46	Shared
38	Common sole	7a	SOL/07A	578	Shared
39	Common sole	7b and 7c	SOL/7BC	34	NWWAC ONLY
40	Common sole	7d	SOL/07D	2,489	Shared
41	Common sole	7e	SOL/7E	733	Shared
42	Common sole	7f and 7g	SOL/7FG	955	Shared
43	Common sole	7h, 7j and 7k	SOL/7HJK	233	Shared
44	Sprat	7d and 7e	SPR/7DE	414	Shared
45	Picked dogfish	6, 7 and 8; United Kingdom and international waters of 1, 12 and 14	DGS/15X14	155	Shared
46	Other species	Union waters of 5 and 7	OTH/5B67-C)	N/A	Shared
47	Other species	Union waters of 2a, 4 and 6a north of 56° 30' N	OTH/2A46AN	N/A	Shared
48	Black scabbardfish	6 and 7; UK and international waters of 5; international waters of 12	BSF/56712-	1,189	Shared
49	Alfonsinos	UK, Union and international waters of 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 and 14	ALF/3X14-	217	Shared
50	Roundnose grenadier	6 and 7; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b	RNG/5B67-	2,205	Shared
51	Red seabream	6, 7 and 8	SBR/678-	95	Shared

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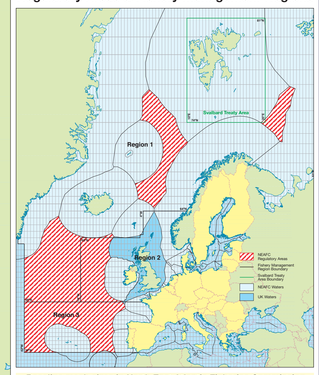
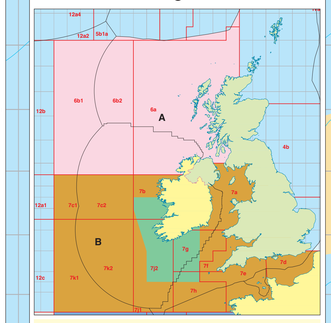
Regulatory Areas & Fishery Management Regions



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 argentines
Static gear mesh size	**Conditions**
At least 220 mm	None

Fishing Effort

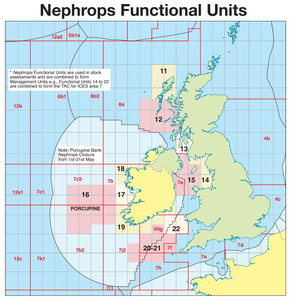


Maximum Allowable Fishing Effort (kW.days) in Western Waters

Area	Zone	Vessel Length	Demersal	Scallops	Crab
5, 6	A	≥ 15m	40,917,371	1,980,191	1,167,292
7	B	≥ 15m	100,256,764	11,797,786	2,531,045
BSA	J	≥ 10m	25,561,601	141,657	148,281

Council Regulation (EC) No 1415/2004

Nephrops Functional Units



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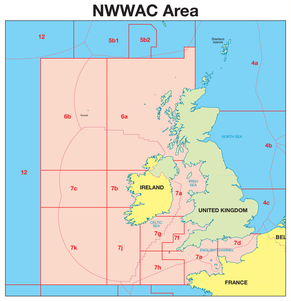


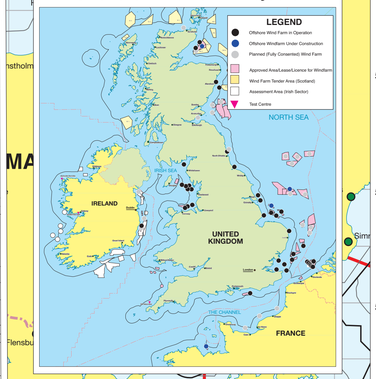
Exemptions to the Landing Obligation

Exemptions to the Landing Obligation 2021-2023, Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/2015 of 21 August 2020

Species	Exemption type	ICES sub-area/division	Gear	Maximus de minimis exemption
Whiting	De minimis	7b to 7k	Bottom trawls and seines ≥ 80 mm, pelagic trawls and beam trawls 80-119mm	up to a maximum of 5 %
Common sole	De minimis	7d to 7g	Trammel and gill nets	up to a maximum of 3 %
Common sole	De minimis	7d to 7h	Beam trawls 80-119mm equipped with Flemish panel	up to a maximum of 3 %
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	7b-c & 7e-k	Beam trawls ≥80mm with a Flemish panel	up to a maximum of 5 %
Demersal mixed fishery targeting brown shrimp	De minimis	7a	Beam trawls ≥31mm	a combined quantity of fish species below MCRS, 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 & 7f-k	Bottom trawls	up to a maximum of 0,5 %
Megrim below MCRS	De minimis	7	Beam trawls 80-119 mm	up to a maximum of 4 %
		7f, 7g, the part of 7h North of latitude 49°30' North and the part of 7j North of latitude 49°30' North and East of longitude 11° West	Bottom trawls, TR2 vessels with catches comprising more than 55 % of whiting or 55 % of anglerfish, hake or megrim combined	up to a maximum of 4 %
		7, outside the, abovementioned area	Bottom trawl, TR2 vessels	up to a maximum of 4 %
Common sole	De minimis	7a	Beam trawls 80-119mm with increased selectivity (Flemish panel)	up to a maximum of 3 %
Greater silver smelt	De minimis	5b (EU waters) & 6	Bottom trawls ≥100 mm	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 %
Haddock below MCRS	De minimis	6a	Bottom trawls up to 119 mm in the West of Scotland Norway lobster fishery, provided that vessels use the highly selective gear options described in Article 3(3) of this Regulation	up to a maximum of 3 %
Norway lobster	Survivability	6 & 7	pots, traps or creels	The Norway lobster shall be re leased whole, immediately and in the area where it has been caught
	Survivability	7	bottom trawls ≥100 mm	
	Survivability	7	with bottom trawls 70-99mm in combination with highly selective gear options	
	Survivability	6a within 12 NM of the coast	otter trawls 80-110mm	
Common sole below MCRS	Survivability	7d, within 6NM of the coast but outside identified nursery areas	Otter trawl 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 30 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.
	Survivability	7d-g	Otter trawls	
	Survivability	7a-g	Vessels having a maximum engine greater than 221 kW and using beam trawls fitted with a flip-up rope or benthic release panel.	
	Survivability	7a-g	Beam trawls, having a maximum engine power of 221 kW or 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	
	Survivability	7d	Danish seines	
Species caught in pots, traps and creels	Survivability	5 (excluding 5a and including only Union waters of 5b), 6 & 7	Pots, traps and creels	The fish shall be released immediately

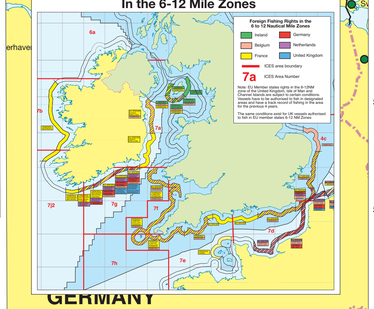
1. Art 3, paragraph 2 and 3, (EU) 2020/2015
2. Member States having a direct management interest shall submit, every year as soon as possible and not later than by 1 May, additional scientific information supporting the exemptionlaid down in paragraph 1. The Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF) shall assess that scientific information by 31 July every year. The exemption laid down in paragraph 1 shall also apply to Cuckoo ray. Member States having a direct management interest shall submit, every year as soon as possible and not later than by 1 May, additional scientific information supporting that exemption including provisional information on Cuckoo ray catches, Cuckoo ray discards and the progress of Cuckoo ray vitality or survival research in relevant fisheries. The STECF shall assess the provided scientific information before 31 July every year.
3. Member States having a direct management interest shall submit, as soon as possible and not later than by 1 May every year, additional scientific information supporting these exemptions, including provisional information on plaice catches, discards and the progress of vitality or survival research in the relevant fisheries. Member States shall also submit a timetable for the completion of the agreed roadmap by 1 May 2021. The STECF shall assess that information by 30 June 2021.
4. Member States having a direct management interest shall submit, as soon as possible and not later than by 1 May every year, additional scientific information supporting these exemptions, including provisional information on plaice catches, discards and the progress of vitality or survival research in the relevant fisheries. Member States shall also submit a timetable for the completion of the agreed roadmap by 1 May 2021. The STECF shall assess that information by 30 June 2021.

Offshore Wind Farm Projects



Fishing Rights

In the 6-12 Mile Zones



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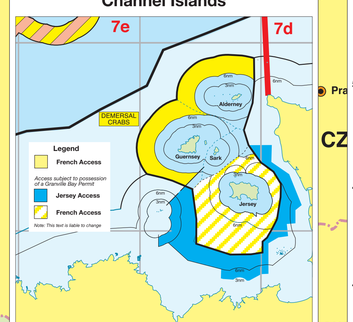

Legend

- **IRISH SEA COD BOX** — Closed to all fishing with any demersal trawl, seine or similar towed net, any gill net, trammel net or similar static net or any fishing gear incorporating hooks from the 14th of February to 30th April. **Note:** fishing is permitted with demersal trawls fitted with STECF assessed selective devices. *Council Regulation (EU) 2019/1241*
- **CELTIC SEA CONSERVATION AREA** — Closed to all fishing activity from 1 February to 31 March each year. **Note:** 1. Closure does not apply within 6 nm. 2. Fishing with pots and creels is permitted if no other gears are carried. 3. Towed gears targetting small pelagic species are permitted but mesh size > 55 mm may not be carried, and by-catch of LO species must be landed *Council Regulation (EU) 2019/1241*
- **HAKE BOX** — Within this area a minimum mesh size of 100mm must be used for all towed gears and a minimum mesh size of 120mm used for all gillnets, entangling and trammel nets. Beam trawls of between 55-99mm may be used east of 7° 30' west in the period April to October. *EU Regulation No. 494/2002*
- **UK WATERS**
- **Deep Sea Closure** - No fishing allowed 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** — Blue ling fishing prohibited 1 March to 31 May each year. **Note:** bycatch of blue ling must be retained and landed up to a maximum of 6 tonnes then vessel must exit the area. *Council Regulation (EU) 2019/1241*
- **Coral Protection Area** — Fishing prohibited with bottom trawls or similar towed nets, bottom set gillnets, entangling nets or trammel nets and bottom set longlines. Authorised pelagic vessels may fish in the area if they have a fully functioning and compliant VMS, carry only pelagic gear and notify the Irish fisheries monitoring centre 4 hours in advance of entry and on departure. *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*

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This map shows ICES Areas 6 and 7 and the major issues of interest to Fishing in the area. Whilst every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this map, La Tene Maps, the NWWAC or its members are not liable for any errors or omissions whatsoever.

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