

1. Details of current and historical United Kingdom fishing vessel licences are published by the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) on-line at – <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/uk-vessel-lists>.

These publications include information on all Northern Ireland licenced vessels.

2. The information provided by the MMO on current and historical United Kingdom fishing vessel licences is extracted from the United Kingdom “Sea Fisheries Management” Licensing System.

Each UK administration is responsible for maintaining data in relation to fishing vessel licences associated with its administration. Within DAERA the Licensing Section of “Sea Fisheries Systems, Data and Reporting Team”, maintain data in relation to fishing vessel licences.

Records related to licences issued under UK's restrictive Fishing Vessels licensing scheme for DAERA vessels and licence variations for the management of uptake of UK share of Total Allowable Catch (TAC's) are permanently retained. This also includes historic vessel licences and licence variations.

Information on current and historic DAERA licences is held in the following formats –

- Electronically on the United Kingdom “Sea Fisheries Management” (SFM) Licensing System, hosted by Centre for Environment Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (CEFAS). Held on permanent retention.
- Paper records in relation to licences including entitlement transfers, are held on permanent retention at HQ.
- Electronic copies of documents pertaining to licensing retained electronically in the DAERA “Content Manager” (CM) repository. The official repository for all NICS electronic records is RecordsNI.
- Current DAERA licence variations for all licence categories are published on-line at –

<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/vessel-licence-variations>

Records on the administration of total allowable catch (TAC or quota) and effort management are saved electronically in CM for each respective calendar year.

Enforcement records are securely stored both electronically on CM with physical copies retained in secure cabinets, both locations have restricted access and only accessible to relevant staff.

3. The current DAERA “Retention and Disposal Schedule” at 3.18 records that fishing vessel licences and associated variations should remain on permanent retention. Published on DAERA website:

[DAERA's Retention and Disposal Schedule | Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs](#)

4. No further sources of retention for documents relating to DAERA Fishing Vessel Licensing