**WITHIN THIS LICENCE ANY REFERENCE TO AN EU REGULATION IS A REFERENCE TO THAT REGULATION AS IT FORMS PART OF UNITED KINGDOM DOMESTIC LAW BY VIRTUE OF SECTION 3 OF THE EUROPEAN UNION (WITHDRAWAL) ACT 2018 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SCHEDULE 8 (1) OF THAT ACT**

**AUTHORITY**

1. Subject to the limitations set out below, and to any prohibition on fishing imposed by order under Section 5 of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967 (as amended) or by the European Commission under the provisions of Article 21 of Council Regulation (EEC) 2847/93 (as amended), this licence hereby authorises the above-named vessel to dredge for molluscan shellfish and their spat in ICES Sub Areas IV, VI and VII[1].

Notes

2. Excluding those waters lying within 12 miles of the baseline from which the breadth of the territorial sea adjacent to the Isle of Man and Channel Islands respectively is measured, but not extending beyond a line every point of which is equidistant from the nearest points of such baselines adjacent to the United Kingdom and France respectively.

**LIMITATIONS TO AUTHORITY**

3. This licence is valid from 00:01 hours on 1 April 2013 or the date of issue thereof whichever is the later until until further notice from DAERA (Northern Ireland) subject to any revocation, suspension or variation.

4.1. This licence may be revoked, suspended or varied at any time, by a notice communicated in accordance with The Sea Fishing (Licences & Notices) Regulations 2014.

4.2. In accordance with The Sea Fishing (Licences and Notices) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014, notices of variation will be published on the DAERA website at:

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

4.3. The licence shall also cease to have effect if by virtue of an Order of the Court the licensee has been disqualified from holding a licence in respect of the vessel.

**5. This licence is invalid if any of the details at Sections 1 to 5 on pages 1 and 2 of the licence change.**

**SPECIES FOR WHICH YOU MAY NOT FISH:**

6.1. Subject to the following provisions of this Schedule, this licence does not authorise the above-named vessel to fish for, or retain on board, sea fish of the descriptions set out in column 1 below in the sea areas listed in column 2 below opposite those descriptions. Any sea fish so caught must be returned to the sea immediately.

| DESCRIPTION OF SEA FISH | AREAS OF SEA |
|---|---|
| Oysters, mussels | Scottish inshore waters[1] |

[1] "Scottish inshore waters" means the sea adjacent to the coast of Scotland and to the landward of a limit of 6 nautical miles from the baseline from which the territorial sea is measured, up to the mean high water mark of ordinary spring tides.

6.2. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 2, and in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No. 1954/2003, this licence does not authorise fishing by a vessel 15 metres or over in overall length in any fishery in any area of Western Waters for which the UK has no effort allocation or for which the effort allocation has been exhausted. The fisheries and areas for which the UK has and does not have effort allocations or for which the effort allocation has been exhausted are set out in the following table:

| Western Waters area[i] | Fisheries for which effort allocations have been set | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Demersal species excluding deep-sea species | Scallops[ii] | Edible and spider crabs |
| ICES Area Vb , VI | YES | YES | YES |
| ICES Area VII (excluding VIId) | YES | YES | YES |
| VIId | YES | YES | YES |
| ICES Area VIII | YES | NO | NO |
| Biologically Sensitive Area[3] | YES | NO | YES |

[1] This licence shall only authorise fishing subject to the effort allocations in this table insofar as those fishing areas defined as Western Waters fall within British Fishery Limits.
[2] Meaning king scallop *(Pecten maximus)* and queen scallop (*Aequipecten opercularis)*
[3] Biologically Sensitive Area, defined as the area enclosed by the coast of Ireland, to the south of 53°30′N and to the west of 07° 00′ W and straight lines sequentially joining the following geographical coordinates:

- a point on the coast of Ireland at latitude 53°30′N
- 53°30′N, 12°00′W
- 53°00′N, 12°00′W
- 51°00′N, 11°00′W
- 49°30′N, 11°00′W

6.2.1. In addition to the general constraints on effort set out in paragraph 6.1 above, vessels of 15 metres or over in overall length fishing for scallops {including both king scallops (*Pecten maximus*) and queen scallops (*Aequipecten opercularis*)} in ICES Area VII, are not authorised to be present in that Area in excess of the specified number of days during the specified period below:

| Period | Number of days |
|---|---|
| 0001hrs 1st October 2026 – 2359hrs 31st December 2026 | 80 |

"A day" shall be any calendar day (midnight to midnight UTC) or part thereof during which the vessel is present in ICES Area VII and absent from port. The specified number of days above is subject to any Scallop Effort Days Notice of Variation (as described in paragraph 6.2.2 below) issued to the individual licence holder in respect of the above named vessel.

Vessels that have exceeded their allocations for preceding periods will receive separate notification of any reductions that apply to their allocation of days for this period.

6.2.2. A 'Scallop Effort Days Notice of Variation' is a notice which may be issued by DAERA (Northern Ireland) to the individual licence holder of a vessel when that vessel exceeds the specified number of days in a specified period which may from time to time be set out in paragraph 6.2.1 above. The effect of a Scallop Effort Days Notice of Variation is to deduct from a particular period (as specified in the notice) a number of days equal to the number of days exceeded in the previous relevant period. The issuing of a Scallop Effort Days Notice of Variation may be in addition to or instead of any other appropriate enforcement action taken by DAERA.

6.3.1. In addition to the general constraints on effort set out in paragraph 6.1 above, vessels of 15 metres or over in overall length fishing for Edible Crab (*Cancer pagurus*) and Spider Crabs (*Maja squinado*) in ICES Area VII, are not authorised to be present in that Area in excess of the specified number of days during the specified period below:

| Period | Number of days |
|---|---|
| 0001hrs 1st January 2026 – 2359hrs 31st December 2026 | 180 |

"A day" shall be any calendar day (midnight to midnight UTC) or part thereof during which the vessel is present in ICES sea area VII and absent from port. The specified number of days above is subject to any Crab Effort Days Notice of Variation (as described in paragraph 6.3.2 below) issued to the individual licence holder in respect of the above named vessel.

**Vessels that have exceeded their allocations for preceding periods will receive separate notification of any reductions that apply to their allocation of days for this period.**

6.3.2. A 'Crab Effort Days Notice of Variation' is a notice which may be issued by DAERA (Northern Ireland) to the individual licence holder of a vessel when that vessel exceeds the specified number of days in a specified period which may from time to time be set out in paragraph 6.3.1 above. The effect of a Crab Effort Days Notice of Variation is to deduct from a particular period (as specified in the notice) a number of days equal to the number of days exceeded in the previous relevant period. The issuing of a Crab Effort Days Notice of Variation may be in addition to or instead of any other appropriate enforcement action taken by DAERA.

6.4. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 6.1, this licence does not authorise fishing for herring within the following sea areas:

(a) in ICES Division VIIa, by any vessel whose overall length exceeds 24.4 metres, except those with a historic track record of fishing in that area for herring, or those in membership of a producer organisation managing a sectoral allocation for North Irish Sea herring.

(b) in ICES Divisions VIIe and f, by any vessel of 22 metres and over registered length.

6.5. This licence does not authorise fishing for queen scallops (aequipecten opercularis) in ICES sub areas 6a and 7a between 00:01 hours on 1st April 2026 and 23:59 hours on 30th June 2026.

6.6.1. Vessels over 10 metres in overall length; Fishing for king scallops using dredges in UK waters of ICES division 7d is prohibited from 00:01 hours on 01 July to 23:59 hours on 30 September.

6.6.2. Vessels over 12 metres in overall length; Fishing for king scallops using dredges in UK waters of ICES division 7e is prohibited from 00:01 hours on 01 July to 23:59 on 30 September.

6.6.3. The vessel may not be present in the areas referred to in condition 6.6.1 and 6.6.2 whilst carrying dredges on board other than when transiting at a speed of greater than six knots (except in the case of force majeure or adverse conditions) in accordance with condition 6.1 or when in port. Dredges must be lashed and stowed in accordance with Article 47 of Council Regulation (EC) 1224/2009.

7. Unless expressly permitted at section 3, this licence does not authorise the above named vessel to fish by the beam trawl method in ICES Division IIa (EC Zone), IIIa, IIIb (EC Zone), IIIc (EC Zone), IIId (EC Zone), or Sub Area IV, or to fish by the beam trawl method for anglerfish in ICES Sub Area VII, sole in ICES Division VIIa, sole or plaice in ICES Divisions VIId-g or saithe in Sub Areas VII, VIII, IX, X or CECAF 34.1.1. For the purposes of this paragraph, "beam trawl" means, in relation to fishing for whitefish, a net which is kept open by a beam or frame and which is dragged along the sea bed.

8. Unless expressly permitted at section 3, this licence does not authorise the above named vessel to fish for scallops of the species *Pecten maximus* (King Scallops) by means of mechanical dredging gear towed by the vessel.

9.1. Unless expressly permitted at section 3, this licence does not authorise the above named vessel to fish for shellfish. However vessels not so authorised may retain on board and land:

(a) up to 5 lobsters or crawfish per day, caught with pots or nets; and

(b) up to 25 crabs per day, caught with pots or nets; or

(c) any shellfish, excluding green crabs, taken as a permitted bycatch when fishing for other species using towed gear, up to a maximum limit of 10% by weight of the total catch.

9.2. For the purposes of this paragraph 'shellfish' means lobsters (*Homarus gammarus*), crawfish (*Palinurus* spp.), edible crabs (*Cancer pagurus*), velvet crabs (*Liocarcinus puber)*, spider crabs (*Maia squinado*) and green crabs (*Carcinus maenas*), and 'crabs' means the four species of crabs so specified.

9.3. It is prohibited to target herring in Sea Area 4 and 7d with nets with a mesh size of less than 32mm.

**FARNE DEEPS FISHING RESTRICTIONS**

10.1. Subject to the exemptions below, vessels deploying demersal trawls and seines (with the exception of beam trawls) are prohibited from fishing in the Farne Deeps.

10.2. The prohibition in condition 10.1 shall not apply to vessels with an engine power of 350 kw or less deploying a single-rig demersal trawl or seine within 12 nautical miles of the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured and:
a. of which the mesh size of the cod-end and any extension piece is 90 mm or greater and is constructed wholly or in part of a single twine having a thickness of 5mm or less and of which the foot rope (as would be viewed from above whilst the gear is deployed) is comprised of a single curved line only, or
b. of which the mesh size of the cod-end and any extension piece is 100mm or greater and is constructed wholly or in part of a multiple twine of which no twine is of a thickness greater than 5 mm and of which the foot rope (as would be viewed from above whilst the gear is deployed) is comprised of a single curved line only and which is deployed only between 00:00hrs on 15th May and 23:59 hrs on 15th September, or
c. of which the mesh size of the cod-end and any extension piece is 120 mm or greater and is constructed wholly or in part of a multiple twine of which no twine is of a thickness greater than 5 mm and of which the foot rope (as would be viewed from above whilst the gear is deployed) is comprised of a single curved line only.

10.3. The prohibition in condition 10.1 shall not apply to vessels deploying single-rig or twin-rig demersal trawls or seines outside 12 nautical miles of the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured and:

a. of which the mesh size of the cod-end and any extension piece is 90 mm or greater in respect of single rigged vessels and is constructed wholly or in part of a single twine of 5 mm or less, or
b. of which the mesh size of the cod-end and any extension piece is 100mm or greater and is constructed wholly or in part of a multiple twine of which no twine is of a thickness greater than 5 mm and which is deployed only between 00:00hrs on 15th May and 23:59 hrs on 15th September, or
c. of which the mesh size of the cod-end and any extension piece is 95 mm or greater in respect of twin rigged vessels, and is constructed wholly or in part of a single twine of 5 mm or less, or
d. of which the mesh size of the cod-end and any extension piece is 120 mm or greater and is constructed wholly or in part of a multiple twine of which no twine is of a thickness greater than 5 mm.

10.4. Vessels fishing in accordance with the prohibitions in 10.2 and 10.3 above are not permitted to deploy demersal trawls or seines with more than one codend per rig.

10.5. For the purposes of the prohibitions above "Farne Deeps" shall consist of all waters within the following ICES statistical rectangles:

- 38E8,
- 38E9,
- 39E8,
- 39E9,
- 40E8,
- 40E9.

**SOUTH DEVON INSHORE FISHING GROUNDS**

11.1. Subject to the exceptions set out in sub-paragraph 11.3 below, no trawling or dredging shall take place in the areas and zones covered by the crabbing chart titled "South Devon Trawling and Crabbing Chart" operational from 1st January each year.

11.2. No fishing boat shall carry a scallop dredge or beam trawl in any part of the specified areas or zones unless every part of any dredge or beam trawl is totally inboard the boat.

11.3. Trawling or dredging may take place as follows:

a) anywhere by vessels fishing with pelagic trawls;

b) in those areas and zones on the chart in which trawling is permitted and during those periods specified in the schedule accompanying the chart;

c) in the area between Berry Head and Mewstone, east of the River Dart, enclosed by straight lines sequentially joining the following geographical co-ordinates:

50°20.30'N, 003°32.10'W
50°19.50'N, 003°30.20'W
50°20.40'N, 003°27.85'W
50°24.00'N, 003°28.95'W

by vessels using trawl nets, provided such vessels have an engine power of no more than 100kW, or by vessels using scallop dredges, provided such vessels have an engine power of no more than 100kW and use no more than two tow bars, and that any tow bar used does not exceed 2.6m in total length, and that there are no more than three dredges attached to each tow bar; and

d) in the area seaward of a line drawn from Splat Point to Limebury Point to the southern limit of a line drawn from Bolt Head to Garra Sands, and in the area landward of a line drawn from Greystone Ledge to Gregory Rocks, by vessels fishing for sandeels, with trawl or seine nets of a mesh size less than 16mm provided such vessels have an engine power of no more than 100kW.

11.4. Copies of the crabbing chart and the full list of co-ordinates and seasonal restrictions are available from any Marine Management Organisation office and on the MMO website. This information is also held at the offices of the Devon and Severn Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (IFCA), the South Western Fish Producer Organisation Limited and the South Devon and Channel Shell Fishermen's Association.

**FISHING RESTRICTIONS FOR BASS**

12.1. This licence does not authorise fishing for, retaining on board, relocating, transhipping or landing European sea bass (*Dicentrarchus labrax*) in ICES divisions 4b and 4c, and in ICES sub area 7.

12.2. Condition 15.1 above does not apply in ICES divisions 4b, 4c, 7d, 7e, 7f and 7h and in waters within 12 nautical miles from baselines under the sovereignty of the United Kingdom in ICES divisions 7a and 7g between 00:00 on 1st January and 23:59 on 31st January and between 00:00 on 1st April and 23:59 on 31st December to a vessel which has a record of catches of sea bass between 1st July 2015 and 30th September 2016 and has been authorised to fish with a permitted gear, by DAERA.

12.3. For the purposes of conditions 12.1 and 12.2, a permitted gear means one of the following gear types:

(a) Demersal trawls[1]

(b) seines,[1]

(c) hooks and lines[2],

(d) fixed gillnets[3].

12.4. For vessels which have been authorised to fish with demersal trawls the vessel may only retain on board:

a) unavoidable by-catches of sea bass that do not exceed 1 % of the weight of the total catches of marine organisms on board in any single day, and

b) no more than 100 kilogrammes of sea bass per calendar month.

12.5. For vessels which have been authorised to fish with seines the vessel may only retain on board:

a) unavoidable by-catches of sea bass that do not exceed 1% of the weight of the total catches of marine organisms on board in any single day, and

b) no more than 180 kilogrammes of sea bass per calendar month.

12.6. For vessels which have been authorised to fish using hooks and lines, the vessel may only retain on board or land sea bass which does not exceed in total 5 tonnes per calendar year.

12.7. For vessels which have been authorised to fish using fixed gillnets, the vessel may only retain on board unavoidable bycatches of sea bass not exceeding 1.2 tonnes per calendar year.

12.8. A vessel authorised to fish for sea bass may not retain on board sea bass if more than one of the gear types as set out in condition 15.3 is present on board the vessel.

[1] All types of demersal trawls including Danish/Scottish seines, including OTB, OTT, PTB, TBB, SSC, SDN, SPR, SV, SB, SX, TBN, TBS, TB.

[2] All long lines or pole and line or rod and line fisheries, including LHP, LHM, LLD, LL, LTL, LX and LLS.

[3] All fixed gillnets and traps, including GTR, GNS, FYK, FPN and FIX.

**CATCH RESTRICTIONS AND QUOTA LIMITATIONS**

13. The Authority of this licence is subject to the quota limitations as set out in Part II of the licence-type specific Annexe to this Schedule. All quantitative limitations are in live weight and relate to the maximum amount that may be caught and retained on board, landed or trans-shipped per calendar month unless otherwise stated. Where weekly catch limits are set a "week" means 00:01 hours on any Sunday until 23:59 hours on the following Saturday. The quota limitations in this licence shall apply concurrently with, and not in addition to, any other quota limitations for the time being in force which have been imposed by any other licence issued by any other authority, wherever established.

The combined total landings of all pelagic species **(other than pilchard (*Sardinia pilchardus)*)**, as defined in the Conditions to this licence, may not exceed **500 tonnes** live weight in each of the periods

1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026 and
1st April 2026 to 31st March 2027.

**PAIR TRAWLING**

14. When the vessel pair fishes with another vessel, the quantities of sea fish attributable to each vessel will be the quantities on board and landed by that vessel.

**PROBIHITION ON THE DEPLOYMENT OF A TRAWL OR DREDGE - INNER HEBRIDES**

15. The vessel to which this licence relates is prohibited, at all times, from fishing with a trawl or dredge (including a suction dredge) in that area of the Inner Hebrides, being the area of waters bounded sequentially by:

56° 37.460'N 006° 19.830'W
56° 35.620'N 006° 24.500'W
56° 28.850'N 006° 34.330'W
56° 28.680'N 006° 28.170'W

* All co-ordinates in this condition are on WGS84 datum and are accurate at a scale of 1:10,000.

**NORTH SEA COD AVOIDANCE PLAN**

16. The vessel to which this licence relates whilst using mobile gear must use a minimum mesh size of 120mm in Scottish waters of ICES sea area IV, bar activity in mud areas/nephrops areas. There are eight defined mud/nephrops areas within ICES sea area IV which are exempt on the basis that mud areas are primarily nephrops grounds. In these areas it is permitted to use gear less than 120mm. Vessels using gear that is not designed to come into contact with the bottom, and are fishing for herring, mackerel, horse mackerel, sprats or blue whiting, or targeting sandeel, Norway pout or Northern prawn are derogated from the above compulsory measures. These areas are detailed in the attached webpage: UK National North Sea Cod Avoidance Plan - gov.scot (www.gov.scot).

**ROCKALL (AREA VIB) – ALL CLOSED OR RESTRICTED AREAS**

17. All vessels transiting such areas must maintain a transit speed of six knots or more (except in the case of force majeure or adverse conditions). Any vessel falling below six knots in a restricted area must make contact with the UKFMC immediately, detailing i) why they are in a restricted area below six knots ii) how long they intend to be there and estimated time of departure.

**FISHING RESTRICTIONS FOR SPURDOG**

18. Each calendar year a fishing vessel may retain on board and land spurdog (also known as Picked dogfish (Squalus acanthias)) caught in Western (ICES areas: 6, 7 and 8; United Kingdom and international waters of 5; international waters of 1, 12 and 14) and North Sea (ICES areas: United Kingdom and European Union waters 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a) areas - provided that the following condition, when operating in both UK and EU waters, is met:

a. No more than 20 tonnes caught in the Western area, in live weight, may be retained on board or landed per calendar month,

**FISHING RESTRICTIONS FOR UNDULATE RAY**

19. Undulate ray (Raja undulata) can be caught between the hours of 00:01 on 1st January and 23:59 on 30th April; and 00:01 on 1st September and 23:59 on 31st December. Each calendar year a fishing vessel may retain on board and land any undulate ray caught in ICES sea area VIId and VIIe provided that the following conditions are met:

(a) In ICES sea area VIId only: No more than 200 kilogrammes of undulate ray in live weight may be retained on board or landed per fishing trip,

(b) In ICES sea area VIIe only: No more than 200 kilogrammes of undulate ray in live weight may be retained on board or landed per fishing trip in both ICES sea areas VIId and VIIe:

(c) In cases where it is not subject to the landing obligation set out in article 15 of Regulation (EU) 1380/2013, no undulate ray which measures less than 78 centimetres when measured from the tip of the snout to the tip of the tail shall be retained on board or landed,

(d) In cases where it is not subject to the landing obligation set out in article 15 of Regulation (EU) 1380/2013, no undulate ray which measures more than 97 centimetres when measured from the tip of the snout to the tip of the tail shall be retained on board or landed,

(e) No undulate ray may be transhipped,

(f) Undulate ray may only be retained on board or landed whole or gutted.

**RESTRICTIONS ON CRAWFISH IN ENGLISH WATERS**

20.1. In ICES sea area VII (of English waters), the minimum conservation reference size for crawfish (*Palinurus spp*.) shall be 110mm and shall be measured, as the length of the carapace, parallel to the midline, from the tip of the rostrum to the midpoint of the distal dorsal edge of the carapace.

20.2. This licence does not authorise fishing for; retaining on board; storing; or landing crawfish (*Palinurus spp*) caught in English waters of ICES sea area VII between 00:01 hours on 5 February 2024 to 23:59 hours on 30 April 2024.

**CONTROLS WITH RESPECT TO FISHING IN SPECIFIED PARTS OF SCOTTISH WATERS**

21. From 00:00 hrs on 3 June 2025, the vessel to which this licence relates[1] may not deploy creels, pots or traps for the purposes of catching or retaining quantities of brown crab and / or lobster from within any part of Scottish inshore waters (0-6 nautical miles)[2], with the exception of the inshore waters surrounding St Kilda (Hirta and Boreray), Flannan Isles, Rockall, Sula Sgeir, North Rona, Sule Stack, and Sule Skerry.

[1] Fishing vessels of greater than 14 metres overall length and fishing vessels of greater than 12 metres overall length which have notified catches of over 200 tonnes of brown crab and/or lobster to the competent authority during any 12 month period(s) from 2020 onwards.

[2] As defined in the Inshore Fishing (Scotland) Act 1984).

**CONTROLS WITH RESPECT TO SCALLOP DREDGE FISHING IN SCOTTISH INSHORE WATERS**

22. From 00:00 hrs on 2 August 2026 until 23:59 hrs on 1 November 2026, the vessel to which this licence relates[1] must not fish for king scallop by means of mechanical dredges in Scottish inshore waters (0-6 nautical miles)[2].

[1] All licenced fishing vessels which have notified less than 60% of their total catch of king scallop from any part of Scottish zone between 2023 and 2025; or which have carried out periods of fishing activity in any part of Scottish zone for less than two years (defined as one year being at least seven days per calendar month, and at least three months per year) between 2020 and 2025.

[2] As defined in section 9(1) of the Inshore Fishing (Scotland) Act 1984).

**RETURN OF CATCHES TO THE SEA IN SCOTTISH WATERS**

23. From 00:00 hrs on 3 June 2025, the vessel to which this licence relates[1] may not , retain onboard, land, offer for sale, or consign lobster (*Homarus Gammarus*) or brown crab (*Cancer pagurus)* carrying any spawn attached to the tail or other exterior part; or in a condition as to show that, at the time of capture, it was carrying eggs so attached.
[1] All licenced fishing vessels of all categories.

**RESTRICTIONS ON WRASSE IN NORTHERN IRELAND WATERS**

24.1 - This licence does not authorise fishing for wrasse in Northern Ireland waters between 00:01 hours on 1st December and 23:59 hours on 19th June.

24.2 - In Northern Ireland waters, the minimum conservation reference size for wrasse is 12cm. All wrasse caught below this size must be returned immediately to the sea.