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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, and international waters.

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

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	1. Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for alfonsinos are permitted under this Total Allowable Catch (TAC).
ANF/07. Anglerfish (7) *Lophiidae* 7	10,783	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).

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ANF/2AC4-C Anglerfish (North Sea) *Lophiidae* United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a	17,355	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). 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). 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.
ANF/56-14 Anglerfish (West of Scotland) *Lophiidae* 6; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14	4,882	1. Special condition: of which up to 20% may be fished in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 2a and 4 (ANF/*2AC4C).

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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	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) *Argentina silus* 6 and 7; United Kingdom and international waters of 5	488	

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	1. Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for blue ling are permitted under this TAC. 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.

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BLI/5B67- Blue Ling (Western) *Molva dypterygia* 6 and 7; United Kingdom and international waters of 5	2,703	
BLL/7DE Brill (7de) *Scophthalmus rhombus* 7d and 7e	353	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).
BOR/678- Boarfish (Western) *Caproidae* 6, 7 and 8	1,890	

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	35	
COD/07A. Cod (Irish Sea) *Gadus morhua* 7a	74	1. Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for cod are permitted under this TAC.
COD/07D. Cod (Eastern Channel) *Gadus morhua* 7d	60	1. 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). 2. 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
COD/5BE6A Cod (West of Scotland) *Gadus morhua* 6a; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b east of 12°00' W	498	
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	1. 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	20	1. 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	3,537	1. In UK waters and EU waters, a maximum size of 100cm shall be respected until that maximum size is removed. This condition will remain in place in UK waters only until relevant UK laws have been changed and will remain in place in EU waters only until relevant EU laws have been changed to remove the maximum size.
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	1,958	1. In UK waters and EU waters, a maximum size of 100cm shall be respected until that maximum size is removed. This condition will remain in place in UK waters only until relevant UK laws have been changed and will remain in place in EU waters only until relevant EU laws have been changed to remove the maximum size.

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HAD/07A. Haddock (Irish Sea) *Melanogrammus aeglefinus* 7a	328	
HAD/5BC6A. Haddock (West of Scotland) *Melanogrammus aeglefinus* 6a; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b	8,294	1. Special condition: of which up to 25% may be fished in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 2a and 4 (HAD/*2AC4.).
HAD/6B1214 Haddock (Rockall) *Melanogrammus aeglefinus* United Kingdom, European Union and international waters of 6b; international waters 12 and 14	11,951	

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HAD/7X7A34 Haddock (Celtic Sea) *Melanogrammus aeglefinus* 7b-k, 8, 9 and 10; European Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1	365	1. Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for haddock are permitted under this TAC.
HER/07A/MM Herring (Irish Sea) *Clupea harengus* 7a north of 52°30’N	4,137	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) *Clupea harengus* 6b and 6aN; United Kingdom and international waters 5b	998	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) *Clupea harengus* 7e and 7f	77	
HER/7G-K. Herring (Celtic Sea) *Clupea harengus* 7a south of 52°30'N, 7g, 7h, 7j and 7k	1	1. This zone is increased 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. 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.
HKE/2AC4-C Hake (North Sea) *Merluccius merluccius* United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a	1,020	1. Not more than 10% of this quota may be used for by-catch in 3a (HKE/*03A.). 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). 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.

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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	6,366	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). 2. Special condition: within the limits of this quota, no more than 819 tonnes may be taken in: - 8a, 8b, 8d and 8e (HKE/*8ABDE).
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	6,016	

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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	1. Exclusively for by-catches. 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	1,357	1. Special condition: of which up to 605 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). 2. Special condition: of which up to 752 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). 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.

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LEM/07D Lemon sole (7d) *Microstomus kitt* United Kingdom and European Union waters of 7d	16	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).
LEZ/07. Megrims (7) *Lepidorhombus* spp. 7	3,445	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).
LEZ/2AC4-C Megrims (North Sea) *Lepidorhombus* spp. United Kingdom and European Union waters 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a	2,950	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). 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.

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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	2,745	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) *Molva molva* United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4	1,269	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). 2. Special condition: of which up to 35% but no more than 75 tonnes may be fished in European Union waters of 3a (LIN/*03A-C). 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.
LIN/6X14. Ling (Western) *Molva molva* 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10; international waters of 12 and 14	2,621	1. Special condition: of which up to 50% 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	5,530	1. Special condition: within the limits of this quota, no more than 318 tonnes may be taken in: - Functional Unit 16 of ICES Subarea 7 (NEP/*07U16).
NEP/2AC4-C Nephrops (North Sea) *Nephrops norvegicus* United Kingdom and European Union waters 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a	19,180	
NOP/2A3A4. Norway Pout (North Sea) *Trisopterus esmarkii* 3a; United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a	100	1. TAC may only be fished from 1 November 2026 to 31 October 2027. 2. Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for Norway pout are permitted under this quota.

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PLE/07A. Plaice (Irish Sea) *Pleuronectes platessa* 7a	314	
PLE/56-14 Plaice (West of Scotland) *Pleuronectes platessa* 6; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14	288	
PLE/7DE. Plaice (English Channel) *Pleuronectes platessa* 7d and 7e	811	1. Special condition: of which up to 215 tonnes may be fished in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 7d (PLE/*7D). 2. Special condition: of which up to 596 tonnes may be fished in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 7e (PLE/*7E).

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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	2,860	1. 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	22	
POL/07. Pollack (7) *Pollachius pollachius* 7	556	1. 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).
POL/56-14 Pollack (West of Scotland) *Pollachius pollachius* 6; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14	30	1. 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	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.
RJU/7DE. Undulate Ray (English Channel) *Raja undulata* 7d and 7e	1,274	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.
RNG/5B67- Roundnose Grenadier (Western) *Coryphaenoides rupestris* 6 and 7; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b	64	1. Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for grenadiers are permitted under this quota. 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).

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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	1. Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for grenadiers are permitted under this quota. 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).
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	3,218	1. Excluding waters within six nautical miles of the United Kingdom baselines at Shetland, Fair Isle and Foula. 2. In European Union waters of sandeel bank 2r, the TAC may only be fished as monitoring TAC with an associated sampling protocol for the fishery. 3. Special condition: within the limits of this quota, no more than the quantities indicated below may be taken in the following sandeels management areas. — SAN/234_1R: 3,054 tonnes — SAN/234_2R: 160 tonnes — SAN/234_3R: 0 tonnes — SAN/234_4: 0 tonnes — SAN/234_5R: 0 tonnes — SAN/234_6: 4 tonnes — SAN/234_7R: 0 tonnes

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SBR/678- Red Seabream (Western) *Pagellus bogaraveo* 6, 7 and 8	11	1. Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for red seabream are permitted under this TAC.
SOL/07A. Sole (Irish Sea) *Solea solea* 7a	96	
SOL/07D. Sole (Eastern Channel) Solea solea 7d	255	
SOL/07E. Sole (Western Channel) *Solea solea* 7e	758	1. Special condition: up to 3% may be fished in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 7h and reported under the following code: (SOL/*07H).

Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (tonnes)	Conditions
SOL/24-C. Sole (North Sea) *Solea solea* United Kingdom and European Union waters 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a	2,117	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) *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	320	

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SOL/7HJK. Sole (7hjk) *Solea solea* 7h, 7j and 7k	28	
SPR/2AC4-C Sprat (North Sea) *Sprattus sprattus* 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) *Sprattus sprattus* 7d and 7e	6,592	1. The TAC may only be fished from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027.

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SRX/07D. Skates and Rays (Eastern Channel) *Rajiformes* 7d	529	1. For this TAC catches of cuckoo ray (Leucoraja naevus) (RJN/07D.), thornback ray (Raja clavata) (RJC/07D.), blonde ray (Raja brachyura) (RJH/07D.), spotted ray (Raja montagui) (RJM/07D.) and small-eyed ray (Raja microocellata) (RJE/07D.) shall be reported separately. 2. This TAC shall not apply to undulate ray (*Raja undulata*). Catches of this species shall be counted against the quantities provided for in that separate TAC (RJU/7DE). 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 (*Leucoraja naevus*) (RJN/*67AKD), thornback ray (*Raja clavata*) (RJC/*67AKD), blonde ray (*Raja brachyura*) (RJH/*67AKD) and spotted ray (*Raja montagui*) (RJM/*67AKD) shall be reported separately. This special condition shall not apply to small-eyed ray (*Raja microocellata*) or to undulate ray (*Raja undulata*). 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 (*Raja brachyura*) in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4 (RJH/*04-C.), cuckoo ray (*Leucoraja naevus*) (RJN/*2AC4C), thornback ray (*Raja clavata*) (RJC/*2AC4C) and spotted ray (*Raja montagui*) (RJM/*2AC4C) shall be reported separately. This special condition shall not apply to small-eyed ray (*Raja microocellata*). 5. Of which up to 3 tonnes of small-eyed ray (*Raja microocellata*) may be fished in United Kingdom and European waters of 7d.

Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (tonnes)	Conditions
SRX/2AC4-C Skates and Rays (North Sea) *Rajiformes* United Kingdom and European Union waters 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a	2,727	1. For this TAC catches of blonde ray (*Raja brachyura*) in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4 (RJH/04-C.), cuckoo ray (*Leucoraja naevus*) (RJN/2AC4-C), thornback ray (*Raja clavata*) (RJC/2AC4-C) and spotted ray (*Raja montagui*) (RJM/2AC4-C) shall be reported separately. 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. 3. This TAC shall not apply to blonde ray (*Raja brachyura*) in United Kingdom waters of 2a and small-eyed ray (*Raja microocellata*) in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 2a and 4. 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 (*Raja brachyura*) (RJH/*07D2.), cuckoo ray (*Leucoraja naevus*) (RJN/*07D2.), thornback ray (*Raja clavata*) (RJC/*07D2.) and spotted ray (*Raja montagui*) (RJM/*07D2.) shall be reported separately. This special condition shall not apply to small-eyed ray (*Raja microocellata*) and undulate ray (*Raja undulata*). 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.

SRX/67AKXD Skates and Rays (Western) *Rajiformes* United Kingdom and European Union waters of 6a, 6b, 7a-c and 7e-k	2,890	1. For this TAC catches of cuckoo ray (*Leucoraja naevus*) (RJN/67AKXD), thornback ray (*Raja clavata*) (RJC/67AKXD), blonde ray (*Raja brachyura*) (RJH/67AKXD), spotted ray (*Raja montagui*) (RJM/67AKXD), sandy ray (*Leucoraja circularis*) (RJI/67AKXD) and shagreen ray (*Leucoraja fullonica*) (RJF/67AKXD) shall be reported separately. 2. This TAC shall not apply to small-eyed ray (*Raja microocellata*), 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 waters of 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. 3. This TAC shall not apply to undulate ray (*Raja undulate*). Catches of this species in 7e shall be counted against the quantities provided for in that separate TAC (RJU/7DE). 4. 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 (*Leucoraja naevus*) (RJN/*07D.), thornback ray (*Raja clavata*) (RJC/*07D.), blonde ray (*Raja brachyura*) (RJH/*07D.), spotted ray (*Raja montagui*) (RJM/*07D.), shall be reported separately. This special condition shall not apply to small-eyed ray (*Raja microocellata*) and undulate ray (*Raja undulata*). 5. Of which up to 42 tonnes of shagreen ray (*Raja fullonica*) may be fished in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 6a, 6b, 7a-c and 7e-k. 6. Special condition: of which up to 5% of shagreen ray (*Raja fullonica*) may be fished in waters of 7d (RJF/*07D.), without prejudice to the relevant prohibitions in UK law for the areas specified therein. Catches of shagreen ray (*Raja fullonica*) shall be reported separately (RJF/*07D.). 7. Of which up to 8 tonnes of sandy ray (*Raja circularis*) may be fished in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 6a, 6b, 7a-c and 7e-k. 8. Special condition: of which up to 5% of sandy ray (*Raja circularis*) may be fished in waters of 7d (RJI/*07D.) without prejudice to the relevant prohibitions in UK law

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		for the areas specified therein. Catches of sandy ray (*Raja circularis*) shall be reported separately (RJI/*07D.). 9. Of which up to 5 tonnes of small-eyed ray (RJE/07E) (*Raja microocellata*) may be fished in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 7e.
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	1,048	1. Special condition: of which up to 654 tonnes of turbot may be fished in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4 and United Kingdom waters of 2a (TUR/*2AC4-C). 2. Special condition: of which up to 394 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). 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.
USK/04-C. Tusk (North Sea) *Brosme brosme* United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4	63	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). 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.

Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (tonnes)	Conditions
USK/567EI. Tusk (Western) *Brosme brosme* 6 and 7; United Kingdom and international waters of 5	1,367	1. Special condition: of which up to 10% may be fished in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4 (USK/*04-C.).
WHG/07A. Whiting (Irish Sea) *Merlangius merlangus* 7a	394	1. 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	3,535	

Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (tonnes)	Conditions
WHG/7X7A-C Whiting (Celtic Sea) *Merlangius merlangus* 7b, 7c, 7d, 7e, 7f, 7g, 7h, 7j and 7k	4,685	1. Special condition: of which up to 260 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). 2. Special condition: of which up to 4,425 tonnes may be fished in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 7d (WHG/*7D).

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	5,282	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). 2. Special condition: of which no more than 250 tonnes may be fished in 4b and 4c (COD/*4BC). 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.

Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (tonnes)	Conditions
HAD/2AC4. Haddock (North Sea) *Melanogrammus aeglefinus* 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a	59,824	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). 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.
HER/2A47DX Herring (North Sea by-catch) *Clupea harengus* 4 and 7d; United Kingdom waters of 2a	101	1. As per the revised management regime set out in Agreed Record of Fisheries Consultations between the United Kingdom, the European Union and Norway for 2026, signed on 5 December 2025, this quota may be reallocated to other herring TACs, namely HER/4AB. and HER/4CXB7D.
HER/4AB. Herring (North Sea) *Clupea harengus* United Kingdom, European Union and Norwegian waters of 4 north of 53° 30' N	59,660	1. Catches of herring taken in fisheries using nets with mesh sizes equal to or larger than 32 mm.

Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (tonnes)	Conditions
HER/4CXB7D Herring (Southern North Sea and 7d) *Clupea harengus* 4c, 7d excluding Blackwater	4,199	1. Exclusively for catches of herring taken in fisheries using nets with mesh sizes equal to or larger than 32 mm. 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. 3. Special condition: up to 50% of this quota may be taken in 4b (HER/*04B.).
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	38,277	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) *Pollachius virens* 3a and 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a	6,746	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.

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	105,454	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) *Scomber scombrus* 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).

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	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).
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	67,162	

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	850	1. By-catches of miscellaneous species in the fishery targeting cod are limited to 200 tonnes. The by-catch quantities are in addition to the United Kingdom quota for cod.

Annex V: NAFO Convention Area stocks

Code; Species and common name; Areas	United Kingdom quota (tonnes)	Conditions
COD/N3M. Cod (NAFO 3M) *Gadus morhua* NAFO 3M	1,432	1. No directed fishery between 00:01 UTC 1 January 2026 and 24:00 UTC 31 March 2026.
COD/3L Cod (NAFO 2J3KL) *Gadus morhua* NAFO 2J, 3K, 3L	63	1. May only be fished in international waters of 3L. 2. May only be fished from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027.

Annex VI: 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	553	1. Directed fishing under this quota for permitted authorised vessels only. 2. Special condition: within the limits of this quota, no more than 560 tonnes may be taken by directed fisheries in European Union waters of Atlantic Ocean, north of 5° N (ALB/*AN05N_EU).
BFT/AE45WM Bluefin Tuna (North East Atlantic) *Thunnus thynnus* Atlantic Ocean, east of 45° W, and Mediterranean	231	1. 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	1. Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries are permitted under this quota.
SWO/AN05N Swordfish (North Atlantic) *Xiphias gladius* Atlantic Ocean, north of 5° N	1	1. Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries are permitted under this quota.

Annex VII: 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	168	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) *Clupea harengus* 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: — the Mull of Kintyre (55° 17.9' N, 05° 47.8' W); — a point at position 55° 04' N, 05° 23' W, and; — Corsewall Point (55° 00.5' N, 05° 09.4' W).

Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (tonnes)	Conditions
HER/4C_BW Herring (Blackwater) *Clupea harengus* Blackwater	2	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 2026 to 31 January 2027, or until the TAC is caught.
HER/1/2- Herring (ASH) *Clupea harengus* United Kingdom Faroese, Norwegian and international waters of 1 and 2	10,427	1. When reporting catches to the Fisheries Administrations, the quantities fished in the following area shall also be reported: NEAFC Regulatory Area. 2. Special condition: up to 20,000 tonnes of this quota may be taken in Norwegian waters North of 62°N.
LIN/05EI. Ling (5) *Molva molva* United Kingdom and international waters of 5	1	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	6	
NEP/5BC6. Nephrops (West of Scotland) *Nephrops norvegicus* 6; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b	15,981	
SBR/10- Red Seabream (Azores) *Pagellus bogaraveo* European Union and international waters of 10	3	

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	1. Catches of cuckoo ray (*Leucoraja naevus*) (RJN/89-C.), blonde ray (*Raja brachyura*) (RJH/89-C.) and thornback ray (*Raja clavata*) (RJC/89-C.) shall be reported separately. 2. Shall not apply to undulate ray (*Raja undulata*). Undulate ray (*Raja undulata*) 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.
USK/1214EI Tusk (1,2,14) *Brosme brosme* United Kingdom and international waters of 1, 2 and 14	5	1. Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for tusk are permitted under this TAC.

Annex VIII: 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

Annex IX: 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	850	1. Excluding the Faroe Bank area that was previously closed to UK vessels before 2023 2. Of which no more than 255 tonnes may consist of cod, and as bycatch only. No directed fisheries for cod are permitted under this quota.

Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (tonnes)	Conditions
POK/05B-F. Saithe (Faroes) *Pollachius virens* Faroese waters of 5b	600	
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	1. Special condition: of which no more than 80 tonnes of blue ling may be fished in Faroese waters of 5b (BLI/*05B-F.) 2. Special condition: of which no more than 80 tonnes of ling may be fished in Faroese waters of 5b (LIN/*05b-F.) and as by-catch only. No directed fisheries for ling are permitted under this quota.
FLX/05B-F. Flatfish (Faroes) Faroese waters of 5b	40	
OTH/05B-F. Other species (Faroes) Faroese waters of 5b	425	

Annex X: Special cases

Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (tonnes)	Conditions
COD/1/2B Cod (Svalbard) *Gadus morhua* 1 and 2b	2,556	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.