

Fisheries Management 2024

North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission Regulatory Areas & Fishery Management Regions

Baseline mesh sizes in North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC) Regulatory Area

Codend mesh size	Conditions
At least 100 mm	None
At least 35 mm	Directed fishing for blue whiting
At least 16 mm	Directed fishing for mackerel (MCRS ≥ 30 cm), capelin and argentine

Static gear mesh size

Conditions	Mesh Size
At least 220 mm	None

Regulation (EU) 2019/1241 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

6-12 Mile Zone Fishing Rights

Fishing Effort

Area	Zone	Vessel Length	Demersal	Scallops	Crab
5, 6	A	≥ 15m	2,324,932	5,766	485,000
7	B	≥ 15m	7,904,120	525,012	40,960
BSA	J	≥ 10m	7,154,490	109,395	63,198

Regulation (EU) 2019/204 of the European Parliament and of the Council discontinues the fishing effort regime in the long-term plan for cod stocks in the Irish Sea.

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Nephrops Functional Units

Legend

- IRISH SEA OOD BOX
- CELTIC SEA CONSERVATION AREA
- HAKE BOX
- VULNERABLE MARINE ECOSYSTEM AREAS
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Mackerel Restrictions

Marking and identification of passive gear and beam trawls in all EU waters

Additional marking and identification of passive gear outside 12 nm

Construction of marker buoys

Technical Measures in the Celtic Sea

Demersal Technical Conservation Measures

Area	Gear	Codend mesh size	Selective gear	Catches comprising	Max. % of cod, haddock & saithe	Max. % of hake (ICES 5.6 & 7b-c)
5, 6 & 7a	Trawl, seines or driftnets	≥ 120 mm	-	-	-	-
7b-7k (note 1)	Trawl, seines or driftnets	≥ 120 mm	-	-	-	-
7b-7k (note 1)	Beam trawl	≥ 80 mm	120 mm SMP	Hake, mackerel & monk	20	20
7a, 7b, 7c-7j (note 2)	Beam trawl	≥ 80 mm	80 mm SMP	Sole & non-quota species	20	20
7b, 7c-7k (note 1)	Bottom trawl	≥ 80 mm	110 mm codend	-	20	20
7b, 7c-7k (note 1)	Bottom trawl	≥ 80 mm	120 mm SMP	Whiting, mackerel & NGS	20	20
5, 6 & 7 (note 1)	All gears	≥ 50 mm	-	Squid	20	20

Minimum Conservation Reference Sizes (MCRS)

Species	Code	MCRS (cm)	Fresh (GUT)	Frozen	Headed & Gutted	Fillets
Albacore	ALB	-	1.11	1.23	-	-
Sole	SOL	24	1.00	1.04	-	-
Blue Whiting	BWL	70	1.17	1.17	1.40	-
Blue Whiting	WHL	-	1.15	1.15	-	-
Brill	BRL	-	1.09	-	-	-
Crowned Halibut	CHL	-	1.08	1.08	1.39	-
Redfish	RED	-	1.19	1.19	1.88	-
Hake	HKE	27	1.11	1.34	1.40	-
Herring	HER	20	1.12	1.19	-	-
Horse Mackerel	HAK	15	1.08	1.08	-	-
Lemon Sole	LEM	-	1.05	1.05	-	-
Mackerel	MAC	20	1.09	1.11	-	-
Pollock	POL	30	1.17	1.17	-	-
Turbot	TUR	-	1.09	1.09	-	-
USK	USK	-	1.14	-	-	-
Whiting	WHG	27	1.18	1.18	-	-
Greater Forckard	GFB	-	1.11	1.12	1.40	-
Black Scabbard	BSF	-	1.24	1.48	1.40	-
Megrim	LEZ	20	1.06	1.06	-	-
Plaice	PLA	27	1.07	1.07	1.39	2.40
Saithe	POK	35	1.19	1.19	1.44	2.70
Cod	COO	35	1.17	1.17	1.70	2.60
Haddock	HAD	30	1.17	1.17	1.46	2.60
Ling	LIN	63	1.14	1.14	1.32	2.64
Skates	SRX	-	1.13	1.13	Wings 2.09	-

Irish Quotas 2024

Species	Area	2024	2025	2026
Cod	ICEL	10,000	10,000	10,000
	IRL	10,000	10,000	10,000
	UK	10,000	10,000	10,000
Haddock	ICEL	10,000	10,000	10,000
	IRL	10,000	10,000	10,000
	UK	10,000	10,000	10,000

Exemptions to the landing obligation in 2024

Species	Exemption	Area	Gear	Maximum de minimis exemption (% of total annual catch)
Albacore tuna	De minimis	7a-7e	Midwater pair trawls	5
Whiting	De minimis	7a-7e	Midwater pair trawls and seines ≥ 80 mm	5
Beam trawl	De minimis	7a-7e	Pelagic trawls and beam trawls 80-119 mm	5
Sole	De minimis	7a, 7b, 7c, 7d, 7e, 7f, 7g, 7h, 7i, 7j, 7k	Trammel nets and gill nets	3
Saithe	De minimis	7a, 7b, 7c, 7d, 7e, 7f, 7g, 7h, 7i, 7j, 7k	Beam trawls 80-119 mm with Farnish Panel	3
Haddock	De minimis	7b, 7c, 7d, 7e, 7f, 7g, 7h, 7i, 7j, 7k	Beam trawls with tip up rope or berthing release panel	5
Haddock	De minimis	7b, 7c, 7d, 7e, 7f, 7g, 7h, 7i, 7j, 7k	Bottom trawls and seines ≥ 100 mm with catches comprising ≥ 30% Nephrops	5
Haddock	De minimis	7b, 7c, 7d, 7e, 7f, 7g, 7h, 7i, 7j, 7k	Bottom trawls > 200 mm	5

Baseline mesh sizes for static nets and driftnets in NW Waters (ICES 5b (EU), 6 & 7)

Directed Fishery	Mesh size	Area	Condition
Hake	≥ 120 mm	Whole area	None
All	≥ 120 mm	Whole area	None
Morshank	≥ 250 mm	Whole area	None
Hake or whiting	≥ 110 mm	Whole area	None
Flatfish, whiting or dab	≥ 100 mm	Whole area (not incl. 7d)	≥ 20 % cod, haddock & saithe
Flatfish, whiting or dab	≥ 80 mm	7d	≥ 20 % cod, haddock & saithe
Small pelagic species	≥ 90 mm	Whole area	total deployed length of driftnets no more than 2.5 km

Restrictions on the use of static nets at depth between 200 and 600 m in ICES divisions 5b, 6a, 6b, 7b, 7c, 7d, 7e, 7f, 7g, 7h, 7i, 7j, 7k

Directed Fishery	Mesh size	Gear type	Depth range	Max. deployed length per vessel	Maximum Soot Time
Hake	≥ 120 mm	Bottom set gillnet	200-600 m	25 km	≥ 100 metres deep
Monkfish	≥ 120 mm	Entangling net	200-600 m	100 km	≥ 15 metres deep

Technical Measures in the Celtic Sea

Demersal Technical Conservation Measures

Pelagic Technical Conservation Measures

Nephrops Technical Conservation Measures

Guidance on the construction of codends

Notes to Demersal Technical Conservation Measures

Notes to Pelagic Technical Conservation Measures

Notes to Nephrops Technical Conservation Measures