

Category A (10 metre and under) Licence: Schedule (91) Producer Organisations

AUTHORITY

1. Subject to the limitations set out below, and to any prohibition on fishing imposed by order under Section 5 of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967 (as amended) or by the European Commission under the provisions of Article 36 of Council Regulation (EC) No.1224/2009 (as amended), this licence hereby authorises the above-named vessel to fish for all species of sea fish (including shellfish) in the ICES Division IIa (EC Zone), Sub Area IV, ICES Division Vb (EC Zone), Sub Areas VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XII (International Waters) and XIV (International Waters) and CECAF 34.1.1 (EC Zone), excluding those waters lying within 12 miles of the baseline from which the breadth of the territorial sea adjacent to the Isle of Man and Channel Islands respectively is measured, but not extending beyond a line every point of which is equidistant from the nearest points of such baselines adjacent to the United Kingdom and France respectively. In addition this licence authorises the above named vessel to fish in ICES Divisions IIIa, IIIb (EC Zone), IIIc (EC Zone) and IIId (EC Zone) for saithe and mackerel and ICES Sub Area II for sole.

LIMITATIONS TO AUTHORITY

2.1 This licence may be revoked, suspended or varied at any time, by a notice communicated in accordance with The Sea Fishing (Licence and Notices) (England) Regulation 2012.

2.2 In accordance with regulation 3(3)(b) of The Sea Fishing (Licence and Notices) (England) Regulation 2012, notices will be published on the www.gov.uk website at:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/fishing-vessel-licence-variations

The licence shall also cease to have effect if by virtue of an Order of the Court the licensee has been disqualified from holding a licence in respect of the vessel.

3. **This licence is invalid if any of the details at Sections 1 to 5 on pages 1 and 2 of the licence change.**

SPECIES FOR WHICH YOU MAY NOT FISH:

4. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 4.1 of the conditions to this licence and Part I of the annexe to this schedule, this licence does not authorise fishing for mackerel at any time within ICES Division IVa except by handline.

OTHER PROVISIONS

5.1 Unless expressly permitted at section 3, this licence does not authorise the above named vessel to fish for shellfish. However vessels not so authorised may retain on board and land:

(a) up to 5 lobsters or crawfish per day, caught with pots or nets; and

(b) up to 25 crabs per day, caught with pots or nets; or

(c) any shellfish, excluding green crabs, taken as a permitted bycatch when fishing for other species using towed gear, up to a maximum limit of 10% by weight of the total catch.

5.2 For the purposes of this paragraph 'shellfish' means lobsters (*Homarus gammarus*), crawfish (*Palinurus* spp.), edible crabs (*Cancer pagurus*), velvet crabs (*Liocarcinus puber*), spider crabs (*Maia squinado*) and green crabs (*Carcinus maenas*), and 'crabs' means the four species of crabs so specified.

5.3 This licence does not authorise fishing for queen scallops (*aequipecten opercularis*) in ICES area VIa and VIIa between 00:01 hours on 1st April 2020 and 23:59 hours on 30th June 2020.

PERMITTED BYCATCHES

6.1 This licence does not authorise fishing for sword fish. An incidental bycatch of **two fish** of this species will however be allowed to be retained on board during any fishing trip.

6.2 This licence does not authorise fishing for Albacore tuna. However, a fishing vessel may retain on board any Albacore tuna caught as a permitted bycatch when fishing for other species.

6.3 This licence does not authorise fishing for tuna by the drift net method.

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6.4 When, during any fishing trip, dredges are carried on board, it is prohibited for the vessel to retain on board or land any quantity of marine organisms unless at least 95 % by live weight thereof consists of bivalve molluscs, gastropods and sponges.

6.5 This licence does not authorise fishing for undulate ray (*Raja undulata*). However, between the hours of 00:01 on 1st January and 23:59 on 30th April; and 00:01 on 1st August and 23:59 on 31st December each calendar year a fishing vessel may retain on board and land any undulate ray caught in ICES area VIId and VIIe as a bycatch when fishing for other species provided that the following conditions are met:

- (a) In VIId only: No more than 40 kilogrammes of undulate ray in live weight may be retained on board or landed per fishing trip,
- (b) In VIIe only: No more than 40 kilogrammes of undulate ray in live weight may be retained on board or landed per fishing trip,
In Both VIId and VIIe:
- (c) In cases where it is not subject to the landing obligation set out in article 15 of Regulation (EU) 1380/2013, no undulate ray which measures less than 78 centimetres when measured from the tip of the snout to the tip of the tail shall be retained on board or landed,
- (d) In cases where it is not subject to the landing obligation set out in article 15 of Regulation (EU) 1380/2013, no undulate ray which measures more than 97 centimetres when measured from the tip of the snout to the tip of the tail shall be retained on board or landed,
- (e) No undulate ray may be transhipped,
- (f) Undulate ray may only be retained on board or landed whole or gutted.

PORCUPINE BANK SEASONAL CLOSURE

7. Porcupine bank comprises the area bounded by rhumb lines sequentially joining the following positions:

52° 27' N, 12° 19' W
52° 40' N, 12° 30' W
52° 47' N, 12° 39,600' W
52° 47' N, 12° 56' W
52° 13,5' N, 13° 53,830' W
51° 22' N, 14° 24' W
51° 22' N, 14° 03' W
52° 10' N, 13° 25' W
52° 32' N, 13° 07,500' W
52° 43' N, 12° 55' W
52° 43' N, 12° 43' W
52° 38,800' N, 12° 37' W
52° 27' N, 12° 23' W
52° 27' N, 12° 19' W

8. This licence does not authorise fishing within the Porcupine Bank for tusk, cod, megrim, anglerfish, haddock, whiting, hake, blue ling, ling, nephrops, plaice, pollack, saithe, skates & rays, sole and spurdog stocks during the seasonal closure from 00:01 hours 1 May to 23:59 hours 31 July for each calendar year.

FISHING RESTRICTIONS FOR BASS

9.1 This licence does not authorise fishing for, retaining on board, relocating, transhipping or landing European seabass (*Dicentrarchus labrax*) in ICES divisions 4b and 4c, and in ICES subarea 7.

9.2 Condition 9.1 above does not apply in ICES divisions 4b, 4c, 7d, 7e, 7f and 7h and in waters within 12 nautical miles from baselines under the sovereignty of the United Kingdom in ICES divisions 7a and 7g between 00:00 on 1st January and 23:59 on 31st January and between 00:00 on 1st April and 23:59 on 31st December to a vessel which had been authorised in writing by the Marine Management Organisation to fish with a permitted gear.

9.3 For the purposes of conditions 9.1 and 9.2, a permitted gear means one of the following gear types:

- (a) Demersal trawls¹,
- (b) seines²,
- (c) hooks and lines³,
- (d) fixed gillnets⁴.

¹ All types of demersal trawls (OTB, OTT, PTB, TBB, TBN, TBS and TB).

² All types of seines (SSC, SDN, SPR, SV, SB and SX).

³ All long lines or pole and line or rod and line fisheries (LHP, LHM, LLD, LL, LTL, LX and LLS).

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9.4 For vessels which have been authorised to fish with demersal trawls the vessel may only retain on board:

- a) unavoidable by-catches of sea bass that do not exceed 5% of the weight of the total catches of marine organisms on board during any single fishing trip, and
- b) no more than 520 kilogrammes of sea bass in total in any two consecutive calendar months.

9.5 For vessels which have been authorised to fish with seines the vessel may only retain on board:

- a) unavoidable by-catches of sea bass that do not exceed 5% of the weight of the total catches of marine organisms on board during any single fishing trip, and
- b) no more than 520 kilogrammes of sea bass in total in any two consecutive calendar months.

9.6 For vessels which have been authorised to fish using hooks and lines, the vessel may only retain on board or land sea bass which does not exceed in total 5.7 tonnes per calendar year.

9.7 For vessels which have been authorised to fish using fixed gillnets, the vessel may only retain on board unavoidable bycatches of sea bass not exceeding 1.4 tonnes per calendar year.

9.8 A vessel authorised to fish for sea bass using more than one of the gear types set out in condition 9.3 may not retain on board sea bass if more than one of the gear types is present on board the vessel during any single fishing trip

9.9 A vessel authorised to fish using more than one of the gear types set out in condition 9.3 which uses more than one of those gear types in a single calendar month will be required to adhere to the lowest of the relevant catch limits set out in conditions 9.4, 9.5, 9.6 and 9.7 above which apply to the gear types that the vessel has used.

FARNE DEEPS FISHING RESTRICTIONS

10.1 Subject to the exemptions below, vessels deploying demersal trawls and seines (with the exception of beam trawls) are prohibited from fishing in the Farne Deeps.

10.2 The prohibition in condition 10.1 shall not apply to vessels with an engine power of 350 kw or less deploying a single-rig demersal trawl or seine within 12 nautical miles of the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured and:

- a. of which the mesh size of the cod-end and any extension piece is 90 mm or greater and is constructed wholly or in part of a single twine having a thickness of 5mm or less and of which the foot rope (as would be viewed from above whilst the gear is deployed) is comprised of a single curved line only, or
- b. of which the mesh size of the cod-end and any extension piece is 100mm or greater and is constructed wholly or in part of a multiple twine of which no twine is of a thickness greater than 5 mm and of which the foot rope (as would be viewed from above whilst the gear is deployed) is comprised of a single curved line only and which is deployed only between 00:00hrs on 15th May and 23:59 hrs on 15th September, or
- c. of which the mesh size of the cod-end and any extension piece is 120 mm or greater and is constructed wholly or in part of a multiple twine of which no twine is of a thickness greater than 5 mm and of which the foot rope (as would be viewed from above whilst the gear is deployed) is comprised of a single curved line only.

10.3 The prohibition in condition 10.1 shall not apply to vessels deploying single-rig or twin-rig demersal trawls or seines outside 12 nautical miles of the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured and:

- a. of which the mesh size of the cod-end and any extension piece is 90 mm or greater in respect of single rigged vessels and is constructed wholly or in part of a single twine of 5 mm or less, or
- b. of which the mesh size of the cod-end and any extension piece is 100mm or greater and is constructed wholly or in part of a multiple twine of which no twine is of a thickness greater than 5 mm and which is deployed only between 00:00hrs on 15th May and 23:59 hrs on 15th September, or
- c. of which the mesh size of the cod-end and any extension piece is 95 mm or greater in respect of twin rigged vessels, and is constructed wholly or in part of a single twine of 5 mm or less, or
- d. of which the mesh size of the cod-end and any extension piece is 120 mm or greater and is constructed wholly or in part of a multiple twine of which no twine is of a thickness greater than 5 mm.

⁴ All fixed gillnets and traps (GTR, GNS, FYK, FPN and FIX).

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10.4 Vessels fishing in accordance with the prohibitions in 10.2 and 10.3 above are not permitted to deploy demersal trawls or seines with more than one cod-end per rig.

10.5 For the purposes of the prohibitions above “Farne Deepes” shall consist of all waters within the following ICES statistical rectangles:

- 38E8,
- 38E9,
- 39E8,
- 39E9,
- 40E8,
- 40E9

SOUTH DEVON INSHORE FISHING GROUNDS

11.1 Subject to the exceptions set out in sub-paragraph 11.3 below, no trawling or dredging shall take place in the areas and zones covered by the crabbing chart titled “South Devon Trawling and Crabbing Chart” operational from 1st January each year.

11.2 No fishing boat shall carry a scallop dredge or beam trawl in any part of the specified areas or zones unless every part of any dredge or beam trawl is totally inboard the boat.

11.3 Trawling or dredging may take place as follows:

- a) anywhere by vessels fishing with pelagic trawls;
- b) in those areas and zones on the chart in which trawling is permitted and during those periods specified in the schedule accompanying the chart;
- c) in the area between Berry Head and Mewstone, east of the River Dart, enclosed by straight lines sequentially joining the following geographical co-ordinates:

50°20.30'N, 003°32.10'W
50°19.50'N, 003°30.20'W
50°20.40'N, 003°27.85'W
50°23.90'N, 003°29.00'W

by vessels using trawl nets, provided such vessels have an engine power of no more than 100kW, or by vessels using scallop dredges, provided such vessels have an engine power of no more than 100kW and use no more than two tow bars, and that any tow bar used does not exceed 2.6m in total length, and that there are no more than three dredges attached to each tow bar; and

d) in the area seaward of a line drawn from Splat Point to Limebury Point to the southern limit of a line drawn from Bolt Head to Garra Sands, and in the area landward of a line drawn from Greystone Ledge to Gregory Rocks, by vessels fishing for sandeels, with trawl or seine nets of a mesh size less than 16mm provided such vessels have an engine power of no more than 100kW.

11.4 Copies of the crabbing chart and the full list of co-ordinates and seasonal restrictions are available from any Marine Management Organisation office and on the MMO website. This information is also held at the offices of the Devon and Severn Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (IFCA), the South Western Fish Producer Organisation Limited and the South Devon and Channel Shell Fishermen’s Association.

MULL BOX

12.1 The vessel to which this licence relates is prohibited, at all times, from fishing with a trawl or dredge (including a suction dredge) in that area off the Treshnish Isles, being the area of waters bounded by the following coordinates:

56° 37.460'N 006° 19.830'W
56° 35.620'N 006° 24.500'W
56° 28.850'N 006° 34.330'W
56° 28.680'N 006° 28.170'W
All coordinates on WGS1984 datum”

12.2 Should the vessel be present in the area during this period all fishing gear which may be used for catching scallops must be lashed and stowed in accordance with article 47 of Council Regulation (EC) 1224/2009.

CATCH RESTRICTIONS AND QUOTA LIMITATIONS

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13. The Authority of this licence is subject to the quota limitations as set out in Part II of the Annexe to this Schedule. All quantitative limitations are in live weight, and relate to the maximum amount that may be caught and retained on board, landed or trans-shipped per calendar month unless otherwise stated. Where weekly catch limits are set, a “week” means 00:01 hours on any Sunday until 23:59 hours on the following Saturday. The quota limitations in this licence shall apply concurrently with, and not in addition to, any other quota limitations for the time being in force which have been imposed by any other licence issued by any other authority, wherever established.