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Application for UK External Waters Licence to Access Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (RFMO) 2025

UK vessels intending to operate outside British Fishery Limits in Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (RFMO) regulated waters must have an external waters licence in addition to their base domestic licence. Use this form to apply to fish in RFMO waters to which the UK is a contracting party.

The UK Single Issuing Authority (UKSIA) will share valid applications and details therein with the relevant UK fisheries administrations. The UKSIA will only notify your vessel to the relevant RFMO and issue an external waters licence if all necessary information has been provided to the satisfaction of the UKSIA and your fisheries administration.

Your licence will be communicated by email and the applicable conditions are published on the [UKSIA website](#). You must be in receipt of a valid licence and check that your vessel appears on the relevant RFMO list of notified and/or authorised vessels and UK external waters RFMO licence list prior to commencing activity in an RFMO's waters.

A RFMO

Please indicate below to which RFMO this application seeks access:

- NAFO (*Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation*)
 NEAFC (*North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission*)

B Vessel Details

Vessel Name:	<input type="text"/>
PLN:	<input type="text"/>
RSS Number:	<input type="text"/>
IMO Number*:	<input type="text"/>
Domestic Licence No.:	<input type="text"/>

** IMO number is mandatory for vessels 12 metres and over in length*

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C Producer Organisation Details

The UKSIA or fisheries administration may contact the relevant PO to make enquiries as necessary regarding the availability of fishing opportunities for the vessel in particular those set out in Section E.

Name of PO:

Access to fishing opportunities:

- The vessel has access to the relevant quota opportunities through its PO membership;
- The vessel holds the relevant FQA units
- Other: *(please describe below)*

D Applicant Details

Please also enter the nominee details in Section D (iii). If you are neither the licence holder nor the stated nominee, you must have authorisation from the licence holder to act on their behalf. In all instances, owner details must be entered below.

Please note the UKSIA will only issue documents to the email address stated. Please include an email address as documents will be issued by email.

i) Owner Details

(In cases of multiple ownership, please expand Section D ii) to provide additional owner details).

Name of owner:

Owner Email:

Owner Address:

Telephone Number:

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ii) Multiple Ownership

Name of owner:

Owner Address:

Email:

Telephone:

Name of owner:

Owner Address:

Email:

Telephone:

Name of owner:

Owner Address:

Email:

Telephone:

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iii) Nominee/Agent Details (Required)

Your licence will be sent to the nominee email address you enter below. However, if the details do not match those already on record, we may need to contact you. The email address supplied must be the one registered with your fisheries administration for the vessel's Domestic Fishing Vessel Licence.

Nominee Agent

Nominee Name:

Nominee Address:

Nominee Email:

Telephone number:

E RFMO Specific fishing resources

Please indicate below for the RFMO(s) indicated at Section A the resources to which you are requesting access. Access to the resources listed in this section is subject to international agreements and inclusion in this application does not guarantee fishing opportunities nor pre-determine the outcome of any ongoing negotiations.

(i) NEAFC

Please indicate your intended fisheries below:

1) Regulated resources (tick all that apply)

Atlanto-Scandian Herring (ICES subarea 1 and 2)

Blue Whiting (ICES division 2a, 4a and 5b, subareas 6, 7, 12 and 14)

Mackerel (ICES division 2a, subarea 4, 5, 6, 7 and 12)

Redfish (ICES subarea 1, 2, 5, 12, and 14)

Haddock (Haddock (Rockall) ICES division 6b) (Haddock (West of Scotland) ICES division 6a)

Northern Prawn (ICES divisions 1a, 2a and 2b)

Cod (Cod (West of Scotland) 5b east of 12°00' W) (Cod (Rockall) division 5b west of 12°00' W and subareas 12 and 14) (Cod (Svalbard) 1 and 2b)

Greenland Halibut (ICES division 5b and subarea 6)

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2) *Other species (tick all that apply)*

Other (please describe below)

3) *Expected fishing commencement date:*

4) *Expected fishing commencement date:*

5) *Are you planning for your fishing vessel to be refuelled or re-supplied by another vessel when fishing in the NEAFC Regulatory Area?*

Yes

No

If yes, please provide the flag state and the IMO number of the refuelling or resupplying vessel. UKSIA may be in contact to confirm these details.

(ii) NAFO

1) *Please indicate your intended fisheries below:*

Cod (NAFO 3M)

2) *Expected fishing commencement date:*

For the NAFO fishery, your Fisheries Administration will be in touch to arrange a fishery briefing call in the first quarter of 2025.

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F Submission and Declaration ✓

I authorise the UKSIA to contact the relevant PO to make enquiries as necessary regarding the availability of fishing opportunities for the vessel.

- I confirm that by completing this form and submitting to the UKSIA I have the authorisation of the licence holder to act on their behalf.*
- I understand that the UKSIA may contact the licence holder/nominee directly in relation to this application. The details of this application will be shared with the UK fisheries administration responsible for the vessel and the relevant RFMO.*

Name

Position

Vessel Owner

Vessel Nominee

Vessel Agent

Date

G Supporting Information

Please provide any additional information in this space provided, including details of supporting evidence attached to this application including what it is, what format it is (e.g. scanned copy/electronic file format) and its purpose in supporting the application.