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Date: XXXX 2026

Time: XXXX

Dear Sir/Madam,

Leasing of quota in 2026

Vessel name:

RSS/PLN number:

XX

Licence number:

XX

Quota stock/s:

XX

Quantity leased:

XX

This letter should be read in conjunction with fishing licence number XXXX issued in respect of the XXXXX and with the guidance on the scheme issued by the Marine Management Organisation (MMO).

This letter confirms that the licence holder of the XXXXX has leased in quota to augment the monthly catch limit for the stock and by the quantity specified above.

The licence holder will be permitted to fish the leased quota, in addition to the catch limits set by the MMO, from the date and time at the top of this letter until such time as: the additional leased quota is exhausted, the fishery is closed at UK level, or 31 December 2026, whichever is the sooner.

Please note this lease is only valid for fishing activity made after the date and time stated above and cannot be used to cover fishing activity that has already taken place.

In any given month in 2026, it is an offence to land in excess of a combination of the monthly catch limit set out in the Schedule and Annex to the fishing vessel licence and the available additional leased quota. The master and owner are responsible for monitoring quantities landed to ensure the quota limits are not exceeded and that no such offence is committed.

For leases of Skate and Rays Western (SRX/67AKXD) and Skate and Rays Eastern channel (SRX/07D) the leased quota shall not apply to Small-eyed Ray, Sandy Ray and Shagreen Ray. Quota for these stocks is managed separately. Catches of these species should be returned to the sea immediately in accordance with fishing vessel licence conditions.

All English 10-metres-and-under vessels that fish in UK waters should create and submit catch records, using the Catch Recording service.

More information is available at www.gov.uk/guidance/record-your-catch



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All English 12-metres and over non-sector vessels are required to complete electronic logbooks and landing declarations.

More information is available at www.gov.uk/environment/commercial-fishin-fisheries-regulations-monitoring-enforcement-sales-notes-and-electronic-recording-systems

The master/owner of an English vessel that is over 10 metres but under 12 metres in length shall complete a paper logbook for every fishing trip during the period the licence holder has leased quota and not just those fishing trips where leased quota is targeted and caught. Logbooks must be completed for the entire period where quota is leased until the end of the month in which leased quota is taken in full.

Further information can be found at www.gov.uk/guidance/record-your-catch

Unfished leased quota may be returned to the Producer Organisation (PO) from which it was leased (if the PO so agrees) up to the year end, but not beyond 31 December 2026.

Please note that the MMO reserves the right to use unfished leased quota at the end of the year if it is in the wider industry interest.

Any leased in quota is subject to a stock closure at UK level. If the stock for which quota has been leased is subject to a UK closure (all Fish POs and non-sector licences) any remaining quota obtained in a lease would be subject to the closure and cannot be fished. The leased quota can still be fished with a closure to the English 10-metre-and-under pool and/or the over 10 metre non-sector pool, as the UK's total allocation of that stock may still not be exhausted. Please note it is the lease recipient's responsibility to consider the risk of closure at UK level before entering a lease agreement and the licence holder's responsibility to be aware of any UK closure of this stock.

The latest fishing vessel licence variations, including closures, can be viewed at: www.gov.uk/government/publications/fishing-vessel-licence-variations

It is the licence holder's responsibility to ensure that their vessel does not exceed the total quota that they have obtained.

It is important that you note this letter (contained within an email, or paper copy) should be carried onboard the vessel to which it relates at all times.

The agreement to lease additional quantities is subject to the leasing scheme rules and requirements available at:

www.gov.uk/guidance/manage-and-lease-fishing-quota

Yours sincerely,

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