

# LICENCE TO FISH IN THE NORTH EAST ATLANTIC FISHERIES COMMISSION REGULATORY AREA – UK VESSEL

## **PART 2: LICENCE CONDITIONS**

### **Definitions and matters of general application:**

Unless otherwise stated, reference in this licence to EU, Council or Commission Regulations shall be read as reference to those Regulations as they form part of retained EU law which, by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018, forms part of UK domestic law and as may subsequently be amended from time to time.

#### **1. VALIDITY**

- 1.1. This licence variation shall not authorise fishing anywhere unless the vessel is registered as a fishing vessel under the Merchant Shipping Act 1995, or in the Channel Islands or Isle of Man.
- 1.2. This licence variation shall not authorise fishing anywhere unless the vessel holds a valid licence to fish in United Kingdom waters issued by the Scottish Ministers, Welsh Ministers, the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs in Northern Ireland or the Marine Management Organisation.
- 1.3. Any licence or licence variations in respect of the areas covered by this licence variation previously issued in respect of the above-named vessel, is revoked immediately prior to the point at which this licence variation comes into force.
- 1.4. This licence variation, and any fishing authorisation issued in accordance with Article 7 of Council Regulation (EC) 1224/2009 must be carried on board the vessel and be produced to a Marine Enforcement Officer or British Sea Fishery Officer on demand. This condition may be fulfilled by production of a copy in electronic format.
- 1.5. This licence variation supplements the domestic fishing licence held in respect of the vessel to which it relates. It is not transferrable and will cease to have effect if the UK fishing licence becomes no longer attached to the vessel to which it relates.
- 1.6. In accordance with regulation 3(2)(c)(ii) of the Sea Fishing (Licences and Notices) (Scotland) Regulations 2011<sup>4</sup>, regulation 3(4)(b) of the Sea Fishing (Licences and Notices) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014<sup>5</sup> and regulations 3(3)(b) of the Sea Fishing (Licences and Notices) (England) Regulations 2012<sup>6</sup> and the Sea Fishing (Licences and Notices) (Wales) Regulations 2019<sup>7</sup> respectively, this external waters licence may be varied by publishing a notice on the following website:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/united-kingdom-single-issuing-authority-uksia>

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<sup>4</sup> S.S.I No. 70 (<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2011/70/contents>)

<sup>5</sup> S.R (N.I) 2014 No.209 (<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/nisr/2014/209/contents/made>)

<sup>6</sup> S.I No.827 (<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/827/contents>)

<sup>7</sup> S.I. 2019 No.500 W.116 (<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/wsi/2019/500/contents/made>)

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## 2. PERMITTED CATCHES

- 2.1. The vessel to which this licence variation relates shall not retain on board, land or trans-ship any sea fish of the descriptions set out in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 3: Annex to this licence. Any sea fish so caught must be returned to the sea immediately.
- 2.2. Notwithstanding the provisions of condition 2.1, where any sea fish of the descriptions set out in paragraph 2 of Part 3: Annex to this licence is subject to the landing obligation in Article 15 of Regulation (EU) 1380/2013<sup>8</sup>, this licence variation shall not authorise fishing for any sea fish of those descriptions. Any such fish caught shall, in any event, be retained on board, landed and shall count against quota.
- 2.3. The vessel to which this licence variation relates must not retain on board, land or trans-ship, fish in excess of the amounts specified in relation to each such species in paragraph 3 of Part 3: Annex to this licence.
- 2.4. Notwithstanding the provision of condition 2.3, where any sea fish of the descriptions set out in Part 3: Annex paragraph 2 of this licence variation is subject to the landing obligation in Article 15 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 it shall be retained on board, recorded, landed and shall be included in calculating the total amount of fish of that description landed by and attributed to the vessel for the relevant period.
- 2.5. The quantities of fish that may be caught which are set out in in paragraph 3 of Part 3: Annex are cumulative to any fishing which takes place within British fishery limits and catches made outside British fishery limits will count towards the overall quantities of fish the vessel is permitted to catch in both British fishery limits and waters outside those limits.

## 3. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 3.1. Unless otherwise stated in this licence variation, the conditions which apply to the vessel licence which authorises fishing within British fishery limits apply to this licence variation insofar as the vessel must comply with those conditions whilst operating in the waters to which this licence variation grants access.
- 3.2. The owner and the master and/ or charterer must always comply with the rules applicable to vessels whilst operating in waters over which a country other than the UK has sovereignty or sovereign rights or subject to the measures or recommendations of a regional fisheries management organisation.
- 3.3. Condition 3.1 above is applicable only insofar as the relevant licence conditions are compatible with the rules referred to in condition 3.2. Should any conflict between licence conditions and the rules referred to in condition 3.2 occur, those rules have supremacy.

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## 4. AREAS IN WHICH YOU MAY NOT FISH

4.1. The vessel must not be present in an area as set out below, other than when transiting at a speed of more than six knots (except in the case of force majeure or adverse conditions).

4.1.1. In the case of force majeure or adverse conditions, the master must immediately inform the UK Fisheries Monitoring Centre.

4.1.2. Vessels transiting through the areas listed below must ensure that all fishing gear is lashed and stowed in accordance with Article 47 of Council Regulation (EC) 1224/2009<sup>9</sup> at all times.

Closed areas	Coordinates (DMS)
<p><b>Irminger Sea and adjacent waters</b>  <i>NEAFC Recommendation on management measures for the protection of the shallow pelagic redfish stock and the deep pelagic redfish stock</i></p> <p>All fishing activities are prohibited to minimise bycatch of the deep pelagic redfish stock.</p>	<p>63°00'00" N, 30°00'00" W            61°30'00" N, 27°35'00" W            60°45'00" N, 25°45'00" W            62°00'00" N, 31°35'00" W            63°00'00" N, 30°00'00" W</p>
<p><b>ICES division 6b</b>  <i>NEAFC Recommendation on Conservation and Management Measures for Rockall Haddock</i></p> <p>All fishing, except with long-lines, shall be prohibited; in force for the period 1 January to 31 December 2024.</p>	<p>57°00'00" N, 15°00'00" W            57°00'00" N, 14°00'00" W            56°30'00" N, 14°00'00" W            56°30'00" N, 15°00'00" W</p>
<p><b>ICES subarea 14</b>  <i>NEAFC Recommendation on Regulatory Measures for the Protection of Blue Ling</i></p> <p>All fishing with bottom contacting gear (bottom trawl, longline and gillnet) is prohibited in the period 15 February to 15 April; in force until 31 December 2027.</p>	<p>60°58'45.6" N, 27°27'19.2" W            60°56'01.2" N, 27°31'09.6" W            60°59'45.6" N, 27°43'28.8" W            61°03'00.0" N, 27°39'24.6" W</p>

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## 5. **MARINE MAMMAL BYCATCH REPORTING**

- 5.1. Where the vessel undertakes fishing activities the result of which causes or contributes to the mortality of or injury to any species of marine mammal, or where such species are taken as bycatch (regardless of whether such catches are retained on board) the master, owner, charterer, as appropriate, of the vessel to which this licence relates must complete and submit to the Marine Management Organisation a marine mammal injury reporting form in accordance with the guidance provided at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/marine-mammal-bycatch-reporting-requirements> no later than 48 hours after the vessel returns to port.
- 5.2. For the purposes of this licence condition, the term “marine mammal” means any mammal which (a) is morphologically adapted to the marine environment including sea otters and members of the orders Cetacea (whales, dolphins, and porpoises), Pinnipedia, (walrus, seals and sea lions) and Sirenia (dugongs and manatees), or (b) primarily inhabits the marine environment (such as the polar bear); and includes any part of any such marine mammal, including but not limited to its raw, dressed, or dyed fur or skin.

## 6. **FISHING GEAR AND EQUIPMENT RESTRICTIONS**

- 6.1. The vessel is prohibited from using a collecting bag in the NEAFC Regulatory Area.

## 7. **LANDING REQUIREMENTS**

- 7.1. If not landing into a UK port, the owner, master and/or charterer, as appropriate, of a fishing vessel shall not commence landing, transshipment or make use of other port services, without prior authorisation granted by the port State; and, the Estimated Time of Arrival (ETA) period, as stated in the prior notification form (PSC1 or PSC2), has passed.

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## **PART 3: ANNEX**

### **1. PROHIBITED SPECIES**

Any species which are listed in part I of the annex to the schedule to the licence authorising the vessel to fish within British fishery limits and any other external waters licence apply to fishing under the authority of this licence, subject to any amendment or addition in the table below.

It shall be prohibited to fish for and retain on board any of the following species. Any catches must be immediately returned to the sea, unharmed as far as is possible:

<b>Description of Sea Fish</b>	<b>Areas of sea in the NEAFC Regulatory Area</b>
Angel sharks	International Waters of 2a, 5b, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 & 14
Big-eye tuna	International Waters of 2a, 5b, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 & 14
Black Scabbardfish	International Waters of 8, 9, and 10
Blonde ray ( <i>Raja brachyura</i> )	International Waters of 2a
Bluefin Tuna	International Waters of 2a, 5b, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 & 14
Deep sea sharks <sup>10</sup>	International Waters of 10, 12
Forkbeards	International Waters of 8, 9
Ling	International Waters of 5b
Migratory trout	International Waters of 2a, 5b, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 & 14
Orange roughy	All waters
Redfish	International Waters of 5b, 12 & 14
Roundnose Grenadier	International Waters of 3
Salmon	International Waters of 2a, 5b, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 & 14
Small-eyed ray ( <i>Raja microocellata</i> )	International Waters of 2a, 6a, 6b, 7c, 7j and 7k
Smooth lanternshark ( <i>Etmopterus pusillus</i> )	International Waters of 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 14
Tope shark ( <i>Galeorhinus galeus</i> )	When taken with longlines in International Waters of 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 14

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Undulate Ray ( <i>Raja undulata</i> )	International Waters of 6, 10
White sharks	International Waters of 2a, 5b, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 & 14
Basking shark ( <i>Cetorhinus maximus</i> )	All waters
Porbeagle ( <i>Lamna nasus</i> )	All waters
Round skate ( <i>Raja fyllae</i> )	All waters
Arctic skate ( <i>Raja hyperborea</i> )	All waters
Norwegian skate ( <i>Raja nidarosiensis</i> )	All waters
Rabbit fish ( <i>Chimaera monstrosa</i> )	All waters
Opal chimaera ( <i>Chimaera opalescens</i> )	All waters
Smallspine spookfish ( <i>Harriotta haeckeli</i> )	All waters
Narrownose chimaera ( <i>Harriotta raleighana</i> )	All waters
Small-eyed rabbitfish ( <i>Hydrolagus affinis</i> )	All waters
Portuguese rabbitfish ( <i>Hydrolagus lustanicus</i> )	All waters
Large-eyed rabbit fish [Ratfish] ( <i>Hydrolagus mirabilis</i> )	All waters
Pale chimaera ( <i>Hydrolagus pallidus</i> )	All waters
Straightnose rabbitfish ( <i>Rhinochimaera atlantica</i> )	All waters
Gulper shark ( <i>Centrophorus granulosus</i> )	All waters
Leafscale gulper shark ( <i>Centrophorus squamosus</i> )	All waters
Black dogfish ( <i>Centroscyllium fabricii</i> )	All waters
Portuguese dogfish ( <i>Centroscymnus coelolepis</i> )	All waters
Longnose velvet dogfish ( <i>Centroscymnus crepidater</i> )	All waters
Kitefin shark ( <i>Dalatias licha</i> )	All waters
Greater lanternshark ( <i>Etmopterus princeps</i> )	All waters
Iceland catshark ( <i>Apristurus laurussonii</i> )	All waters
Frilled shark ( <i>Chlamydoselachus anguineus</i> )	All waters
Birdbeak dogfish ( <i>Deania calcea</i> )	All waters
Blackmouth dogfish ( <i>Galeus melastomus</i> )	All waters
Mouse catshark ( <i>Galeus murinus</i> )	All waters
Bluntnose six-gilled shark ( <i>Hexanchus griseus</i> )	All waters
Velvet belly ( <i>Etmopterus spinax</i> )	All waters

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Sailfin roughshark [Sharpback] ( <i>Oxynotus paradoxus</i> )	All waters
Knifetooth dogfish ( <i>Scymnodon ringens</i> )	All waters
Greenland shark ( <i>Somniosus microcephalus</i> )	All waters

<sup>10</sup> Regulation (EU) No 2019/1241 Annex VII, Part C, Point 4.2 (prohibition on directed fishing for deepwater sharks in ICES sub-areas 8, 9, 10, and 12 east of 27° W in charted depths of less than 600 m. Regulation (EU) 2016/2336 Annex 1 Deep-sea Species: Iceland catshark (*Apristurus spp.*), Gulper shark (*Centrophorus granulosus*), Leafscale gulper shark (*Centrophorus squamosus*), Black dogfish (*Centroscyllium fabricii*), Portuguese dogfish (*Centroscymnus coelolepis*), Kitefin shark (*Dalatias licha*), Birdbeak dogfish (*Deania calceus*), Greater lanternshark (*Etmopterus princeps*), Velvet belly (*Etmopterus spinax*), Blackmouth dogfish (*Galeus melastomus*), Mouse catshark (*Galeus murinus*), Longnose velvet dogfish (*Centroscymnus crepidate*), Frilled shark (*Chlamydoselachus anguineus*), Six-gilled shark (*Hexanchus griseus*), Sailfin roughshark (Sharpback shark) (*Oxynotus paradoxus*), Knifetooth dogfish (*Scymnodon ringens*), Greenland shark (*Somniosus microcephalus*).

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Vessels in membership of the producer organisations or Scottish Quota Management Groups listed in the third column of the table below must not fish for, catch or retain on board the species listed in and in the areas in the adjacent columns.

Description of Sea Fish	Areas of Sea in the NEAFC regulatory area (ICES area)	Producer Organisation(s)/ Scottish Quota Management Group(s)
Alfonsinos	International Waters of 5b, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 & 14	Anglo-Scottish FPO North Sea Fishermen's Organisation
Anglerfish	International Waters of 5b, 12 & 14	Interfish FPO
Black Scabbardfish	International Waters of 5b, 6, 7 & 12	Interfish FPO North Sea Fisherman's Organisation South West FPO
Black Scabbardfish	International Waters of 2a	North Sea Fisherman's Organisation
Blue Ling	International Waters of 5b, 6 & 7	Humberside FPO Lunar Group North East of Scotland FO Ltd

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Blue Whiting	International Waters of 12 & 14	<p>Aberdeen FPO</p> <p>Fife FPO</p> <p>North East of Scotland Fishermen's Organisation</p> <p>Northern PO</p> <p>North Sea Fishermen's Organisation</p> <p>Orkney Fish Producers Organisation</p> <p>Wales &amp; West Coast FPO</p> <p>West of Scotland Fish Producers Organisation</p>
Boarfish ( <i>Capros aper</i> )	International Waters of 6, 7, 8	<p>Aberdeen FPO</p> <p>Anglo-Scottish FPO</p> <p>Cornish FPO</p> <p>Fife FPO</p> <p>North East of Scotland Fishermen's Organisation</p> <p>Northern PO</p> <p>North Sea Fishermen's Organisation</p> <p>Orkney Fish Producers Organisation</p> <p>South West FPO</p> <p>Wales &amp; West Coast FPO</p> <p>West of Scotland Fish Producers Organisation</p>
Forkbeards	International Waters of 5b, 6 & 7	<p>Aberdeen FPO</p> <p>Fife FPO</p> <p>North Sea Fishermen's Organisation</p> <p>South West FPO</p>
Forkbeards	International Waters of 10 & 12	<p>Anglo-Scottish FPO</p> <p>Interfish FPO</p> <p>North Sea Fishermen's Organisation</p>



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Forkbeards	International Waters of 2a	Interfish FPO North Sea Fishermen's Organisation Wales & West Coast FPO
Greater Silver Smelt	International Waters of 5b, 6, 7	NI FPO South West FPO Wales & West Coast FPO
Greenland Halibut	International Waters of 5b & 6	Fife FPO Interfish FPO North Sea Fishermen's Organisation Wales & West Coast FPO
Haddock	International Waters of 6a, 6b, 10 & 14	Wales & West Coast FPO
Herring	International Waters of 5b, 6a and 6b	Aberdeen FPO Fife FPO Northern PO North Sea Fishermen's Organisation Scottish Fishermen's Organisation Wales & West Coast FPO
Horse Mackerel	International Waters of 5b, 12 & 14	Aberdeen FPO Fife FPO North East of Scotland Fishermen's Organisation Northern PO Orkney Fish Producers Organisation Wales & West Coast FPO West of Scotland Fish Producers Organisation

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Ling	International Waters of 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14	South West FPO
Ling	International Waters of 2a	Scottish Fishermen's Organisation Interfish FPO Wales & West Coast FPO
Mackerel	International Waters of 2a, 5b, 12 & 14	Wales & West Coast FPO
Red Seabream	International Waters of 10	Anglo-Scottish FPO
Roundnose Grenadier	International Waters of 8, 9, 10, 12 & 14	Anglo-Scottish FPO Cornish FPO Interfish FPO North Sea Fishermen's Organisation South West FPO Wales & West Coast FPO
Roundnose Grenadier	International Waters of 5b, 6 & 7	Aberdeen FPO Fife FPO North Sea Fishermen's Organisation South West FPO Wales & West Coast FPO
Roundnose Grenadier	International Waters of 2a	North Sea Fishermen's Organisation
Skates & Rays	International Waters of 2a	Scottish Fishermen's Organisation
Sole	International Waters of 5b, 12 & 14	Fife FPO Wales & West Coast FPO
Tusk	International Waters of 5b, 6, 7	South West FPO
Tusk	International Waters of 2a & 14	Interfish FPO Wales & West Coast FPO

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### 3. SPECIES FOR WHICH THE VESSEL MAY FISH IN LIMITED QUANTITIES

Vessels in membership of the producer organisations or Scottish Quota Management Groups listed in the fourth column of the table below are subject to the catch limits in relation to the species listed in and in the areas in the adjacent columns.

<b>QUOTA SPECIES</b>	<b>SEA AREA in the NEAFC regulatory area (ICES area)</b>	<b><u>QUOTA LIMIT</u></b> (per calendar month) unless stated otherwise)	<b>Producer Organisation(s) / Scottish Quota Management Group(s)</b>
Cod (Svalbard)	International waters of 1 and 2b		Fish PO
Horse Mackerel	International Waters of 12 & 14	0.5 tonnes per trip	Wales & West Coast FPO
Tusk	International waters of 2a & 14		Aberdeen FPO Anglo-NI FPO Anglo-Scottish FPO Cornish FPO Eastern England FPO Fife FPO Fish PO NI FPO Northern PO Humberside FPO North Sea Fishermen's Organisation Scottish Fishermen's Organisation South West FPO

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Unless otherwise stated a quota limitation of 100 kg per fishing trip will apply, either singly or collectively, to the below deep-sea stocks in the sea areas described. Any deep-sea stocks catches above 100kg require a deep-sea species licence.

<b>DEEP-SEA SPECIES</b>	<b>SEA AREA</b>	<b>Catch limit</b>	<b>Producer organisation(s)</b>
Alfonsinos	International waters of 9, 10, 12 & 14	100 kgs per fishing trip	Aberdeen FPO Anglo-NI FPO Cornish FPO Eastern England FPO Fife FPO Fish PO Interfish FPO NI FPO Northern PO Humberside FPO Scottish Fishermen's Organisation South West FPO Wales & West Coast FPO
Black scabbardfish	International waters of 12	100 kgs per fishing trip	Anglo-NI FPO Anglo-Scottish FPO Cornish FPO Eastern England FPO Fish PO NI FPO Humberside FPO Wales & West Coast FPO

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Blue ling	International Waters of 2a	100 kgs per fishing trip	<p>Aberdeen FPO</p> <p>Anglo Northern Irish FPO Ltd</p> <p>Anglo Scottish FPO Ltd</p> <p>Eastern England FPO Ltd</p> <p>The FPO Ltd</p> <p>Humberside FPO</p> <p>Klondyke</p> <p>Lunar Group</p> <p>North East of Scotland FO Ltd</p> <p>Northern Ireland FPO Ltd</p> <p>Scottish Fishermen's Organisation</p> <p>Shetland FPO Ltd</p>
Forkbeards	International waters of 10 & 12	100 kgs per fishing trip	<p>Aberdeen FPO</p> <p>Anglo-NI FPO</p> <p>Cornish FPO</p> <p>Eastern England FPO</p> <p>Fife FPO</p> <p>Fish PO</p> <p>NI FPO</p> <p>Northern PO</p> <p>Humberside FPO</p> <p>Scottish Fishermen's Organisation</p> <p>South West FPO</p> <p>Wales &amp; West Coast FPO</p>

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Roundnose grenadier	International Waters of 9, 10, 12 & 14	100 kgs per fishing trip	Aberdeen FPO Anglo-NI FPO Fife FPO Northern PO Scottish Fishermen's Organisation
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