

# Fishing opportunities for British fishing boats: summary of current determinations

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This document summarises the current fishing opportunities for British fishing boats for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks. These include:

- the maximum quantity of sea fish (quota) that may be caught by British fishing boats
- the maximum number of days that British fishing boats may spend at sea

The document presents fishing opportunities for British fishing boats that may be caught in the United Kingdom ("UK"), European Union, Norwegian, Svalbard, Faroese and international waters.

The document is a summary of current fishing opportunities as set by <u>Secretary of State</u> <u>determinations</u>.

#### **Annex I: United Kingdom-European Union stocks**

Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (tonnes)	Conditions
ALF/3X14- Alfonsinos  Beryx spp. United Kingdom, European Union and international waters of 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 and 14	5	Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for alfonsinos are permitted under this Total Allowable Catch (TAC).
ANF/07. Anglerfish (7) Lophiidae 7	11,119	<ol> <li>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).</li> </ol>

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ANF/2AC4-C Anglerfish (North Sea)  Lophiidae  United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a	17,566	<ol> <li>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>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>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>
ANF/56-14  Anglerfish (West of Scotland)  Lophiidae  6;  United Kingdom and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14	4,941	<ol> <li>Special condition: of which up to 20% may be fished in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 2a and 4 (ANF/*2AC4C).</li> </ol>

Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (tonnes)	Conditions
ARU/1/2. Greater Silver Smelt (1,2) Argentina silus United Kingdom and international waters of 1 and 2	41	
ARU/3A4-C Greater Silver Smelt (North Sea)  Argentina silus United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4; European Union waters of 3a	21	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)  Argentina silus  6 and 7; United Kingdom and international waters of 5	503	

Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (tonnes)	Conditions
BLI/12INT- Blue Ling (International 12)  Molva dypterygia  International waters of 12	0	
BLI/24- Blue Ling (North Sea)  Molva dypterygia  United Kingdom and international waters of 2; United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4	6	<ol> <li>Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for blue ling are permitted under this TAC.</li> <li>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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BLI/5B67- Blue Ling (Western)  Molva dypterygia  6 and 7; United Kingdom and international waters of 5	2,490	
BLL/7DE Brill (7de) Scophthalmus rhombus 7d and 7e	340	<ol> <li>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>
BOR/678- Boarfish (Western) Caproidae 6, 7 and 8	2,436	

Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (tonnes)	Conditions
BSF/56712- Black Scabbardfish (Western)  Aphanopus carbo  6 and 7; United Kingdom and international waters of 5; international waters of 12	78	
COD/07A.  Cod (Irish Sea)  Gadus morhua  7a	74	Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for cod are permitted under this TAC.
COD/07D.  Cod (Eastern Channel)  Gadus morhua  7d	107	<ol> <li>Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for cod are permitted under this quota.</li> <li>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).</li> </ol>

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COD/5BE6A  Cod (West of Scotland)  Gadus morhua  6a; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b east of 12°00' W	885	
COD/5W6-14  Cod (Rockall)  Gadus morhua  6b; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b west of 12°00' W and of 12 and 14	56	Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for cod are permitted under this TAC.
COD/7XAD34  Cod (Celtic Sea)  Gadus morhua  7b, 7c, 7e-k, 8, 9 and 10; European Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1	66	Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for cod are permitted under this TAC.

Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (tonnes)	Conditions
DGS/15X14  Picked dogfish (Western)  (also known as spurdog)  Squalus acanthias  6, 7 and 8; United Kingdom and international waters of 5; international waters of 1, 12 and 14	6,461	In UK waters and European Union waters a maximum size of 100cm shall be respected.
DGS/2AC4-C Picked dogfish (North Sea)  (also known as spurdog)  Squalus acanthias  United Kingdom and European Union waters 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a	3,576	In UK waters and European Union waters a maximum size of 100cm shall be respected.

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HAD/07A. Haddock (Irish Sea) Melanogrammu s aeglefinus 7a	1,060	
HAD/5BC6A.  Haddock (West of Scotland)  Melanogrammu s aeglefinus  6a; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b	8,610	<ol> <li>Special condition: of which up to 25% may be fished in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 2a and 4 (HAD/*2AC4.).</li> </ol>
HAD/6B1214 Haddock (Rockall) Melanogrammu s aeglefinus United Kingdom, European Union and international waters of 6b; international waters 12 and 14	8,666	

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HAD/7X7A34  Haddock (Celtic Sea)  Melanogrammu s aeglefinus  7b-k, 8, 9 and 10; European Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1	1,271 5,171	This zone is reduced by the area bounded:
Herring (Irish Sea)  Clupea harengus  7a north of 52°30'N	5,171	— 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)  Clupea harengus  6b and 6aN; United Kingdom and international waters 5b	1,160	<ol> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>

Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (tonnes)	Conditions
HER/7EF.  Herring (Western Channel and Bristol Channel)  Clupea harengus  7e and 7f	179	
HER/7G-K.  Herring (Celtic Sea)  Clupea harengus  7a south of 52°30'N, 7g, 7h, 7j and 7k	1	<ol> <li>This zone is increased by the area bounded:         <ul> <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>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)  Merluccius merluccius United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a	1,082	<ol> <li>Not more than 10% of this quota may be used for bycatch in 3a (HKE/*03A.).</li> <li>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>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)  Merluccius merluccius  6 and 7; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14	6,756	<ol> <li>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>Special condition: within the limits of this quota, no more than 869 tonnes may be taken in:         <ul> <li>8a, 8b, 8d and 8e (HKE/*8ABDE).</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
JAX/2A-14  Horse Mackerel (Western)  Trachurus 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	

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JAX/4BC7D  Horse Mackerel (Southern North Sea and Eastern Channel)  Trachurus spp.  United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4b, 4c and 7d	388	Exclusively for bycatches. No directed fishery for horse mackerel is permitted under this TAC.
L/W/2AC4-C Lemon Sole and Witch (North Sea)  Microstomus kitt and  Glyptocephalus cynoglossus  United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a	1,470	<ol> <li>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>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>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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LEM/07D  Lemon sole (7d)  Microstomus kitt  United Kingdom and European Union waters of 7d	20	<ol> <li>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)  Lepidorhombus spp.  7	4,306	<ol> <li>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)  Lepidorhombus spp.  United Kingdom and European Union waters 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a	2,787	<ol> <li>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>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)  Lepidorhombus spp.  6; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14	2,593	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)  Molva molva  United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4	1,813	<ol> <li>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>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>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)  Molva molva 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10; international waters of 12 and 14	3,485	Special condition: of which up to 40% may be fished in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4 (LIN/*04-C.).

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NEP/07. Nephrops (7) Nephrops norvegicus 7	7,009	<ul> <li>1. Special condition: within the limits of this quota, no more than 512 tonnes may be taken in:</li> <li>- Functional Unit 16 of ICES Subarea 7 (NEP/*07U16).</li> </ul>
NEP/2AC4-C Nephrops (North Sea) Nephrops norvegicus United Kingdom and European Union waters 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a	13,685	
NOP/2A3A4.  Norway Pout (North Sea)  Trisopterus esmarkii  3a; United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a	100	<ol> <li>TAC may only be fished from 1 November 2025 to 31 October 2026.</li> <li>Exclusively for bycatches. No directed fisheries for Norway pout are permitted under this quota.</li> </ol>

Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (tonnes)	Conditions
PLE/07A.  Plaice (Irish Sea)  Pleuronectes platessa  7a	769	
PLE/56-14  Plaice (West of Scotland)  Pleuronectes platessa  6; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14	360	
PLE/7DE.  Plaice (English Channel)  Pleuronectes platessa  7d and 7e	1,177	<ol> <li>Special condition: of which up to 574 tonnes may be fished in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 7d (PLE/*7D).</li> <li>Special condition: of which up to 603 tonnes may be fished in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 7e (PLE/*7E).</li> </ol>

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PLE/7FG.  Plaice (7fg)  Pleuronectes platessa  7f and 7g	30	
PLE/7HJK.  Plaice (7hjk)  Pleuronectes  Platessa  7h, 7j and 7k	23	
POK/56-14 Saithe (West of Scotland) Pollachius virens 6; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b, 12 and 14	3,791	Special condition: of which up to 30% may be fished in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 2a and 4 (POK/*2C3A4).

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POK/7/3411 Saithe (Celtic Sea) Pollachius virens 7, 8, 9 and 10; European Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1	183	
POL/07.  Pollack (7)  Pollachius  pollachius	172	<ol> <li>Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for pollack are permitted under this quota.</li> <li>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)  Pollachius pollachius 6; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14	24	Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for pollack are permitted under this quota.

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PRA/2AC4-C  Northern Prawn (North Sea)  Pandalus borealis  United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a	0	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)  Raja undulata 7d and 7e	1,324	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.
RNG/5B67- Roundnose Grenadier (Western)  Coryphaenoides rupestris 6 and 7; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b	64	<ol> <li>Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for grenadiers are permitted under this quota.</li> <li>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>

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RNG/8X14- Roundnose Grenadier (8,9,10,12,14)  Coryphaenoides rupestris  8, 9 and 10; international waters of 12 and 14	5	<ol> <li>Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for grenadiers are permitted under this quota.</li> <li>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)  Ammodytes spp.  United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a; European Union waters of 3a	3,522	<ol> <li>Excluding waters within six nautical miles of the United Kingdom baselines at Shetland, Fair Isle and Foula.</li> <li>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> <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>

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SBR/678- Red Seabream (Western)  Pagellus bogaraveo 6, 7 and 8	11	Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for red seabream are permitted under this TAC.
SOL/07A.  Sole (Irish Sea)  Solea solea  7a	142	
SOL/07D.  Sole (Eastern Channel)  Solea solea  7d	242	
SOL/07E.  Sole (Western Channel)  Solea solea  7e	719	

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SOL/24-C.  Sole (North Sea)  Solea solea  United Kingdom and European Union waters 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a	1,700	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)  Solea solea  6; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14	11	
SOL/7FG. Sole (7fg) Solea solea 7f and 7g	371	

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SOL/7HJK.	28	
Sole (7hjk)		
Solea solea		
7h, 7j and 7k		
SPR/2AC4-C	7,369	1. The TAC may only be fished from 1 July 2025 to 30
Sprat (North Sea)		June 2026.
Sprattus sprattus		
United Kingdom		
and European Union waters 4;		
United Kingdom waters of 2a		
SPR/7DE.	4,846	1. The TAC may only be fished from 1 July 2025 to 30
Sprat (English Channel)		June 2026.
Sprattus sprattus		
7d and 7e		

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SRX/07D.  Skates and Rays (Eastern Channel)  Rajiformes  7d	424	<ol> <li>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>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>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) 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>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) 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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SRX/2AC4-C Skates and Rays (North Sea) Rajiformes United Kingdom and European Union waters 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a	2,186	<ol> <li>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>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>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>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>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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SRX/67AKXD  Skates and Rays (Western)  Rajiformes  United Kingdom and European Union waters of 6a, 6b, 7a-c and 7e-k	2,924	<ol> <li>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 montagui</i>) (RJM/67AKXD), spotted ray (<i>Raja montagui</i>) (RJM/67AKXD), spotted ray (<i>Raja montagui</i>) (RJM/67AKXD) and shagreen ray (<i>Leucoraja circularis</i>) (RJI/67AKXD) shall be reported separately.</li> <li>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>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>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>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.), shornback 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 tullonica</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)  Psetta maxima and Scophthalmus rhombus United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a	861	<ol> <li>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>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>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) Brosme brosme United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4	84	<ol> <li>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>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)  Brosme brosme 6 and 7; United Kingdom and international waters of 5	1,857	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 (tonnes)	Conditions
WHG/07A. Whiting (Irish Sea) Merlangius merlangus 7a	440	Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for whiting are permitted under this TAC.
WHG/56-14 Whiting (West of Scotland) Merlangius merlangus 6; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14	3,264	
WHG/7X7A-C Whiting (Celtic Sea) Merlangius merlangus 7b, 7c, 7d, 7e, 7f, 7g, 7h, 7j and 7k	3,648	<ol> <li>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>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**

Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (tonnes)	Conditions
COD/2A3AX4  Cod (North Sea)  Gadus morhua  4; United Kingdom waters of 2a; that part of 3a not covered by the Skagerrak and Kattegat	9,419	<ol> <li>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>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>
HAD/2AC4. Haddock (North Sea) Melanogrammus aeglefinus 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a	61,928	<ol> <li>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>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
HER/2A47DX  Herring (North Sea by-catch)  Clupea harengus  4 and 7d; United Kingdom waters of 2a	140	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)  Clupea harengus  United Kingdom, European Union and Norwegian waters of 4 north of 53° 30' N	74,970	Catches of herring taken in fisheries using nets with mesh sizes equal to or larger than 32 mm.
HER/4CXB7D  Herring (Southern North Sea and 7d)  Clupea harengus  4c, 7d excluding Blackwater	5,278	<ol> <li>Exclusively for catches of herring taken in fisheries using nets with mesh sizes equal to or larger than 32 mm.</li> <li>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>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)  Pleuronectes platessa  4; United Kingdom waters of 2a; that part of 3a not covered by the Skagerrak and the Kattegat	41,228	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)  Pollachius virens  3a and 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a	8,940	<ol> <li>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).</li> <li>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
WHG/2AC4. Whiting (North Sea) Merlangius merlangus 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a	74,030	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)  Scomber scombrus  3a and 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a; European Union waters of 3b, 3c and Subdivisions 22-32	1,415	<ol> <li>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>Special condition: of which 1,212 tonnes may be fished in European Union waters of 3 and 4 (MAC/*34-EU).</li> </ol>

Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (tonnes)	Conditions
MAC/2CX14- Mackerel (Western)  Scomber scombrus  6, 7, 8a, 8b, 8d and 8e; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b; international waters of 2a, 12 and 14	185,594	<ol> <li>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>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>
WHB/1X14  Blue Whiting (Northern)  Micromesistius poutassou  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**

Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (tonnes)	Conditions
COD/1N2AB.  Arcto- Norwegian Cod  Gadus morhua  Norwegian and international waters of 1 and 2	1,000	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; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (tonnes)	Conditions
C/H/05B-F.  Cod and Haddock (Faroes)  Gadus morhua and Melanogrammus Aeglefinus  Faroese waters of 5b	880	<ol> <li>Excluding the Faroe Bank area that was previously closed to UK vessels before 2023</li> <li>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>

Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (tonnes)	Conditions
POK/05B-F. Saithe (Faroes)  Pollachius Virens  Faroese waters of 5b	575	
RED/05B-F. Redfish (Faroes) Sebastes spp. Faroese waters of 5b	10	
B/L/05B-F.  Blue Ling and Ling (Faroes)  Molva dypterygia and molva molva  Faroese waters of 5b	160	
FLX/05B-F. Flatfish (Faroes) Faroese waters of 5b	40	

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

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

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

### **Annex VII: ICCAT Convention Area stocks**

Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (tonnes)	Conditions
ALB/AN05N  Albacore (North Atlantic)  Thunnus alalonga  Atlantic Ocean, north of 5° N	663	<ol> <li>Directed fishing under this quota for permitted authorised vessels only.</li> <li>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)  Thunnus thynnus  Atlantic Ocean, east of 45° W, and Mediterranean	63	Directed fishing under this quota for permitted authorised vessels only.
BSH/AN05N  Blue Shark (North Atlantic)  Prionace glauca  Atlantic Ocean, north of 5° N	25	Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries are permitted under this quota.

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

# 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)  Reinhardtius hippoglossoides  6; United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b	191	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) Clupea harengus 6 Clyde	583	<ol> <li>Clyde stock: this is the herring stock in the maritime area situated to the north-east of a line drawn between:         <ul> <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> </li> </ol>

Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (tonnes)	Conditions
HER/4C_BW  Herring (Blackwater)  Clupea harengus  Blackwater	10	<ol> <li>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.</li> <li>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).</li> <li>The sentinel fishery may only be fished from 1 September 2025 to 31 January 2026, or until the TAC is caught.</li> </ol>
HER/1/2- Herring (ASH)  Clupea harengus  United Kingdom Faroese, Norwegian and international waters of 1 and 2	7,847	<ol> <li>When reporting catches to the Fisheries         Administrations, the quantities fished in the following         area shall also be reported: NEAFC Regulatory Area.</li> <li>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) Molva molva United Kingdom and international waters of 5	1	Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for ling are permitted under this TAC.

Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (tonnes)	Conditions
LIN/1/2. Ling (1,2) Molva molva United Kingdom and international waters of 1 and 2	7	
NEP/5BC6.  Nephrops (West of Scotland)  Nephrops  Norvegicus  6; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b	13,315	
SBR/10- Red Seabream (Azores)  Pagellus bogaraveo  European Union and international waters of 10	4	

Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (tonnes)	Conditions
SRX/89-C.  Skates and Rays (8,9)  Rajiformes  European Union waters of 8 and 9	13	<ol> <li>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>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)  Brosme brosme United Kingdom and international waters of 1, 2 and 14	5	Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for tusk are permitted under this TAC.

### **Annex IX: Special cases**

Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (tonnes)	Conditions
COD/1/2B Cod (Svalbard) Gadus Morhua 1 and 2b	3,075	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)  Sebastes mentella	3,964	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.
International waters of 1 and 2		<ol> <li>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.</li> </ol>

# 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