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1. This determination sets fishing opportunities for British fishing boats for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks. These include:
 - a) the maximum quantity of sea fish (quota) that may be caught by British fishing boats; and
 - b) the maximum number of days that British fishing boats may spend at sea.
2. This determination sets fishing opportunities for British fishing boats that may be caught in United Kingdom (“UK”), European Union, Norwegian, Svalbard, and international waters.
3. The Secretary of State makes this determination under section 23 of the Fisheries Act 2020 (except for Clyde herring and Blackwater herring) for the purpose of complying with the UK’s international obligations to determine the UK’s fishing opportunities, including under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.
4. Unless otherwise stated, this determination sets British fishing opportunities from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024 inclusive. This withdraws and revokes any fishing opportunities that have previously been determined for British fishing boats and which have not otherwise expired.

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Annex I: United Kingdom-European Union stocks

Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (t)	Conditions
ALF/3X14- Alfonsinos <i>Beryx</i> spp. United Kingdom, European Union and international waters of 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 and 14	5	1. Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for alfonsinos are permitted under this Total Allowable Catch (TAC).
ANF/07. Anglerfish (7) <i>Lophiidae</i> 7	11,056	1. Special condition: of which up to 10% may be fished in United Kingdom, European Union and international waters of 8a, 8b, 8d and 8e (ANF/*8ABDE).
ANF/2AC4-C Anglerfish (North Sea) <i>Lophiidae</i> United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a	6,408	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Special condition: of which up to 30% may be fished in United Kingdom, European Union and international waters of 6a north of 58'30" (ANF/*6AN58). 2. Special condition: of which up to 10% may be fished in United Kingdom waters of 6a south of 58'30"; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b; and international waters of 12 and 14 (ANF/*56-14). 3. Special condition: within the limits of this quota, no more than a combined total of 30,000 tonnes across North Sea demersal stocks may be taken in Norwegian waters of 4. This includes an unavoidable bycatch of Nephrops/Norwegian Lobster caught with a 120mm net.
ANF/56-14 Anglerfish (West of Scotland) <i>Lophiidae</i> 6; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14	1,772	1. Special condition: of which up to 20% may be fished in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 2a and 4 (ANF/*2AC4C).

Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (t)	Conditions
ARU/1/2. Greater Silver Smelt (1,2) <i>Argentina silus</i> United Kingdom and international waters of 1 and 2	24	
ARU/3A4-C Greater Silver Smelt (North Sea) <i>Argentina silus</i> United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4; European Union waters of 3a	12	1. Special condition: within the limits of this quota, no more than a combined total of 30,000 tonnes across North Sea demersal stocks may be taken in Norwegian waters of 4. This includes an unavoidable bycatch of Nephrops/Norwegian Lobster caught with a 120mm net.
ARU/567. Greater Silver Smelt (Western) <i>Argentina silus</i> 6 and 7; United Kingdom and international waters of 5	469	
BLI/12INT- Blue Ling (International 12) <i>Molva dypterygia</i> International waters of 12	1	1. Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for blue ling are permitted under this TAC.

Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (t)	Conditions
BLI/24- Blue Ling (North Sea) <i>Molva dypterygia</i> United Kingdom and international waters of 2; United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4	26	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for blue ling are permitted under this TAC. 2. Special condition: within the limits of this quota, no more than a combined total of 30,000 tonnes across North Sea demersal stocks may be taken in Norwegian waters of 4. This includes an unavoidable bycatch of Nephrops/Norwegian Lobster caught with a 120mm net.
BLI/5B67- Blue Ling (Western) <i>Molva dypterygia</i> 6 and 7; United Kingdom and international waters of 5	2,593	
BLL/7DE Brill (7de) <i>Scophthalmus rhombus</i> 7d and 7e	281	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Special condition: of which up to 100% may be fished in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a (BLL/*2AC4-C).
BOR/678- Boarfish (Western) <i>Caproidae</i> 6, 7 and 8	1,739	

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BSF/56712- Black Scabbardfish (Western) <i>Aphanopus carbo</i> 6 and 7; United Kingdom and international waters of 5; international waters of 12	78	
COD/07A. Cod (Irish Sea) <i>Gadus morhua</i> 7a	74	1. Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for cod are permitted under this TAC.
COD/07D. Cod (Eastern Channel) <i>Gadus morhua</i> 7d	134	1. Special condition: of which up to 5% may be fished in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4, that part of 3a not covered by the Skagerrak and Kattegat and United Kingdom waters of 2a (COD/*2A3X4X).
COD/5BE6A Cod (West of Scotland) <i>Gadus morhua</i> 6a; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b east of 12°00' W	1,074	

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COD/5W6-14 Cod (Rockall) <i>Gadus morhua</i> 6b; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b west of 12°00' W and of 12 and 14	54	1. Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for cod are permitted under this TAC.
COD/7XAD34 Cod (Celtic Sea) <i>Gadus morhua</i> 7b, 7c, 7e-k, 8, 9 and 10; European Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1	65	1. Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for cod are permitted under this TAC.
DGS/15X14 Picked dogfish (Western) (also known as spurdog) <i>Squalus acanthias</i> 6, 7 and 8; United Kingdom and international waters of 5; international waters of 1, 12 and 14	5,089	1. In UK waters and European Union waters a maximum size of 100cm shall be respected.

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DGS/2AC4-C Picked dogfish (North Sea) (also known as spurdog) <i>Squalus acanthias</i> United Kingdom and European Union waters 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a	2,862	1. In UK and European Union waters a maximum size of 100cm shall be respected.
HAD/07A. Haddock (Irish Sea) <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i> 7a	1,253	
HAD/5BC6A. Haddock (West of Scotland) <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i> 6a; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b	9,110	1. Special condition: of which up to 25% may be fished in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 2a and 4 (HAD/*2AC4.).
HAD/6B1214 Haddock (Rockall) <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i> United Kingdom, European Union and international waters of 6b; international waters 12 and 14	3,452	

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HAD/7X7A34 Haddock (Celtic Sea) <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i> 7b-k, 8, 9 and 10; European Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1	1,584	
HER/07A/MM Herring (Irish Sea) <i>Clupea harengus</i> 7a north of 52°30'N	7,061	1. This zone is reduced by the area bounded: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — to the north by latitude 52° 30' N, — to the south by latitude 52° 00' N, — to the west by the coast of Ireland, — to the east by the coast of the United Kingdom.
HER/5B6ANB Herring (West of Scotland) <i>Clupea harengus</i> 6b and 6aN; United Kingdom and international waters 5b	959	1. Reference is to the herring stock in the part of ICES zone 6a which lies east of the meridian of longitude 7° W and north of the parallel of latitude 55° N, or west of the meridian of longitude 7° W and north of the parallel of latitude 56° N, excluding the Clyde. 2. In the part of the ICES zones subject to this TAC that lies between 56° N and 57° 30' N, with the exception of a six nautical mile belt measured from the baseline of the United Kingdom's territorial sea, this quota can only be used for by-catch.
HER/7EF. Herring (Western Channel and Bristol Channel) <i>Clupea harengus</i> 7e and 7f	223	

Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (t)	Conditions
HER/7G-K. Herring (Celtic Sea) <i>Clupea harengus</i> 7a south of 52°30'N, 7g, 7h, 7j and 7k	1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This zone is increased by the area bounded: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — to the north by latitude 52° 30' N, — to the south by latitude 52° 00' N, — to the west by the coast of Ireland, — to the east by the coast of the United Kingdom. 2. This quota may only be allocated to vessels participating in the sentinel fishery to allow fisheries-based data collection for this stock as assessed by ICES. Fisheries Administrations shall communicate the names of the vessels to the Marine Management Organisation before allowing any catches.
HKE/2AC4-C Hake (North Sea) <i>Merluccius merluccius</i> United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a	1,281	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Not more than 10% of this quota may be used for by-catch in 3a (HKE/*03A.). 2. Special condition: of which up to 6% may be fished in United Kingdom, European Union and international waters of 6a north of 58'30" (HKE/*6AN58). 3. Special condition: within the limits of this quota, no more than a combined total of 30,000 tonnes across North Sea demersal stocks may be taken in Norwegian waters of 4. This includes an unavoidable bycatch of Nephrops/Norwegian Lobster caught with a 120mm net.
HKE/571214 Hake (Western) <i>Merluccius merluccius</i> 6 and 7; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14	8,351	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Special condition: up to 100% may be fished in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4; United Kingdom and international waters of 2a (HKE/2AC4-C). 2. Special condition: within the limits of this quota, no more than 1,086 tonnes may be taken in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8a, 8b, 8d and 8e (HKE/*8ABDE).

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<p>JAX/2A-14</p> <p>Horse Mackerel (Western)</p> <p><i>Trachurus</i> spp.</p> <p>United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4a; 6, 7a-c, e-k; 8a-b, d-e; United Kingdom waters of 2a; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14</p>	<p>1,244</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Special condition: up to 5% of this quota utilised in United Kingdom waters of 2a or 4a before 30 June may be accounted for as utilised under the quota concerning the zone of United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4b, 4c and 7d (JAX/*2A4AC). 2. Special condition: up to 5% of this quota may be utilised in 7d (JAX/*07D.). 3. Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for horse mackerel are permitted under this TAC.
<p>JAX/4BC7D</p> <p>Horse Mackerel (Southern North Sea and Eastern Channel)</p> <p><i>Trachurus</i> spp.</p> <p>United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4b, 4c and 7d</p>	<p>3,669</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Special condition: up to 5% of this quota fished in division 7d may be accounted for as fished under the quota concerning the following zone: United Kingdom and European Union waters of 6, 7a-c, 7e-k, 8a, 8b, 8d and 8e; United Kingdom waters of 2a and 4a; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14 (JAX/*7D-EU).

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<p>L/W/2AC4-C</p> <p>Lemon Sole and Witch (North Sea)</p> <p><i>Microstomus kitt</i> and <i>Glyptocephalus cynoglossus</i></p> <p>United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a</p>	1,666	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Special condition: of which up to 1,125 tonnes of lemon sole may be fished in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a (LEM/*2AC4-C); and United Kingdom and European Union waters of 7d (LEM/*07D). 2. Special condition: of which up to 541 tonnes of witch may be fished in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a (WIT/*2AC4-C); and United Kingdom and European Union waters of 7d (WIT/*07D). 3. Special condition: within the limits of this quota, no more than a combined total of 30,000 tonnes across North Sea demersal stocks may be taken in Norwegian waters of 4. This includes an unavoidable bycatch of Nephrops/Norwegian Lobster caught with a 120mm net.
<p>LEM/07D</p> <p>Lemon sole (7d)</p> <p><i>Microstomus kitt</i></p> <p>United Kingdom and European Union waters of 7d</p>	29	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Special condition: of which up to 100% may be fished in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a (LEM*2AC4-C).
<p>LEZ/07.</p> <p>Megrims (7)</p> <p><i>Lepidorhombus</i> spp.</p> <p>7</p>	4,604	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Up to 35% of this quota may be fished in United Kingdom, European Union and international waters of 8a, 8b, 8d and 8e (LEZ/*8ABDE).
<p>LEZ/2AC4-C</p> <p>Megrims (North Sea)</p> <p><i>Lepidorhombus</i> spp.</p> <p>United Kingdom and European Union waters 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a</p>	2,874	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Special condition: of which up to 20% may be fished in United Kingdom, European Union and international waters of 6a north of 58'30" (LEZ/*6AN58). 2. Special condition: within the limits of this quota, no more than a combined total of 30,000 tonnes across North Sea demersal stocks may be taken in Norwegian waters of 4. This includes an unavoidable bycatch of Nephrops/Norwegian Lobster caught with a 120mm net.

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LEZ/56-14 Megrims (West of Scotland) <i>Lepidorhombus</i> spp. 6; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14	2,611	1. Special condition: of which up to 25% may be fished in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 2a and 4 (LEZ/*2AC4-C).
LIN/04-C. Ling (North Sea) <i>Molva molva</i> United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4	1,807	1. Special condition: of which up to 20% may be fished in United Kingdom, European Union and international waters of 6a north of 58'30" (LIN/*6AN58). 2. Special condition: of which up to 25% but no more than 75 tonnes may be fished in European Union waters of 3a (LIN/*03A-C). 3. Special condition: within the limits of this quota, no more than a combined total of 30,000 tonnes across North Sea demersal stocks may be taken in Norwegian waters of 4. This includes an unavoidable bycatch of Nephrops/Norwegian Lobster caught with a 120mm net.
LIN/6X14. Ling (Western) <i>Molva molva</i> 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10; international waters of 12 and 14	3,209	1. Special condition: of which up to 40% may be fished in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4 (LIN/*04-C.).
NEP/07. Nephrops (7) <i>Nephrops norvegicus</i> 7	7,799	1. Special condition: within the limits of this quota, no more than 669 tonnes may be taken in: - Functional Unit 16 of ICES Subarea 7 (NEP/*07U16).

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NEP/2AC4-C Nephrops (North Sea) <i>Nephrops norvegicus</i> United Kingdom and European Union waters 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a	18,350	
NOP/2A3A4. Norway Pout (North Sea) <i>Trisopterus esmarkii</i> 3a; United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a	2,058	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. TAC may only be fished from 1 November 2023 to 31 October 2024. 2. Quota may be fished in United Kingdom and European Union waters of ICES zones 2a, 3a and 4 only.
PLE/07A. Plaice (Irish Sea) <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i> 7a	972	
PLE/56-14 Plaice (West of Scotland) <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i> 6; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14	360	

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PLE/7DE. Plaice (English Channel) <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i> 7d and 7e	1,176	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Special condition: of which up to 346 tonnes may be fished in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 7d (PLE/*7D). 2. Special condition: of which up to 830 tonnes may be fished in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 7e (PLE/*7E).
PLE/7FG. Plaice (7fg) <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i> 7f and 7g	105	
PLE/7HJK. Plaice (7hjk) <i>Pleuronectes Platessa</i> 7h, 7j and 7k	23	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for plaice are permitted under this TAC.
POK/56-14 Saithe (West of Scotland) <i>Pollachius virens</i> 6; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b, 12 and 14	2,954	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Special condition: of which up to 30% may be fished in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 2a and 4 (POK/*2C3A4).
POK/7/3411 Saithe (Celtic Sea) <i>Pollachius virens</i> 7, 8, 9 and 10; European Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1	229	

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POL/07. Pollack (7) <i>Pollachius pollachius</i> 7	203	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for pollack are permitted under this quota. 2. Special condition: of which up to 2% may be fished in United Kingdom, European Union and international waters of 8a, 8b, 8d and 8e (POL/*8ABDE).
POL/56-14 Pollack (West of Scotland) <i>Pollachius pollachius</i> 6; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14	29	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for pollack are permitted under this quota.
PRA/2AC4-C Northern Prawn (North Sea) <i>Pandalus borealis</i> United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a	174	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for Northern prawn are permitted under this quota. 2. Special condition: within the limits of this quota, no more than a combined total of 30,000 tonnes across North Sea demersal stocks may be taken in Norwegian waters of 4. This includes an unavoidable bycatch of Nephrops/Norwegian Lobster caught with a 120mm net.
RJU/7DE. Undulate Ray (English Channel) <i>Raja undulata</i> 7d and 7e	1,358	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This species may only be landed whole or gutted. This is without prejudice to the prohibitions set out in relevant UK law for the areas specified therein.

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RNG/5B67- Roundnose Grenadier (Western) <i>Coryphaenoides rupestris</i> 6 and 7; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b	80	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for grenadiers are permitted under this quota. 2. A maximum of 10% may be fished in United Kingdom, European Union and international waters of 8, 9, 10, 12 and 14 (RNG/*8X14- for roundnose grenadier; RHG/*8X14- for roughhead grenadier by-catches).
RNG/8X14- Roundnose Grenadier (8,9,10,12,14) <i>Coryphaenoides rupestris</i> 8, 9 and 10; international waters of 12 and 14	6	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for grenadiers are permitted under this quota. 2. A maximum of 10% may be fished in United Kingdom, European Union and international waters of 5b, 6, 7 (RNG/*5B67- for roundnose grenadier; RHG/*5B67- for roughhead grenadier by-catches).
SAN/2A3A4. Sandeel (North Sea, All Banks) <i>Ammodytes spp.</i> United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a; European Union waters of 3a	0	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. UK quota to be set in 2024. 2. Excluding waters within six nautical miles of the United Kingdom baselines at Shetland, Fair Isle and Foula. 3. In management areas 1r and 2r the TAC may only be fished as monitoring TAC with an associated sampling protocol for the fishery. 4. Special condition: within the limits of this quota, no more than the quantities indicated below may be taken in the following sandeels management areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — SAN/234_1R: 0 tonnes — SAN/234_2R: 0 tonnes — SAN/234_3R: 0 tonnes — SAN/234_4: 0 tonnes — SAN/234_5R: 0 tonnes — SAN/234_6: 0 tonnes — SAN/234_7R: 0 tonnes

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SBR/678- Red Seabream (Western) <i>Pagellus bogaraveo</i> 6, 7 and 8	11	1. Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for red seabream are permitted under this TAC.
SOL/07A. Sole (Irish Sea) <i>Solea solea</i> 7a	47	1. Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for sole are permitted under this quota.
SOL/07D. Sole (Eastern Channel) <i>Solea solea</i> 7d	300	
SOL/07E. Sole (Western Channel) <i>Solea solea</i> 7e	737	
SOL/24-C. Sole (North Sea) <i>Solea solea</i> United Kingdom and European Union waters 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a	587	1. Special condition: within the limits of this quota, no more than a combined total of 30,000 tonnes across North Sea demersal stocks may be taken in Norwegian waters of 4. This includes an unavoidable bycatch of Nephrops/Norwegian Lobster caught with a 120mm net.

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SOL/56-14 Sole (West of Scotland) <i>Solea solea</i> 6; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14	11	
SOL/7FG. Sole (7fg) <i>Solea solea</i> 7f and 7g	405	
SOL/7HJK. Sole (7hjk) <i>Solea solea</i> 7h, 7j and 7k	28	
SPR/2AC4-C Sprat (North Sea) <i>Sprattus sprattus</i> United Kingdom and European Union waters 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a	4,482	1. The TAC may only be fished from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.
SPR/7DE. Sprat (English Channel) <i>Sprattus sprattus</i> 7d and 7e	1,940	1. The TAC may only be fished from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.

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SRX/07D. Skates and Rays (Eastern Channel) <i>Rajiformes</i> 7d	427	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For this TAC catches of cuckoo ray (<i>Leucoraja naevus</i>) (RJN/07D.), thornback ray (<i>Raja clavata</i>) (RJC/07D.), blonde ray (<i>Raja brachyura</i>) (RJH/07D.), spotted ray (<i>Raja montagui</i>) (RJM/07D.) and small-eyed ray (<i>Raja microocellata</i>) (RJE/07D.) shall be reported separately. 2. This TAC shall not apply to undulate ray (<i>Raja undulate</i>). Catches of this species shall be counted against the quantities provided for in that separate TAC (RJU/7DE). 3. Special condition: of which up to 5% may be fished in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 6a, 6b, 7a-c and 7e-k (SRX/*67AKD). Catches of cuckoo ray (<i>Leucoraja naevus</i>) (RJN/*67AKD), thornback ray (<i>Raja clavata</i>) (RJC/*67AKD), blonde ray (<i>Raja brachyura</i>) (RJH/*67AKD) and spotted ray (<i>Raja montagui</i>) (RJM/*67AKD) shall be reported separately. This special condition shall not apply to small-eyed ray (<i>Raja microocellata</i>) or to undulate ray (<i>Raja undulata</i>). 4. Special condition: of which up to 10% may be fished in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 2a and 4 (SRX/*2AC4C). Catches of blonde ray (<i>Raja brachyura</i>) in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4 (RJH/*04-C.), cuckoo ray (<i>Leucoraja naevus</i>) (RJN/*2AC4C), thornback ray (<i>Raja clavata</i>) (RJC/ *2AC4C) and spotted ray (<i>Raja montagui</i>) (RJM/*2AC4C) shall be reported separately. This special condition shall not apply to small-eyed ray (<i>Raja microocellata</i>).

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<p>SRX/2AC4-C</p> <p>Skates and Rays (North Sea)</p> <p><i>Rajiformes</i></p> <p>United Kingdom and European Union waters 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a</p>	<p>2,195</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For this TAC catches of blonde ray (<i>Raja brachyura</i>) in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4 (RJH/04-C.), cuckoo ray (<i>Leucoraja naevus</i>) (RJN/2AC4-C), thornback ray (<i>Raja clavata</i>) (RJC/2AC4-C) and spotted ray (<i>Raja montagui</i>) (RJM/2AC4-C) shall be reported separately. 2. By-catch allocation. These species shall not comprise more than 25% by live weight of the catch retained on board per fishing trip. This condition applies only to vessels over 15 metres' length overall. This condition shall not apply for catches subject to the landing obligation as set out in Article 15(1) of Regulation No 1380/2013. 3. This TAC shall not apply to blonde ray (<i>Raja brachyura</i>) in United Kingdom waters of 2a and small-eyed ray (<i>Raja microocellata</i>) in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 2a and 4. 4. Special condition: of which up to 10% may be fished in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 7d (SRX/*07D2.), without prejudice to the prohibitions set out in relevant UK law for the areas specified therein. Catches of blonde ray (<i>Raja brachyura</i>) (RJH/*07D2.), cuckoo ray (<i>Leucoraja naevus</i>) (RJN/*07D2.), thornback ray (<i>Raja clavata</i>) (RJC/*07D2.) and spotted ray (<i>Raja montagui</i>) (RJM/*07D2.) shall be reported separately. This special condition shall not apply to small-eyed ray (<i>Raja microocellata</i>) and undulate ray (<i>Raja undulata</i>). 5. Special condition: within the limits of this quota, no more than a combined total of 30,000 tonnes across North Sea demersal stocks may be taken in Norwegian waters of 4. This includes an unavoidable bycatch of Nephrops/Norwegian Lobster caught with a 120mm net.

Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (t)	Conditions
<p>SRX/67AKXD</p> <p>Skates and Rays (Western)</p> <p><i>Rajiformes</i></p> <p>United Kingdom and European Union waters of 6a, 6b, 7a-c and 7e-k</p>	<p>2,985</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For this TAC catches of cuckoo ray (<i>Leucoraja naevus</i>) (RJN/67AKXD), thornback ray (<i>Raja clavata</i>) (RJC/67AKXD), blonde ray (<i>Raja brachyura</i>) (RJH/67AKXD), spotted ray (<i>Raja montagui</i>) (RJM/67AKXD), sandy ray (<i>Leucoraja circularis</i>) (RJI/67AKXD) and shagreen ray (<i>Leucoraja fullonica</i>) (RJF/67AKXD) shall be reported separately. 2. This TAC shall not apply to small-eyed ray (<i>Raja microocellata</i>), except in 7e, 7f and 7g. Within the limits of the quota for Skates and Rays (Western), no more than 46 tonnes of small-eyed ray in 7f and 7g (RJE/7FG.) may be taken. Special condition: of this amount, up to 5% may be fished in European Union waters of 7d and reported under the following code: (RJE/*07D.). This special condition is without prejudice to the prohibitions set out in relevant UK law for the areas specified therein. 3. Within the limits of the quota for Skates and Rays (Western), no more than 5 tonnes of small-eyed ray in 7e (RJE/07E) may be taken. Only vessels participating in sentinel fishery monitoring programmes for small-eyed ray in 7e may land catch of this stock. 4. This TAC shall not apply to undulate ray (<i>Raja undulate</i>). Catches of this species in 7e shall be counted against the quantities provided for in that separate TAC (RJU/7DE). 5. Special condition: of which up to 5% may be fished in European Union waters of 7d (SRX/*07D.), without prejudice to the relevant prohibitions in UK law for the areas specified therein. Catches of cuckoo ray (<i>Leucoraja naevus</i>) (RJN/*07D.), thornback ray (<i>Raja clavata</i>) (RJC/*07D.), blonde ray (<i>Raja brachyura</i>) (RJH/*07D.), spotted ray (<i>Raja montagui</i>) (RJM/*07D.), sandy ray (<i>Raja circularis</i>) (RJI/*07D.) and shagreen ray (<i>Raja fullonica</i>) (RJF/*07D.) shall be reported separately. This special condition shall not apply to small-eyed ray (<i>Raja microocellata</i>) and undulate ray (<i>Raja undulata</i>).

Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (t)	Conditions
<p>T/B/2AC4-C</p> <p>Turbot and Brill (North Sea)</p> <p><i>Psetta maxima</i> and <i>Scophthalmus</i> <i>rhombus</i></p> <p>United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a</p>	708	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Special condition: of which up to 400 tonnes of turbot may be fished in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4 and United Kingdom waters of 2a (TUR/*2AC4-C). 2. Special condition: of which up to 308 tonnes of brill may be fished in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4 and United Kingdom waters of 2a (BLL/*2AC4-C); and United Kingdom and European Union waters of 7de (BLL/*7DE). 3. Special condition: within the limits of this quota, no more than a combined total of 30,000 tonnes across North Sea demersal stocks may be taken in Norwegian waters of 4. This includes an unavoidable bycatch of Nephrops/Norwegian Lobster caught with a 120mm net.
<p>USK/04-C.</p> <p>Tusk (North Sea)</p> <p><i>Brosme brosme</i></p> <p>United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4</p>	84	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Special condition: of which up to 25% may be fished in United Kingdom, European Union and international waters of 6a north of 58'30" (USK/*6AN58). 2. Special condition: within the limits of this quota, no more than a combined total of 30,000 tonnes across North Sea demersal stocks may be taken in Norwegian waters of 4. This includes an unavoidable bycatch of Nephrops/Norwegian Lobster caught with a 120mm net.
<p>USK/567EI.</p> <p>Tusk (Western)</p> <p><i>Brosme brosme</i></p> <p>6 and 7; United Kingdom and international waters of 5</p>	1,622	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Special condition: of which up to 10% may be fished in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4 (USK/*04-C.).

Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (t)	Conditions
WHG/07A. Whiting (Irish Sea) <i>Merlangius merlangus</i> 7a	435	1. Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for whiting are permitted under this TAC.
WHG/56-14 Whiting (West of Scotland) <i>Merlangius merlangus</i> 6; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14	2,063	
WHG/7X7A-C Whiting (Celtic Sea) <i>Merlangius merlangus</i> 7b, 7c, 7d, 7e, 7f, 7g, 7h, 7j and 7k	2,663	1. Special condition: of which up to 540 tonnes may be fished in United Kingdom, European Union and international waters of 7b, 7c, 7e, 7f, 7g, 7h, 7j and 7k. Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for whiting are permitted under this 'of which' special condition (WHG/*7BKXAD). 2. Special condition: of which up to 2,123 tonnes may be fished in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 7d (WHG/*7D).

Annex II: United Kingdom-European Union-Norway trilateral stocks

Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (t)	Conditions
COD/2A3AX4 Cod (North Sea) <i>Gadus morhua</i> 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a; that part of 3a not covered by the Skagerrak and Kattegat	11,613	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Special condition: of which up to 10% may be fished in United Kingdom, European Union and international waters of 6a north of 58'30" (COD/*5BE6A). 2. Special condition: of which up to 5% may be fished in 7d (COD/*07D.). 3. Special condition: within the limits of this quota, no more than a combined total of 30,000 tonnes across North Sea demersal stocks may be taken in Norwegian waters of 4. This includes an unavoidable bycatch of Nephrops/Norwegian Lobster caught with a 120mm net.
HAD/2AC4. Haddock (North Sea) <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i> 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a	65,325	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Special condition: of which up to 10% may be fished in United Kingdom, European Union and international waters of 6a north of 58'30" (HAD/*6A_N). 2. Special condition: within the limits of this quota, no more than a combined total of 30,000 tonnes across North Sea demersal stocks may be taken in Norwegian waters of 4. This includes an unavoidable bycatch of Nephrops/Norwegian Lobster caught with a 120mm net.
HER/2A47DX Herring (North Sea by-catch) <i>Clupea harengus</i> 4 and 7d; United Kingdom waters of 2a	140	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exclusively for catches of herring taken as by-catch in fisheries using nets with mesh sizes smaller than 32 mm.
HER/4AB. Herring (North Sea) <i>Clupea harengus</i> United Kingdom, European Union and Norwegian waters of 4 north of 53° 30' N	96,736	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Catches of herring taken in fisheries using nets with mesh sizes equal to or larger than 32 mm.

Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (t)	Conditions
HER/4CXB7D Herring (Southern North Sea and 7d) <i>Clupea harengus</i> 4c, 7d excluding Blackwater	6,809	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exclusively for catches of herring taken in fisheries using nets with mesh sizes equal to or larger than 32 mm. 2. Except the Blackwater stock, which is the herring stock in the maritime region of the Thames estuary within a zone delimited by a rhumb line running due south from Landguard Point (51° 56' N, 1° 19.1' E) to latitude 51° 33' N and hence due west to a point on the coast of the United Kingdom. 3. Special condition: up to 50% of this quota may be taken in 4b (HER/*04B.).
PLE/2A3AX4 Plaice (North Sea) <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i> 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a; that part of 3a not covered by the Skagerrak and the Kattegat	36,109	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Special condition: within the limits of this quota, no more than a combined total of 30,000 tonnes across North Sea demersal stocks may be taken in Norwegian waters of 4. This includes an unavoidable bycatch of Nephrops/Norwegian Lobster caught with a 120mm net.
POK/2C3A4 Saithe (North Sea) <i>Pollachius virens</i> 3a and 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a	8,105	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Special condition: of which up to 15% may be fished in United Kingdom, European Union and international waters of 6a north of 58°30' (POK/*6A_N). 2. Special condition: within the limits of this quota, no more than a combined total of 30,000 tonnes across North Sea demersal stocks may be taken in Norwegian waters of 4. This includes an unavoidable bycatch of Nephrops/Norwegian Lobster caught with a 120mm net.

Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (t)	Conditions
WHG/2AC4. Whiting (North Sea) <i>Merlangius merlangus</i> 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a	49,607	1. Special condition: within the limits of this quota, no more than a combined total of 30,000 tonnes across North Sea demersal stocks may be taken in Norwegian waters of 4. This includes an unavoidable bycatch of Nephrops/Norwegian Lobster caught with a 120mm net.

Annex III: Coastal States stocks

Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (t)	Conditions
MAC/2A34. Mackerel (North Sea) <i>Scomber scombrus</i> 3a and 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a; European Union waters of 3b, 3c and Subdivisions 22- 32	1,090	1. Special condition: up to 60% of this quota may be fished in United Kingdom and international waters of 2a, 5b, 6, 7, 8d, 8e, 12 and 14 (MAC/*2AX14.).
MAC/2CX14- Mackerel (Western) <i>Scomber scombrus</i> 6, 7, 8a, 8b, 8d and 8e; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b; international waters of 2a, 12 and 14	141,157	1. Special condition: up to 100% of this quota may be fished in United Kingdom waters of 4a (MAC/*4A-UK) exclusively within the periods 1 January to 14 February and 1 August to 31 December.

Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (t)	Conditions
WHB/1X14 Blue Whiting (Northern) <i>Micromesistius poutassou</i> United Kingdom, European Union and international waters of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8a, 8b, 8d, 8e, 12 and 14	120,163	

Annex IV: United Kingdom-Norway stocks

Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (t)	Conditions
COD/1N2AB. Arcto- Norwegian Cod <i>Gadus morhua</i> Norwegian and international waters of 1 and 2	700	1. By-catches of miscellaneous species in the fishery targeting cod are limited to 100 tonnes. The by-catch quantities are in addition to the United Kingdom quota for cod.
ANF/04-N. Anglerfish (Norway) <i>Lophiidae</i> United Kingdom and Norwegian waters of 4	700	

Annex V: NAFO Convention Area stocks

Code; Species and common name; Area	United Kingdom quota (t)	Conditions
COD/N3M. Cod (NAFO 3M) <i>Gadus morhua</i> NAFO 3M	1,091	1. No directed fishery between 00:01 UTC 1 January 2024 and 24:00 UTC 31 March 2024

Annex VI: ICCAT Convention Area stocks

Code; Species and common name; Area	United Kingdom quota (t)	Conditions
ALB/AN05N Albacore (North Atlantic) <i>Thunnus alalunga</i> Atlantic Ocean, north of 5° N	663	1. Directed fishing under this quota for permitted authorised vessels only. 2. Special condition: within the limits of this quota, no more than 280 tonnes may be taken by directed fisheries in European Union waters of Atlantic Ocean, north of 5° N (ALB/*AN05N_EU).
BFT/AE45WM Bluefin Tuna (North East Atlantic) <i>Thunnus thynnus</i> Atlantic Ocean, east of 45° W, and Mediterranean	63	1. Directed fishing under this quota for permitted authorised vessels only.
BSH/AN05N Blue Shark (North Atlantic) <i>Prionace glauca</i> Atlantic Ocean, north of 5° N	25	1. Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries are permitted under this quota.

Code; Species and common name; Area	United Kingdom quota (t)	Conditions
SWO/AN05N Swordfish (North Atlantic) <i>Xiphias gladius</i> Atlantic Ocean, north of 5° N	1	1. Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries are permitted under this quota.

Annex VII: Stocks which are present in the waters of only one of the United Kingdom and the European Union

Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (t)	Conditions
GHL/2A-C46 Greenland Halibut (North Sea and West of Scotland) <i>Reinhardtius hippoglossoides</i> 6; United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b	1,268	1. Special condition: within the limits of this quota, no more than a combined total of 30,000 tonnes across North Sea demersal stocks may be taken in Norwegian waters of 4. This includes an unavoidable bycatch of Nephrops/Norwegian Lobster caught with a 120mm net.
HER/06ACL. Herring (Clyde) <i>Clupea harengus</i> 6 Clyde	0	1. UK quota to be set in 2024. 2. Clyde stock: this is the herring stock in the maritime area situated to the north-east of a line drawn between: — the Mull of Kintyre (55° 17.9' N, 05° 47.8' W); — a point at position 55° 04' N, 05° 23' W, and; — Corsewall Point (55° 00.5' N, 05° 09.4' W).

Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (t)	Conditions
HER/4C_BW Herring (Blackwater) <i>Clupea harengus</i> Blackwater	10	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This is the herring stock in the maritime region of the Thames estuary within a zone delimited by a rhumb line running due south from Landguard Point (51° 56' N, 1° 19.1' E) to latitude 51° 33' N and hence due west to a point on the coast of the United Kingdom. 2. This quota may only be used by vessels participating in the sentinel fishery to allow fisheries-based data collection for this stock as assessed by the Centre for Environment Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (CEFAS). 3. The sentinel fishery may only be fished from 1 September 2023 to 31 January 2024, or until the TAC is caught.
HER/1/2- Herring (ASH) <i>Clupea harengus</i> United Kingdom Faroese, Norwegian and international waters of 1 and 2	7,617	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When reporting catches to the Fisheries Administrations, the quantities fished in the following area shall also be reported: NEAFC Regulatory Area. 2. Special condition: up to 20,000 tonnes of this quota may be taken in Norwegian waters North of 62°N.
LIN/05EI. Ling (5) <i>Molva molva</i> United Kingdom and international waters of 5	1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for ling are permitted under this TAC.
LIN/1/2. Ling (1,2) <i>Molva molva</i> United Kingdom and international waters of 1 and 2	7	

Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (t)	Conditions
NEP/5BC6. Nephrops (West of Scotland) <i>Nephrops Norvegicus</i> 6; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b	12,831	
SBR/10- Red Seabream (Azores) <i>Pagellus bogaraveo</i> European Union and international waters of 10	5	
SRX/89-C. Skates and Rays (8,9) <i>Rajiformes</i> European Union waters of 8 and 9	12	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Catches of cuckoo ray (<i>Leucoraja naevus</i>) (RJN/89-C.), blonde ray (<i>Raja brachyura</i>) (RJH/89-C.) and thornback ray (<i>Raja clavata</i>) (RJC/89-C.) shall be reported separately. 2. Shall not apply to undulate ray (<i>Raja undulata</i>). Undulate ray (<i>Raja undulata</i>) shall not be targeted in the areas covered by this TAC. In cases where it is not subject to the landing obligation, by-catch of undulate ray in subareas 8 and 9 may only be landed whole or gutted. The above provisions are without prejudice to relevant prohibitions in UK law for the areas specified therein.
USK/1214EI Tusk (1,2,14) <i>Brosme brosme</i> United Kingdom and international waters of 1, 2 and 14	5	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for tusk are permitted under this TAC.

Annex VIII: Special cases

Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (t)	Conditions
COD/1/2B Cod (Svalbard) <i>Gadus Morhua</i> 1 and 2b	4,144	1. By-catches of haddock may represent up to 14% per haul. The by-catch quantities of haddock are in addition to the United Kingdom quota for cod.

Annex IX: Management areas for sandeel in ICES divisions 2a and 3a and ICES subarea 4

Sandeel management area	ICES statistical rectangle
1r	31–33 E9–F4; 33 F5; 34–37 E9–F6; 38–40 F0–F5; 41 F4–F5
2r	35 F7–F8; 36 F7–F9; 37 F7–F8; 38–41 F6–F8; 42 F6–F9; 43 F7–F9; 44 F9–G0; 45 G0–G1; 46 G1
3r	41–46 F1–F3; 42–46 F4–F5; 43–46 F6; 44–46 F7–F8; 45–46 F9; 46–47 G0; 47 G1 and 48 G0
4	38–40 E7–E9 and 41–46 E6–F0
5r	47–52 F1–F5
6	41–43 G0–G3; 44 G1
7r	47–52 E6–F0

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