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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, Faroese 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 2025 to 31 December 2025 inclusive. This withdraws and revokes any fishing opportunities for that period 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 (tonnes)	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	11,119	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	17,566	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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).</li> <li>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).</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>

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ANF/56-14 Anglerfish (West of Scotland) <i>Lophiidae</i> 6; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14	4,941	1. Special condition: of which up to 20% may be fished in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 2a and 4 (ANF/*2AC4C).
ARU/1/2. Greater Silver Smelt (1,2) <i>Argentina silus</i> United Kingdom and international waters of 1 and 2	41	
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	21	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	503	

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BLI/12INT- Blue Ling (International 12) <i>Molva dypterygia</i> International waters of 12	0	
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	6	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for blue ling are permitted under this TAC.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>
BLI/5B67- Blue Ling (Western) <i>Molva dypterygia</i> 6 and 7; United Kingdom and international waters of 5	2,490	
BLL/7DE Brill (7de) <i>Scophthalmus rhombus</i> 7d and 7e	340	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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-C2).</li> </ol>



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BOR/678- Boarfish (Western) <i>Caproidae</i> 6, 7 and 8	2,436	
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	107	1. Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for cod are permitted under this quota. 2. 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	885	

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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	56	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	66	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	6,461	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</i> <i>acanthias</i> United Kingdom and European Union waters 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a	3,576	1. In UK waters and European Union waters a maximum size of 100cm shall be respected.
HAD/07A. Haddock (Irish Sea) <i>Melanogrammus</i> <i>aeglefinus</i> 7a	1,060	
HAD/5BC6A. Haddock (West of Scotland) <i>Melanogrammus</i> <i>aeglefinus</i> 6a; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b	8,610	1. Special condition: of which up to 25% may be fished in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 2a and 4 (HAD/*2AC4.).

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HAD/6B1214 Haddock (Rockall) <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i> United Kingdom, European Union and international waters of 6b; international waters 12 and 14	8,666	
HAD/7X7A34 Haddock (Celtic Sea) <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i> 7b-k, 8, 9 and 10; European Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1	1,271	
HER/07A/MM Herring (Irish Sea) <i>Clupea harengus</i> 7a north of 52°30'N	5,171	1. This zone is reduced by the area bounded: — 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	1,160	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.

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HER/7EF. Herring (Western Channel and Bristol Channel) <i>Clupea harengus</i> 7e and 7f	179	
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"> <li>1. This zone is increased by the area bounded: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— to the north by latitude 52° 30' N,</li> <li>— to the south by latitude 52° 00' N,</li> <li>— to the west by the coast of Ireland,</li> <li>— to the east by the coast of the United Kingdom.</li> </ul> </li> <li>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.</li> </ol>
HKE/2AC4-C Hake (North Sea) <i>Merluccius merluccius</i> United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a	1,082	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Not more than 10% of this quota may be used for by-catch in 3a (HKE/*03A.).</li> <li>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).</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>

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HKE/571214 Hake (Western) <i>Merluccius merluccius</i> 6 and 7; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14	6,756	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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).</li> <li>2. Special condition: within the limits of this quota, no more than 869 tonnes may be taken in: - 8a, 8b, 8d and 8e (HKE/*8ABDE).</li> </ol>
JAX/2A-14 Horse Mackerel (Western) <i>Trachurus</i> spp. 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	6,124	
JAX/4BC7D Horse Mackerel (Southern North Sea and Eastern Channel) <i>Trachurus</i> spp. United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4b, 4c and 7d	388	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Exclusively for bycatches. No directed fishery for horse mackerel is permitted under this TAC.</li> </ol>

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L/W/2AC4-C Lemon Sole and Witch (North Sea) <i>Microstomus kitt</i> and <i>Glyptocephalus cynoglossus</i> United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a	1,470	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Special condition: of which up to 792 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).</li> <li>2. Special condition: of which up to 678 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).</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>
LEM/07D Lemon sole (7d) <i>Microstomus kitt</i> United Kingdom and European Union waters of 7d	20	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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-C2).</li> </ol>
LEZ/07. Megrims (7) <i>Lepidorhombus</i> spp. 7	4,306	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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).</li> </ol>
LEZ/2AC4-C Megrims (North Sea) <i>Lepidorhombus</i> spp. United Kingdom and European Union waters 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a	2,787	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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).</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>

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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	2,593	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	1,813	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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).</li> <li>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).</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>
LIN/6X14. Ling (Western) <i>Molva molva</i> 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10; international waters of 12 and 14	3,485	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</i> <i>norvegicus</i> 7	7,009	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Special condition: within the limits of this quota, no more than 512 tonnes may be taken in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Functional Unit 16 of ICES Subarea 7 (NEP/*07U16).</li> </ul> </li> </ol>



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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	13,685	
NOP/2A3A4. Norway Pout (North Sea) <i>Trisopterus esmarkii</i> 3a; United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a	100	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. TAC may only be fished from 1 November 2024 to 31 October 2025.</li> <li>2. Exclusively for bycatches. No directed fisheries for Norway pout are permitted under this quota.</li> </ol>
PLE/07A. Plaice (Irish Sea) <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i> 7a	769	
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	1,177	1. Special condition: of which up to 574 tonnes may be fished in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 7d (PLE/*7D). 2. Special condition: of which up to 603 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	30	
PLE/7HJK. Plaice (7hjk) <i>Pleuronectes Platessa</i> 7h, 7j and 7k	23	
POK/56-14 Saithe (West of Scotland) <i>Pollachius virens</i> 6; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b, 12 and 14	3,791	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	183	

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POL/07. Pollack (7) <i>Pollachius pollachius</i> 7	172	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for pollack are permitted under this quota.</li> <li>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).</li> </ol>
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	24	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for pollack are permitted under this quota.</li> </ol>
PRA/2AC4-C Northern Prawn (North Sea) <i>Pandalus borealis</i> United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a	0	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ol>
RJU/7DE. Undulate Ray (English Channel) <i>Raja undulata</i> 7d and 7e	1,324	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ol>

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RNG/5B67- Roundnose Grenadier (Western) <i>Coryphaenoides rupestris</i> 6 and 7; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b	64	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for grenadiers are permitted under this quota.</li> <li>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).</li> </ol>
RNG/8X14- Roundnose Grenadier (8,9,10,12,14) <i>Coryphaenoides rupestris</i> 8, 9 and 10; international waters of 12 and 14	5	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for grenadiers are permitted under this quota.</li> <li>2. A maximum of 10% of each quota 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).</li> </ol>
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	3,522	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Excluding waters within six nautical miles of the United Kingdom baselines at Shetland, Fair Isle and Foula.</li> <li>2. 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"> <li>— SAN/234_1R: 2,266 tonnes</li> <li>— SAN/234_2R: 1,253 tonnes</li> <li>— SAN/234_3R: 0 tonnes</li> <li>— SAN/234_4: 0 tonnes</li> <li>— SAN/234_5R: 0 tonnes</li> <li>— SAN/234_6: 4 tonnes</li> <li>— SAN/234_7R: 0 tonnes</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
SBR/678- Red Seabream (Western) <i>Pagellus bogaraveo</i> 6, 7 and 8	11	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for red seabream are permitted under this TAC.</li> </ol>

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SOL/07A. Sole (Irish Sea) <i>Solea solea</i> 7a	142	
SOL/07D. Sole (Eastern Channel) <i>Solea solea</i> 7d	242	
SOL/07E. Sole (Western Channel) <i>Solea solea</i> 7e	719	
SOL/24-C. Sole (North Sea) <i>Solea solea</i> United Kingdom and European Union waters 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a	1,700	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.
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	

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SOL/7FG. Sole (7fg) <i>Solea solea</i> 7f and 7g	371	
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	7,369	1. The TAC may only be fished from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.
SPR/7DE. Sprat (English Channel) <i>Sprattus sprattus</i> 7d and 7e	4,846	1. The TAC may only be fished from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.

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SRX/07D.  Skates and Rays (Eastern Channel)  <i>Rajiformes</i>  7d	424	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>2. This TAC shall not apply to undulate ray (<i>Raja undulata</i>). Catches of this species shall be counted against the quantities provided for in that separate TAC (RJU/7DE).</li> <li>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>).</li> <li>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>).</li> </ol>

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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>2,186</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>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 the UK's assimilated law, in Article 15(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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>).</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>



Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (tonnes)	Conditions
SRX/67AKXD  Skates and Rays (Western)  <i>Rajiformes</i>  United Kingdom and European Union waters of 6a, 6b, 7a-c and 7e-k	2,924	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>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 57 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 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.</li> <li>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 so as to allow for a sentinel fishery to allow fisheries-based data collection for the stock as assessed by ICES. Only vessels participating in sentinel fishery monitoring programmes for small-eyed ray in 7e may land catch of this stock.</li> <li>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).</li> <li>5. Special condition: of which up to 5% may be fished in 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>).</li> </ol>

Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (tonnes)	Conditions
T/B/2AC4-C Turbot and Brill (North Sea) <i>Psetta maxima</i> and <i>Scophthalmus</i> <i>rhombus</i> United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a	861	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Special condition: of which up to 482 tonnes of turbot may be fished in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4 and United Kingdom waters of 2a (TUR/*2AC4-C).</li> <li>2. Special condition: of which up to 379 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).</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>
USK/04-C. Tusk (North Sea) <i>Brosme brosme</i> United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4	84	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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).</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>
USK/567EI. Tusk (Western) <i>Brosme brosme</i> 6 and 7; United Kingdom and international waters of 5	1,857	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Special condition: of which up to 10% may be fished in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4 (USK/*04-C.).</li> </ol>
WHG/07A. Whiting (Irish Sea) <i>Merlangius</i> <i>merlangus</i> 7a	440	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for whiting are permitted under this TAC.</li> </ol>

<b>Code; Species and common name; ICES areas</b>	<b>United Kingdom quota (tonnes)</b>	<b>Conditions</b>
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	3,264	
WHG/7X7A-C Whiting (Celtic Sea) <i>Merlangius merlangus</i> 7b, 7c, 7d, 7e, 7f, 7g, 7h, 7j and 7k	3,648	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Special condition: of which up to 542 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).</li> <li>2. Special condition: of which up to 3,106 tonnes may be fished in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 7d (WHG/*7D).</li> </ol>

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

<b>Code; Species and common name; ICES areas</b>	<b>United Kingdom quota (tonnes)</b>	<b>Conditions</b>
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	9,419	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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).</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>

Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (tonnes)	Conditions
HAD/2AC4. Haddock (North Sea) <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i> 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a	61,928	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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).</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>
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"> <li>1. Exclusively for catches of herring taken as by-catch in fisheries using nets with mesh sizes smaller than 32 mm.</li> </ol>
HER/4AB. Herring (North Sea) <i>Clupea harengus</i> United Kingdom, European Union and Norwegian waters of 4 north of 53° 30' N	74,970	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Catches of herring taken in fisheries using nets with mesh sizes equal to or larger than 32 mm.</li> </ol>
HER/4CXB7D Herring (Southern North Sea and 7d) <i>Clupea harengus</i> 4c, 7d excluding Blackwater	5,278	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Exclusively for catches of herring taken in fisheries using nets with mesh sizes equal to or larger than 32 mm.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>3. Special condition: up to 50% of this quota may be taken in 4b (HER/*04B.).</li> </ol>

Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (tonnes)	Conditions
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	41,228	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	8,940	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.
WHG/2AC4. Whiting (North Sea) <i>Merlangius merlangus</i> 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a	74,030	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 (tonnes)	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	1,415	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.).</li> <li>2. Special condition: of which 1,212 tonnes may be fished in European Union waters of 3 and 4 (MAC/*34-EU).</li> </ol>
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	185,594	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>2. Special condition: of which 159,356 tonnes may be fished in European Union waters of 6, 7, 8a, 8b, 8d and 8e (MAC/*2CX14-EU).</li> </ol>

<b>Code; Species and common name; ICES areas</b>	<b>United Kingdom quota (tonnes)</b>	<b>Conditions</b>
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	114,157	

#### **Annex IV: United Kingdom-Norway stocks**

<b>Code; Species and common name; ICES areas</b>	<b>United Kingdom quota (tonnes)</b>	<b>Conditions</b>
COD/1N2AB. Arcto- Norwegian Cod <i>Gadus morhua</i> Norwegian and international waters of 1 and 2	1,000	1. By-catches of miscellaneous species in the fishery targeting cod are limited to 150 tonnes. The by-catch quantities are in addition to the United Kingdom quota for cod.

## Annex V: United Kingdom-Faroe Islands stocks

Code; Species and common name; Area	United Kingdom quota (tonnes)	Conditions
C/H/05B-F. Cod and Haddock (Faroes) <i>Gadus morhua</i> and <i>Melanogrammus</i> <i>Aeglefinus</i> Faroes waters of 5b	880	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Excluding the Faroe Bank area that was previously closed to UK vessels before 2023</li> <li>2. Of which no more than 264 tonnes may consist of cod, and as bycatch only. No directed fisheries for cod are permitted under this quota.</li> </ol>
POK/05B-F. Saithe (Faroes) <i>Pollachius</i> <i>Virens</i> Faroes waters of 5b	575	
RED/05B-F. Redfish (Faroes) <i>Sebastes</i> spp. Faroes waters of 5b	10	
B/L/05B-F. Blue Ling and Ling (Faroes) <i>Molva</i> <i>dypterygia</i> and <i>molva molva</i> Faroes waters of 5b	160	
FLX/05B-F. Flatfish (Faroes) Faroes waters of 5b	40	



<b>Code; Species and common name; Area</b>	<b>United Kingdom quota (tonnes)</b>	<b>Conditions</b>
OTH/05B-F.  Other species (Faroes)  Faroesese waters of 5b	425	

## **Annex VI: NAFO Convention Area stocks**

<b>Code; Species and common name; Area</b>	<b>United Kingdom quota (tonnes)</b>	<b>Conditions</b>
COD/N3M. Cod (NAFO 3M) <i>Gadus morhua</i> NAFO 3M	1,176	1. No directed fishery between 00:01 UTC 1 January 2025 and 24:00 UTC 31 March 2025
COD/3L Cod (NAFO 2J3KL) <i>Gadus morhua</i> NAFO 2J, 3K, 3L	40	1. May only be fished in international waters of 3L. 2. May only be fished from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026. 3. No directed fishery between 00:01 UTC 15 April 2025 and 23:59 UTC 30 June 2025

## Annex VII: ICCAT Convention Area stocks

Code; Species and common name; Area	United Kingdom quota (tonnes)	Conditions
ALB/AN05N Albacore (North Atlantic) <i>Thunnus alalunga</i> Atlantic Ocean, north of 5° N	663	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Directed fishing under this quota for permitted authorised vessels only.</li> <li>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).</li> </ol>
BFT/AE45WM Bluefin Tuna (North East Atlantic) <i>Thunnus thynnus</i> Atlantic Ocean, east of 45° W, and Mediterranean	63	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Directed fishing under this quota for permitted authorised vessels only.</li> </ol>
BSH/AN05N Blue Shark (North Atlantic) <i>Prionace glauca</i> Atlantic Ocean, north of 5° N	25	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries are permitted under this quota.</li> </ol>
SWO/AN05N Swordfish (North Atlantic) <i>Xiphias gladius</i> Atlantic Ocean, north of 5° N	1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries are permitted under this quota.</li> </ol>

## Annex VIII: 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 (tonnes)	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	191	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	583	1. Clyde stock: this is the herring stock in the maritime area situated to the north-east of a line drawn between: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— the Mull of Kintyre (55° 17.9' N, 05° 47.8' W);</li> <li>— a point at position 55° 04' N, 05° 23' W, and;</li> <li>— Corsewall Point (55° 00.5' N, 05° 09.4' W).</li> </ul>
HER/4C_BW Herring (Blackwater) <i>Clupea            harengus</i> Blackwater	10	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 2025 to 31 January 2026, or until the TAC is caught.

Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (tonnes)	Conditions
HER/1/2- Herring (ASH) <i>Clupea harengus</i> United Kingdom Faroese, Norwegian and international waters of 1 and 2	7,847	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. When reporting catches to the Fisheries Administrations, the quantities fished in the following area shall also be reported: NEAFC Regulatory Area.</li> <li>2. Special condition: up to 20,000 tonnes of this quota may be taken in Norwegian waters North of 62°N.</li> </ol>
LIN/05EI. Ling (5) <i>Molva molva</i> United Kingdom and international waters of 5	1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for ling are permitted under this TAC.</li> </ol>
LIN/1/2. Ling (1,2) <i>Molva molva</i> United Kingdom and international waters of 1 and 2	7	
NEP/5BC6. Nephrops (West of Scotland) <i>Nephrops norvegicus</i> 6; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b	13,315	

Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (tonnes)	Conditions
SBR/10- Red Seabream (Azores) <i>Pagellus bogaraveo</i> European Union and international waters of 10	4	
SRX/89-C. Skates and Rays (8,9) <i>Rajiformes</i> European Union waters of 8 and 9	13	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>
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"> <li>1. Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for tusk are permitted under this TAC.</li> </ol>

## Annex IX: Special cases

Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (tonnes)	Conditions
COD/1/2B Cod (Svalbard) <i>Gadus Morhua</i> 1 and 2b	3,075	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 X: NEAFC Regulatory Area stocks

Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (tonnes)	Conditions
RED/1/2INT Redfish (International 1, 2) <i>Sebastes mentella</i> International waters of 1 and 2	3,964	<p>1. This quota represents the TAC which is established for all NEAFC Contracting Parties and is not allocated to any specific contracting party and so does not represent a UK-specific share. The quota in this determination is subject to compliance with the TAC and the fishery will close when the TAC has been fully utilised by NEAFC Contracting Parties. From the closure date directed fisheries will not be permitted.</p> <p>2. Quota may only be fished from 1 July to 30 November 2025. Vessels shall limit their by-catches of redfish in other fisheries to a maximum of 1% of the total catch retained on board.</p>

## Annex XI: 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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