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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 certain stocks that may be caught by British fishing boats in United Kingdom ("UK"), European Union, Norwegian, Svalbard, Faroese and international waters.
3. The Secretary of State has made this determination under section 23 of the Fisheries Act 2020 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 2026 to 31 December 2026 inclusive. This determination withdraws and revokes any fishing opportunities for that period for the stocks listed below that have previously been determined for British fishing boats, and which have not otherwise expired.
5. This document constitutes the notice required by section 24(2) of the Fisheries Act 2020. A summary document of current fishing opportunities as set by Secretary of State determinations can be found at www.gov.uk/government/publications/fishing-opportunities-for-british-fishing-boats-summary-of-current-determinations.

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Annex I: United Kingdom-European Union stocks

Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (tonnes)	Conditions
SPR/2AC4-C Sprat (North Sea) <i>Sprattus sprattus</i> United Kingdom and European Union waters 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a	2,585	1. The TAC may only be fished from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027.
SPR/7DE. Sprat (English Channel) <i>Sprattus sprattus</i> 7d and 7e	6,592	1. The TAC may only be fished from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027.

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	702	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.). 2. Special condition: of which 640 tonnes may be fished in European Union waters of 3 and 4 (MAC/*34-EU).
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	90,688	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. 2. Special condition: of which 82,587 tonnes may be fished in European Union waters of 6, 7, 8a, 8b, 8d and 8e (MAC/*2CX14-EU).

