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

CONDITIONS

This licence is subject to the following conditions:

General

1. The vessel to which this licence relates shall be registered as a fishing vessel under the Merchant Shipping Act 1995, or in the Channel Islands or Isle of Man.

2.1 a) The vessel to which this licence relates shall not retain on board, land or trans-ship any sea fish of the descriptions set out in Part I of the annex to the schedule to this licence in the sea areas listed therein. Any sea fish so caught must be returned to the sea immediately.

b) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph a), where any sea fish of the descriptions set out in Part I of the annex to the schedule to this licence is subject to the landing obligation in article 15 of Regulation (EU) 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council, this licence shall not authorise fishing for any sea fish of those descriptions. Any such fish caught shall, in any event, be retained on board, landed and shall count against quota.

2.2 a) Subject to paragraph (b), the vessel to which this licence relates must not retain on board, land or trans-ship, fish taken in accordance with this licence in excess of the amounts specified in relation to each such species in the Schedule and at Part II of the annex to the schedule.

b) Notwithstanding the provision of paragraph a), where any sea fish of the descriptions set out at Part II of the annex to the schedule of this licence is subject to the landing obligation in article 15 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council it shall be retained on board, recorded, landed and shall be included in calculating the total amount of fish of that description landed by and attributed to the vessel for the relevant period.

3. The vessel to which this licence relates shall not trans-ship sea fish (except sea fish used as fresh bait) to or from a vessel of 10 metres and under overall length.

4. Any fish which are subject to quota which are retained on board and not returned to the sea in accordance with article 15 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 850/98, as amended, shall be landed and count against quota.

5. The vessel shall not pair trawl with a vessel which does not hold a licence to fish granted by one of the Fisheries Ministers in the UK or, in the case of a foreign-flagged vessel, the authorities of the flag state. The vessel shall not pair trawl with a vessel from another country without the prior approval of the UK competent authorities. For quota management purposes catches by the pair team shall be attributed to and counted against the quota of the vessel landing the fish.

6.1 This licence, and any variations granted by or on behalf of any of the Ministers, shall be carried on board the vessel to which it relates, at all times and must be produced to a British Sea Fishery Officer or Marine Enforcement Officer on demand.

6.2 Subject to paragraph 6.3 below, for vessels not subject to electronic reporting requirements the current paper logbook and those for the previous six months, or a receipt issued by a British Sea Fishery Officer or Marine Enforcement Officer where a logbook has been taken into his/her custody, shall be carried on board the vessel to which they relate at all times and must be produced to a British Sea Fishery Officer or Marine Enforcement Officer on demand.

6.3 The current Logbook and those for the previous six months may be removed from the vessel to which they relate while the vessel is in port, but must be readily produced to a British Sea Fishery Officer or Marine Enforcement Officer, on the vessel to which they relate, on demand.

6.4 Vessels must comply with any real time or juvenile cod closures imposed by any of the other UK Fisheries Administrations.

Prohibition of electrical equipment

7. The vessel to which this licence relates shall only carry on board, electrical generating equipment required for safe navigation and safe operation of the vessel. The vessel shall not carry on board nor deploy into the sea any electrical equipment, including electrical generators, cables, probes, grids or any other equipment capable of transmitting electrical currents to the seabed.

Economic Link

8.1 This condition applies to any vessel whose total landings of stocks subject to quotas, and which the vessel is licensed to retain on board during the period for which this licence is issued, amount to 2 tonnes or more in the following period

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

8.2 The licence holder must ensure that there is a real economic link between the vessel to which this licence relates and the United Kingdom, Channel Islands or Isle of Man, in so far as this link concerns only the connections between the fishing activities of the vessel and those communities which are dependent on fisheries and related industries.

8.3 The real economic link condition shall be deemed to have been complied with where any one of the following options is satisfied during each of the periods specified in paragraph 8.1 above:

(a) at least 50 per cent by weight of the total landings of all stocks subject to quotas landed by the vessel, and which the vessel is licensed to retain on board, has been landed in the United Kingdom, Channel Islands or Isle of Man; or

(b) at least 50 per cent of the vessel's crew (measured by reference to the total number of crew-days at sea) is made up of

persons who normally reside in United Kingdom coastal areas or the
Channel Islands or Isle of Man; or

(c) the vessel owner achieves another arrangement which consists of:

(i) a combination of two or three of the above options (the minimum percentage chosen for any one option may be less than 50 per cent but the percentages chosen individually and in combination must genuinely provide a real economic link); or
(ii) criteria other than the above options which genuinely provide a real economic link; or
(iii) a combination of (i) and (ii) which genuinely provides a real economic link.

8.4 It is the responsibility of the licence holder to demonstrate compliance with whatever option has been chosen to the satisfaction of Fisheries Administrations. If the licence holder fails to comply with whatever option has been chosen by no more than 10 percentage points, Fisheries Administrations may, at their discretion, allow such shortfall to be met by adding the same number of percentage points to the option which the licence holder chooses to comply with in the following licence period. In such case, an Economic Link Notice of Variation will be issued to the licence holder in the following licence period to increase the percentage threshold requirements of the economic link condition by such percentage shortfall.

Compliance Visiting Condition

9.1 This condition applies only to any vessel which, during each of the periods specified in paragraph 8.1 above, lands in the United Kingdom, Channel Islands or Isle of Man less than 50 per cent by weight of its total landings of all stocks subject to quotas which the vessel is licensed to retain on board, subject however to its total landings of such quota stocks (wherever landed) amounting to 2 tonnes or more. The condition shall not apply therefore where the total weight of landings anywhere of TAC stocks is less than 2 tonnes. To enable inspections to be made of the vessel and of any catch, equipment or documents or other materials retained on board, in each of the specified periods during any part of which it fishes under the authority of this licence the licence holder must ensure that the vessel is present in any port in the United Kingdom on at least 1 occasion of at least 8 hours duration between 08:00 and 18:00 hours Monday to Friday, in each period between April to September and October to March of the licence duration, provided that:

(i) before any qualifying visit at least 24 hours' notice of the particulars specified below is given to the Fisheries Administrations' UK Fisheries Monitoring Centre by one of the following means, properly designated as required:

by telephone or marine radio on **0131 244 2286 or** by e-mail to UKFMC@gov.scot inserting Compliance visit in the subject box;

(ii) during any such visit the vessel ties up alongside; and
(iii) qualifying visits in the specified periods are at least 2 months apart.

Specified Particulars

1. Name and address of caller
2. Name of vessel, its port letters and registration number
3. Intended port of arrival
4. Estimated date and time of arrival
5. Name, address and telephone number of contact point in the United Kingdom for enquiries
   Date and time of telephone call.

9.2 The Master shall ensure that a person(s) is present on board the vessel at all times during the minimum duration period of 8 hours between 08:00 hours and 18:00 hours Monday to Friday, or until an inspection has been carried out within these times. That person(s) must be capable of facilitating an inspection of the vessel and have access to all relevant documents and relevant areas of the vessel

Landing and Other Requirements for All Stocks Other than Pelagic Stocks

10.1 This condition applies to any vessel with an overall length of 15 metres or more.

10.2 Except as provided for in Condition 11.1, landings of sea fish shall be made only:

(a) at one of the designated ports listed in column 1 of the table below; and

(b) where appropriate, at the designated location within the port specified in column 3 of that table.

When entering any designated port vessels must arrive within the designated times listed in column 2 of the table.

Column 1 **Ports at which sea fish may be landed**	**Column 2** **Times during which vessels may arrive in port (UK local time)**		**Column 3** **Location (where appropriate) within port where sea fish may be landed**	**Column 4** **Location of logbook post box**
	From	To		
ENGLAND AND WALES				
North Shields	09:00 (Mon-Fri)	23:00 (Mon-Fri)		On right hand side of entrance to Auction Hall next to Quaymaster's Office.
Whitby	23:00 (Sun – Thur)	07:00 (Mon – Fri)	Fish Quay	On market wall of office block West of the Auction Hall
Scarborough	23:00 (Sun - Thur)	07:00 (Mon – Fri)	West Pier	On West facing wall of office block West of the Auction Hall.
Humberside (Hull and Grimsby)	18:00 (Sun – Thur)	07:00 (Mon – Fri)	Hull - North Side of Albert & William Wright Dock Grimsby - Fish Dock, Market Quay	On side wall, Marr Building, St Andrews Dock Entry to Bay 16, Grimsby Yard Fish Market.
Lowestoft	07:00 (Mon - Fri)	16:00 (Mon - Fri)	Waveney Dock	Outside wall of fishmarket near northern corner of Waveney Dock.
Shoreham	08:00 (Mon - Fri)	16:00 (Mon – Fri)	Within the confines of the harbour	On wall of Port Control Office at lockgates
Brixham	08:00 (Mon - Fri)	20:00 (Mon – Fri)		Set in MMO's Fish Laboratory Wall.
Plymouth	08:00 (Mon - Fri)	20:00 (Mon – Fri)	Sutton harbour, New Fish Market	On MMO Marine Office Wall.
Newlyn	08:00 (Mon-Fri)	20:00 (Mon-Fri)		Outside of Harbour Master's Office.
Padstow	08:00 (Mon-Fri)	20:00 (Mon-Fri)		South Quay, Padstow
Milford Haven Dock	08:00 (Mon - Fri)	17:00 (Mon – Fri)		Outside of Auction Hall's wall.
Holyhead	08:00 (Mon-Fri)	17:00 (Mon-Fri)	Fish Dock	On Wall of Dockmaster's Office at South Quay
Fleetwood	22:00 (Sun - Thur)	07:30 (Mon - Fri)	Wyre Fish Dock	Outside wall of Auction Hall.
Whitehaven	09:00 (Mon – Fri)	17:00 (Mon – Fri)	North Harbour on the Old North Wall Quay adjacent to the Ice Plant and on the North Wall Quay adjacent to the Fish Handling Facility building	Outside the Fish Handling Facility building on the North Wall Quay

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SCOTLAND		
Eyemouth		Front of the Fishermen's Mutual Association building, Harbour Road, Eyemouth TD14 5JA
Pittenweem	Fishmarket Quay	Inside fishmarket, by the notices on the rear wall of the chilled area.
Aberdeen	Palmerston Quay & Commercial Quay	On North wall of Palmerston Quay fishmarket outside Berthing Master's Office.
Peterhead	Peterhead Harbour excluding Peterhead Bay Harbour	Centrally on the seaward side of the new fishmarket on Merchants Quay
Fraserburgh		On quayside wall of 1st market between doors 9 and 10, about 20 metres on North side of the Faithlie Jetty.
Buckie		On outside front wall of fishmarket next to the entrance door.
Lerwick	All piers, quays and docks within harbour limits excluding those in Dales Voe	On seaward side of the Northmost end of fishmarket on Alexandra Wharf.
Scalloway		On seaward wall at the South end of the fishmarket.
Kirkwall	East Pier, Kirkwall	On external wall of North Isles Passenger Terminal Building.
Scrabster		On the outside front wall of Scrabster fishmarket.
Kinlochbervie	All quays lying to the North of the ice factory quay	On the Southmost external wall of new fishmarket.
Lochinver		On the wall to the right of the fishmarket entrance.
Ullapool		North Facing wall at eastern end of Harbour Building
Stornoway		On West facing wall on the Fishmarket on Esplanade Quay.
Portree		On lamp post outside Pier Master's Office.
Mallaig		On wall of Prawnmarket adjacent to Whitefish market entrance.
Oban		On the seaward end of the Westward wall of the fish market building.
Campbeltown		On the seaward wall to the right of right-hand door of the fishmarket next to a life buoy.
Troon		On the Pier-side wall of Troon fish market building.
Cullivoe	Cullivoe Pier	On the North side of the Ice Plant, adjacent to the Ice Plant Control Box

Column 1	**Column 2**		**Column 3**	**Column 4**
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	From	To		
NORTHERN IRELAND				

Ardglass	09:00 (Mon - Fri)	21:00 (Mon - Fri)		On the wall of the fishmarket and port office.
Kilkeel	06:00 (Mon - Fri)	22:00 (Mon - Fri)		On the wall of the fishmarket and port office.
Portavogie	09:00 (Mon - Fri)	21:00 (Mon - Fri)		On the wall of the fishmarket and port office.
Bangor[1]	-	-		
Ballycastle[1]	-	-		
Lisahally[1]	-	-		

Footnote: [1] Permitted landing port **only** for vessels with over 2 tonnes of either **cod** or **hake** on board to land. As usual arrivals of such vessels are subject to prior notification as specified in paragraphs 11.1 to 11.7 below.

11.1 The provisions of this paragraph apply to all vessels which:

a) have an overall length of 15 metres or more; and
b) have more than one tonne, live weight, in total on board of species for which a TAC has been set or have on board more than one tonne, live weight, of scallops caught in ICES Divisions VII d, e and h; and
c) intend to arrive at a port other than a designated port or intend to arrive at a designated port outside designated times and locations.

Notification of the following information shall be given to the Fisheries Administrations' United Kingdom Fisheries Monitoring Centre by one of the following means, properly designated as required.

by telephone or marine radio on **0131 244 2286** or by email to UKFMC@gov.scot inserting Notice Arrival in the subject box:

(a) the name of the person making the call;
(b) the name and registered number of the vessel for which authority to arrive in port is sought;
(c) the port or location at which the vessel is to arrive;
(d) the intended date and time (UK local time) of arrival in port;
(e) details of the catch on board by species in kilogrammes live weight.

Such notifications shall be given at any time between:

(1) 4 and 24 hours prior to arrival in port where arrival will occur between 00:01 hours on Tuesday and 23:59 on Saturday; and

(2) 4 and 72 hours prior to arrival in port where arrival will occur between 00:01 hours on Sunday and 23:59 on Monday.

NOTE: Calls to the Fisheries Administrations' UK Fisheries Monitoring Centre will be recorded

11.2 When all the information has been provided in accordance with paragraph 11.1 above by telephone or marine radio, an authorisation number will be issued by the Fisheries Administrations' UK Fisheries Monitoring Centre along with the recorded time of the authorisation and confirmation of the date and time after which the vessel may arrive at the nominated port or location. This information must be recorded in the comments section of the Logsheet(s) (where applicable) relating to the sea fish before arrival in port. For the purposes of this paragraph "recorded time" means the date and time (in UK local time) of issue of the authorisation number recorded by the person issuing it.

11.3 When all the information has been provided in accordance with paragraph 11.1 above by email, details of the authorisation number along with the recorded time of the authorisation and confirmation of the date and time after which the vessel may arrive at the nominated port or location will not automatically be transmitted to the vessel by the Fisheries Administrations' UK Fisheries Monitoring Centre. Further contact must be made with the Monitoring Centre by telephone or marine radio to obtain the authorisation number and authorised date and time of arrival in port which must then be recorded in the comments section of the Logsheet(s) (where applicable) relating to the sea fish before arrival in port. For the purposes of this paragraph "recorded time" means the date and time (in UK local time) of issue of the authorisation number recorded by the person issuing it.

11.4 Following the issue of an authorisation referred to above, the vessel must arrive at the nominated port or location within a period of 4 hours commencing from the date and time as confirmed in accordance with paragraph 11.2 or 11.3 above.

11.5 If, following the issue of an authorisation number, it is not possible to arrive at the nominated port or location within the time period specified in paragraph 11.4, authorisation to amend that period must be sought from the Fisheries Administrations' UK Fisheries Monitoring Centre. A further authorisation number shall be issued and this must be recorded in the comments section of the Logsheet(s) (where applicable) relating to the current voyage. This paragraph shall not apply where the vessel is entering a designated port and expiry of the time limit specified in paragraph 11.4 occurs within designated arrival times at that port.

11.6 After the authorisation number and confirmation of the date and time of arrival has been issued, the vessel may go to another port or location. If that port, location of landing or time of arrival are not all designated in the table at paragraph 10.2 above, a further authorisation

number must be obtained from the Fisheries Administrations' UK Fisheries Monitoring Centre by making a notification in accordance with paragraph 11.1. This information must be recorded in the comments section of the Logsheet(s) (where applicable) relating to the sea fish, before the arrival of the vessel in port.

11.7 The vessel may not commence landing sea fish at the port or location communicated in terms of paragraph 11.1 any earlier than 4 hours from the time that the notification made under paragraph 11.1, 11.5 or 11.6 is recorded as having been received by the UK Fisheries Monitoring Centre, whichever is the later, unless otherwise authorised by a British Sea Fishery Officer or Marine Enforcement Officer.

12. This condition applies to all vessels with an overall length of 10 metres or more landing sea fish at a designated port. Prior to commencing landing, the original (white) copy of the Logsheet(s), completed in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No. 1224/2009, relating to the sea fish, shall be deposited in the box marked for this purpose and located in the port of landing as specified in column 4 of the table above, unless it has been handed to a British Sea Fishery Officer or Marine Enforcement Officer. Logsheets submitted in this way shall be deemed to have been submitted in compliance with Council Regulation (EC) No. 1224/2009.

Additional Landing and Other Requirements for Hake, Megrim and Anglerfish

13.1 The master of any British fishing vessel wishing to land more than 1 tonne, live weight, in combination of hake, megrim or anglerfish taken from ICES Sub Area VI or VII, at any port other than a United Kingdom port shall, on completion of fishing operations in ICES Sub Area VI or VII and before exiting the area, notify the Fisheries Administrations' UK Fisheries Monitoring Centre with the following information:

(i) the name and registered number of the vessel;

(ii) the name of the master of the vessel;

(iii) the current position of the vessel (latitude and longitude) within Sub Area VI or VII;

(iv) the intended country, port and date of landing;

(v) the amount of all species, including hake, megrim and anglerfish on board, recorded in the vessel's logbook, together with ICES sub area of capture at the time of the notification.

13.2 Notice, under this condition, shall be made to the UK Fisheries Monitoring Centre by one of the following means, properly designated as required:

by telephone or marine radio on **0131 244 2286** or by e-mail to UKFMC@gov.scot inserting hke/lez/anf in the subject box.

The owner, charterer or representative may forward notifications on the master's behalf.

13.3 An acknowledgement of notifications by fax and e-mail will be given and which should be retained on board the vessel. Fisheries Administrations may require the fishing vessel either to go to a specified position and rendezvous with a Fishery Protection Vessel or proceed to a UK port, for inspection.

Trans-shipment of Pelagic Stocks

Note: for the purposes of this licence "pelagic species" means fish of any of the following descriptions:

Mackerel (Scomber scombrus), Herring (Clupea harengus), Sprat (Sprattus sprattus), Pilchard (Sardina pilchardus), Horse Mackerel (Trachurus trachurus) and Blue Whiting (Micromesistius poutassou).

14.1 Subject to paragraphs 14.3 and 14.4 below, herring and mackerel taken under the authority of this licence shall only be trans-shipped to a licensed receiving vessel at the following ports:

Ullapool - inside harbour limits

Mallaig - inside a line drawn between Harbour Point (57°0'25"N,5°49'45"W) and An Fhaochag (57°3'50"N,5°47'25"W) and the parallel of latitude 57°N (Loch Nevis)

Lerwick -inside harbour limits

Fraserburgh - the area enclosed by a line due north from Kinnaird Head Lighthouse (57° 41' 54"N, 2° 0' 08"W) to a point (57° 42' 54"N, 2° 0' 08" W) then due south east to a point (57° 42' 04"N, 1° 56' 21" W) and then south to Cairnbulg Briggs Light (57° 41' 06"N, 1° 56' 21"W)

Peterhead - inside harbour limits

Falmouth - inside a line drawn between Rosemullion Head and Zone Point

Plymouth - inside a line drawn between Pemberknowse Point (50° 19.8'N, 4° 12'W) and Andurn Point (50° 19.6'N, 4° 7.2'W)

Weymouth -within the jurisdiction of the Harbour Master

Blyth -inside harbour limits

Port of Tyne -inside Port of Tyne authority limits

14.2 Prior to the commencement of trans-shipment to a licensed receiving vessel, the quantity of fish on board shall be notified to the local Fishery or Marine Officer and be made available for inspection.

14.3 Herring caught in ICES Divisions IVa and IVb shall only be trans-shipped in Scotland at Lerwick, Fraserburgh and Peterhead. Herring caught in ICES Division Vb and Sub Areas VI and VII shall only be trans-shipped in Scotland at Mallaig and Ullapool.

14.4. Mackerel shall only be trans-shipped in Scotland at Ullapool or Lerwick.

15. The vessel to which this licence relates shall not trans-ship mackerel, herring, sprats, pilchards or horse mackerel to any vessel

other than a vessel licensed to receive trans-shipped fish of those species.

16. Pelagic species withdrawn under Community Marketing Regulations shall not be returned to the sea without prior authority granted by the local Fishery or Marine Officer. The quantity of fish on board and the quantity to be returned to the sea shall be notified to the local Fishery or Marine Officer and be made available for inspection prior to being returned to the sea.

Restrictions on dredges

17.1 Any dredge carried on board or used by a vessel in ICES Divisions VIId,e,f and h, must comply with the following requirements:

(a) it must consist of a frame which does not exceed 0.85 metres in width (where width is the maximum external measurement across the front of the dredge);

(b) it must comprise a functioning spring loaded tooth bar which must be operational and moveable. It must not contain a fixed tooth bar;

(c) there must be no attachments to the rear, top or inside of the dredge, nor shall it contain either a diving plate or other similar device;

(d) the weight of the complete dredge including belly, back and all fittings shall not exceed 150 kgs.

17.2 Notwithstanding paragraph 17.1 but subject to paragraph 17.3, a vessel in ICES Divisions VIId,e,f and h, may carry a dredge not complying with paragraph 17.1 provided such dredge is disconnected from the towing bar and is either securely lashed to some part of the superstructure or stowed and may not readily be used.

17.3 A vessel in ICES Divisions VIId,e,f and h, shall not carry or use dredges which comply with paragraph 17.1 above whilst having on board any dredges which do not meet the requirements of that paragraph.

17.4 The restrictions in paragraphs 17.1 and 17.2 do not apply to any vessel fishing with dredges only in areas which are shellfish production areas for the purpose of the Food Safety (Fishery Products and Live Shellfish) (Hygiene) Regulations 1998 or to vessels which on any voyage or fishing trip are only fishing for and retaining on board 'seed' mussel for relaying into classified shellfish production areas.

Prohibition on the Deployment of Mechanical Dredging Gear in the Solway Firth

18.1 The vessel to which this licence relates is prohibited, at all times, from deploying mechanical dredging gear in that area of the Solway Firth, defined as those portions of the shore and bed of the sea, the estuaries and the tidal rivers, which lie within the area bounded by the mean high-water mark of ordinary spring tides, by a straight line extending due East
from the Isle of Whithorn, at a point 54°41′46″ North latitude and 04°22′00″ West longitude and by the line referred to in article 3(b)(i) of the Scottish Adjacent Waters Boundaries
Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/1126)

18.2 While the vessel is in the specified area, any mechanical dredging gear carried on board the vessel, must be properly stored and secured in such a way, that it may not be used readily and to avoid any doubt of its deployment in the water.

Prohibition on the deployment of, mechanical, hydraulic, suction or any other form of, dredging gear in the defined area of Donaghadee Sound
(only applicable to licences administered by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (Northern Ireland)).

19.1 The vessel to which this licence relates is prohibited at all times from deploying, mechanical, suction, hydraulic or other form of, dredging gear in the defined area of Donaghadee Sound, County Down, Northern Ireland, subject to the derogation in 19.3.

19.2 The Defined area of Donaghadee Sound is the area

54 39.97N 005 34.08W
54 40.60N 005 32.58W
54 40.24N 005 31.24W
34 39.80N 004 30.77W
54 38.70N 005 31.85W

19.3 By way of derogation from 19.1 the vessel to which this licence relates may deploy dredging gear for mussel seed only within the defined area of Donaghadee Sound if it holds, and complies with the conditions of, a valid licence for Collecting Mussel Seed, issued by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (Northern Ireland).

Prohibition on fishing in Strangford Lough

20.1 The vessel to which this licence relates is prohibited at all times from fishing in Strangford Lough, County Down, Northern Ireland, subject to the derogation in 20.3.

20.2 "Strangford Lough" means the area of sea to the northwest of an imaginary straight line drawn from Killard Point, County Down (54° 18.0'N and 5° 31.0'W) to Ballyquintin Point, County Down (54° 20.0'N and 5° 29.0'W)

20.3 By way of derogation from 20.1 the vessel to which this licence relates may deploy fishing gear within Strangford Lough if it holds, and complies with the conditions of, a valid

"Strangford Lough Fishery Licence"

Issued by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (Northern Ireland).

Deep-sea Species

21. For the purposes of this licence, 'deep-sea species' means sea fish of any of the following descriptions:-

Black scabbardfish *(Aphanopus carbo)*
Alfonsinos *(Beryx spp.)*
Roundnose grenadier *(Coryphaenoides rupestris)*
Orange roughy *(Hoplostethus atlanticus)*
Blue ling *(Molva dypterigia)*
Red seabream *(Pagellus bogaraveo)*
Forkbeards *(Phycis blennoides)*

When referring to Deep Sea Sharks this shall relate to the following:

Deep-water catsharks *(Apristurus spp.)*
Frilled shark *(Chlamydoselachus anguineus)*
Gulper shark *(Centrophorus granulosus)*
Leafscale gulper shark *(Centrophorus squamosus)*
Portuguese dogfish *(Centroscymnus coelolepis)*
Longnose velvet dogfish *(Centroscymnus crepidate)* Black dogfish *(Centroscyllium fabricii)*
Birdbeak dogfish *(Deania calceus)* Kitefin shark *(Dalatias licha)*
Greater lanternshark *(Etmopterus princeps)*
Velvet belly *(Etmopterus spinax)*
Blackmouth dogfish *(Galeus melastomus)*
Mouse catshark *(Galeus murinus)*
Six-gilled shark *(Hexanchus griseus)*
Sailfin roughshark (Sharpback shark) *(Oxynotus paradoxus)*
Knifetooth dogfish *(Scymnodon ringens)*
Greenland shark *(Somniosus microcephalus)*

Technical measures in Irish Sea

22. Notwithstanding the requirements in relevant fisheries legislation, fishing vessels operating with bottom trawls or seines in ICES division 7a shall comply with the technical measures set out in conditions 23, 24 and 25.

23 Vessels operating with bottom trawls or seines with catches comprising more than 30% of Norway lobster shall use an 80 mm codend (or 70 mm for single rig vessels) plus one of the following gear configurations (a-d):
(a) a 300 mm square mesh panel (for vessels in excess of 12 metres overall length) or a 200 mm square mesh panel (for vessels of 12 metres or less overall length);

(b) Seltra panel (consists of a top panel of 300 mm square mesh, placed in a four-panel box section, in the straight section of a codend; is at least 3 metres long; is positioned no more than 4 metres from the codline; is the full width of the top sheet of the box section of the trawl (selvedge to selvedge));

(c) Nordmøre sorting grid (selectivity device which consists of a rigid grid with a maximum bar spacing of 35 mm);

(d) Netgrid device (a selectivity device consisting of a four-panel section inserted into a two-panel trawl with an inclined sheet of diamond mesh netting with a maximum mesh size of 200 mm leading to an escape hole in the top of the trawl).

24. Vessels equal to or greater than 12 metres overall length operating with bottom trawls or seines with catches comprising more than 10 % of haddock, cod and skates and rays combined, shall use one of the following gear options:

(a) 120 mm codend;

(b) an eliminator trawl with 600 mm large mesh panels and a 100 mm codend.

25 Vessels equal to or greater than 12 metres overall length operating with bottom trawls or seines with catches comprising less than 10 % of haddock, cod and skates and rays combined shall apply a codend mesh size of 100 mm with a 100 mm squared mesh panel. This provision shall not apply to vessels with catches comprising more than 30% of Norway lobster or more than 85% of queen scallops.

26 A selective gear or device assessed by a fisheries administration as having the same or higher selectivity characteristics for cod, haddock and whiting than the gear options set out in conditions 23 to 25 may be used as an alternative to those gear options.

Eastern English Channel (7d) technical measures for otter trawls

27.1 Notwithstanding the requirements in relevant fisheries legislation, within the parts of ICES divisions 7d which are within British fishery limits, the minimum codend mesh size for a vessel using demersal otter trawls (OTB, OTT, OTP, OT, PTB, PT, TBN, TB, TX) shall be 90 mm.

27.2 The obligation in condition 1 does not apply to vessels, within British fishery limits, that are less than or equal 12 metres overall length and have an engine power less than or equal to 221 kW.

28 The obligation in condition 27.1 does not apply to directed fisheries for squid between 01 September and the last day of February.

29 The obligation in condition 27.1 does not apply within the 6 nautical mile limit, to vessels permitted to operate within the jurisdiction of an Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority.

Marine Directorate Scotland– Seasonal Closures

30.1 The following seasonal closure areas issued by the Scottish Government (Marine Directorate) apply:

Closure number	**Coordinates and description** (the closed area is the area of waters bounded by sequentially joining the geographical coordinates)	**Closed between**
Seasonal closure 1	**Long Hole** 59º 07.35'N, 0º 31.04'W 59º 03.60'N, 0º 22.25'W 58º 59.35'N, 0º 17.85'W 58º 56.00'N, 0º 11.01'W 58º 56.60'N, 0º 08.85'W 58º 59.86'N, 0º 15.65'W 59º 03.50'N, 0º 20.00'W 59º 08.15'N, 0º 29.07'W	00:00 1st January – 23:59 31st March
Seasonal closure 2	**Coral Edge** 58º 51.70'N, 03º 26.70'E 58º 40.66'N, 03º 34.60'E 58º 24.00'N, 03º 12.40'E 58º 24.00'N, 02º 55.00'E 58º 35.65'N, 02º 56.30'E	00:00 1st December – 23:59 28th February
Seasonal Closure 3	**Papa Bank** 59º 56'N, 03º 08'W 59º 56'N, 02º 45'W 59º 35'N, 03º 15'W 59º 35'N, 03º 35'W	00:00 1st January – 23:59 15th March

Closure number	Coordinates and description (the closed area is the area of waters bounded by sequentially joining the geographical coordinates)	Closed between
Seasonal Closure 4	**North West Sule** 59º 22.130'N, 4º 52.000'W 59º 13.000'N, 4º 52.000'W 59º 13.000'N, 5º 28.000'W 59º 16.850'N, 5º 28.000'W	00:00 1st February – 23:59 31st March
Seasonal Closure 5	**Stanhope Ground** 60° 25N - 001° 45E 60° 25N - 002° 00E 60° 10N - 002° 00E 60° 10N - 001° 45E	00:00 1st January – 23:59 30th April
Seasonal Closure 6	**Foula Deeps** All gear types excluding pelagic gears (purse seine and trawl) 60° 21.0'N - 02° 05'W 60° 22.0'N - 02° 27'W 60° 06.0'N - 02° 27'W 60° 06.0'N - 02° 05'W	00:00 1st January – 23:59 15 March
Seasonal Closure 7	**Egersund Bank** 58º 07.40'N, 04º 33.0'E 57º 53.00'N, 05º 12.0'E 57º 40.00'N, 05º 10.9'E 57º 57.90'N, 04º 31.9'E	00:00 1st December – 23:59 31st March
Seasonal Closure 8	**East of Fair Isle** 59° 40'N - 01° 23'W 59° 40'N - 01° 13'W 59° 30'N - 01° 20'W 59° 00'N - 01° 20'W 59° 00'N - 01° 40'W 59° 10'N - 01° 40'W 59° 10'N - 01° 28'W 59° 30'N - 01° 28'W 59° 40'N - 01° 23'W	00:00 1st January– 23:59 15th March
Seasonal Closure 9	**West Bank** 57º 15'N, 05º 01'E 56º 56'N, 05º 00'E 56º 56'N, 06º 20'E 57º 15'N, 06º 20'E	00:00 1st January – 23:59 15th March
Seasonal Closure 10	**Revet** 57º 28.43'N, 08º 05.66'E 57º 27.44'N, 08º 07.20'E 57º 51.77'N, 09º 26.33'E 57º 52.88'N, 09º 25.00'E	00:00 1st January – 23:59 15th March
Seasonal Closure 11	**Rabarberen** 57º 47.00'N, 11º 04.00'E 57º 43.00'N, 11º 04.00'E 57º 43.00'N, 11º 09.00'E 57º 47.00'N, 11º 09.00'E	00:00 1st January – 23:59 15th March
Seasonal Closure 12	**Krogbund** 56° 56.0'N, 6° 25.0'E 56° 47.0'N, 6° 25.0'E 56° 47.0'N, 6° 55.0'E 56° 56.0'N, 6° 55.0'E	00:00 1st January – 23:59 31st March
Seasonal Closure 13	**Lille Fiskerbanke** 56° 50.0'N, 6° 08.0'E 56° 50.0'N, 5° 52.0'E 56° 38.0'N, 5° 52.0'E 56° 38.0'N, 6° 08.0'E	00:00 1st January – 23:59 31st March

30.2 It is the responsibility of the master to ascertain, before going to sea, which areas have been closed by other fisheries administrations.

Dogger Bank Scallop Fishery Closure

31.1 The vessel may not be present in the area described below whilst carrying dredges on board other than when transiting at a speed of more than six knots (except in the case of force majeure or adverse conditions).

Point	Latitude	Longitude
1	55° 11' 42.08" N	1° 36' 44.33" E
2	55° 29' 54.67" N	2° 54' 13.37" E
3	55° 29' 1.35" N	3° 15' 1.21" E
4	54° 22' 34.78" N	2° 45' 45.53" E
5	54° 18' 14.87" N	2° 43' 14.79" E
6	54° 16' 0.07" N	2° 31' 55.66" E
7	54° 14' 20.45" N	2° 22' 39.16" E
8	54° 17' 38.18" N	2° 0' 5.77" E
9	54° 29' 26.25" N	1° 16' 38.33" E
10	54° 49' 7.89" N	1° 8' 7.69" E
11	55° 3' 33.3" N	1° 19' 37.24" E

31.2 Vessels transiting through the area referred to in condition 31.1 and which are carrying dredges must ensure that, for the entire duration of the period in the area referred to in that condition, the dredges are disconnected from the towing cable and unable to be deployed.

31.3 In the case of force majeure or adverse conditions, the master must immediately inform the UK Fisheries Monitoring Centre.

Controls with respect to fishing in specified parts of the sea

32. **Condition Rockall (Area VIb) – all closed or restricted areas**.

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.

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33.1 A fishing vessel must not be present in the Area defined in SSI 131/2021 other than when travelling at a speed of greater than six knots (except in the case of force majeure or adverse weather conditions or fishing for pelagic species with trawl or encircling nets.).
33.2 In the case of either of the above contact must immediately be made with the UKFMC and details given of the vessels intentions.

UK Celtic Sea Technical Measures

34.1 For the purposes of the conditions below, the Celtic Sea Protection Zone shall mean ICES divisions 7f, 7g, that part of ICES division 7h which is north of latitude 49° 30' N and that part of ICES division 7j which is north of latitude 49° 30' N and east of longitude 11° W.

34.2 Where the vessel fishes using bottom otter trawls or bottom seines (OTB, OTT, OTP, OT, PTB, PT, SSC, SDN, SPR, SX, SV, TBN, TBS, TB, TX) in those parts of British fishery limits which fall within the Celtic Sea Protection Zone it must use either:
(a) a codend with minimum 120 mm mesh size;
(b) a codend with minimum 110 mm mesh size and fitted with a square mesh panel with 120 mm minimum mesh size.

34.3 Where the vessel fishes using otter trawls or bottom seines in those parts of British fishery limits which fall within ICES divisions 7e-j other than those referred to in condition 34.2 above, it must use a codend with minimum 100 mm mesh size, and when fishing west of longitude 5° W it must also use a square mesh panel with minimum 100 mm mesh size.

34.4 Where the vessel fishes using otter trawls or bottom seines in ICES divisions 7e-j, it must use a codend that is constructed of a single twine of a maximum of 6 mm or a double twine of a maximum of 4 mm.

34.5 Where the vessel fishes using otter trawls or bottom seine in ICES divisions 7e-j, other than when targeting nephrops, it must not use or carry on board a strengthening bag[1].

34.6 The obligation in condition 34.2 does not apply to a vessel which fishes using otter trawls or bottom seines in ICES division 7f within 12 nm of the baseline from which the breadth of the territorial sea adjacent to the United Kingdom is measured, which must instead use a codend with minimum 100 mm mesh size and square mesh panel with minimum 100 mm mesh size.

34.7 The obligation in conditions 34.2 and 34.3 do not apply to a vessel whose catch comprises 30% or more of nephrops, which must instead use an 80mm codend plus one of the following gear configurations (a-d):
(a) a 300 mm square mesh panel

(b) Seltra panel (consists of a top panel of 300 mm square mesh, placed in a four-panel box section, in the straight section of a codend; is at least 3 metres long; is positioned no more than 4 metres from the codline; is the full width of the top sheet of the box section of the trawl (selvedge to selvedge));

(c) Nordmøre sorting grid (selectivity device which consists of a rigid grid with a maximum bar spacing of 35 mm);

(d) Netgrid device (a selectivity device consisting of a four-panel section inserted into a two-panel trawl with an inclined sheet of diamond mesh netting with a maximum mesh size of 200 mm leading to an escape hole in the top of the trawl).

34.8 The obligation in condition 34.2 does not apply to a vessel whose catch comprises more than 55% anglerfish, hake and megrim combined, which must use a codend with minimum 100 mm mesh size and square mesh panel with minimum 100 mm mesh size.

34.9 The obligation in condition 34.2 does not apply to a vessel which fishes solely in ICES division 7f to the east of longitude 5° W, and whose combined amount of cod, haddock and saithe does not exceed 10%, which may instead use a codend with minimum 80 mm mesh size and a square mesh panel with minimum 120 mm mesh size.

34.10 The obligation in condition 34.2, condition 34.3 or condition 34.6 does not apply to a vessel which fishes west of longitude 5° W in ICES divisions 7e, or in ICES division 7f within 12 nm of the baseline from which the breadth of the territorial sea adjacent to the United Kingdom is measured, provided that the vessel instead uses a 100 mm single twine codend with maximum 5 mm twine thickness, derogating from the twine thickness requirements in 34.4.

34.11 By way of derogation to points 34.2, 34.3 and 34.6 – 34.10 above, vessels of 12 metres overall length or less and an engine power of 221 kW or less fishing within 12 nm of the United Kingdom in ICES area 7e east of 5° W, may fish in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2019/1241 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019 on the conservation of fisheries resources and the protection of marine ecosystems through technical measures.

34.12 Square mesh panels as referred to in this condition shall be placed into the top panel of the codend. The rearmost edge of the square mesh panel, which is the part closest to the codline, shall be no more than 9 metres from the codline.

Single Area Licencing

35.1 Where the vessel deploys beam trawls within that part of British Fishery Limits which falls within ICES area 7e east of 5 degrees west ('the relevant area'), it may not fish in any other ICES area within British Fishery Limits during the same voyage. For any voyage where beam trawls are deployed in the relevant area the vessel must depart from and return to (and only to) a UK port.

35.2 The vessel shall be exempt from the provisions in condition 35.1 provided the following requirements are met;

(a) The master, owner or (where appropriate) the charterer vessel contacts the UKFMC at least 4 hours and no more than 8 hours prior to entry into the area in the relevant area and, if requested, facilitates an inspection of the vessel at a position and time provided by the MMO FMC Operations team, prior to commencing fishing operations; and,

(b) the master, owner or (where appropriate) the charterer vessel contacts the UKFMC at least 4 hours and no more than 8 hours before leaving the relevant area and, if requested, facilitates an inspection of the vessel at a position and time provided by the MMO FMC Operations team, before leaving the relevant area.

35.3 The notification at 35.2(a) shall contain the following information:

Subject heading: NOTIFICATION OF ENTRY INTO SOLE RECOVERY ZONE RELEVANT AREA
The name, external identification, and international radio call sign of the vessel;
The name of the master of the vessel;
Date/time/location of intended entry into the area and the intended commencement of fishing activity in the relevant area in the following format:

in respect of the position of entry, the approximate latitude and longitude of the position at which the vessel will enter the area, and
in respect of intended fishing grounds, the ICES statistical rectangles in which fishing operations will be commenced.
The total quantity of sole retained on board in kilograms live weight.

35.4 The notification at 35.2(b) shall contain the following information:

Subject heading: NOTIFICATION OF EXIT FROM SOLE RECOVERY ZONE RELEVANT AREA
The name, external identification, and international radio call sign of the vessel;
The expected date/time/location of exiting the relevant area.
The total quantity of sole retained on board in kilograms live weight.

35.5 If, at the point the vessel enters the area the quantity of sole retained on board is different to the quantity reported in accordance with condition 35.3 above then the master, owner or (where appropriate) the charterer of the vessel must immediately, and before commencing fishing operations, notify the UKFMC of the quantity of sole retained on board.

35.6 The vessel may not be present in the relevant area whilst carrying beam trawls on board other than in accordance with condition 35.1 and 35.2 or when transiting at a speed of greater than six knots (except in the case of force majeure or adverse conditions) or when in port. Beam trawls carried on board the vessel must be properly lashed and stowed in such a way that it may not be used readily and to avoid any doubt of its deployment in the water.

Marine Mammal Bycatch Reporting Requirements

36.1 Where the vessel undertakes fishing activities the result of which causes or contributes to the mortality of or injury to any species of marine mammal, or where such species are taken as bycatch (regardless of whether such catches are retained on board) the master, owner, charterer, as appropriate, of the vessel to which this licence relates must complete and submit to the Marine Management Organisation a marine mammal injury reporting form in accordance with the guidance provided at https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/marine-mammal-bycatch-reporting-requirements no later than 48 hours after the vessel returns to port.

36.2 For the purposes of this licence condition, the term "marine mammal" means any mammal which (a) is morphologically adapted to the marine environment including sea otters and members of the orders Cetacea (whales, dolphins, and porpoises), Pinnipedia, (walrus, seals and sea lions) and Sirenia (dugongs and manatees), or (b) primarily inhabits the marine environment (such as the polar bear); and includes any part of any such marine mammal, including but not limited to its raw, dressed, or dyed fur or skin.

Mourne Shore Herring

37.1 The vessel to which this licence relates is prohibited from fishing for herring in the waters in that part of the Irish Sea (ICES Sea Area VIIa) bounded by the following co-ordinates:

- the east coast of Northern Ireland at latitude 54° 15'N
- latitude 54° 15'N, longitude 05° 50'W
- latitude 53° 50'N, longitude 05° 50'W
- the east coast of Ireland at latitude 53° 50'N.

from 00.01 hours on 21 September to 23.59 hours on 31 December.

37.2 By way of derogation from 37.1 the vessel may deploy drift nets within the restricted area if it holds, and complies with the conditions of, a valid Mourne Shore Herring Fishery licence, as issued by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (Northern Ireland).

Square Mesh Panel Fitment

38.1 Where the vessel is required, by virtue of this licence or other legislation, to fit a square mesh panel, unless otherwise specified, it must be fitted in accordance with the following requirements:

38.2 It shall be placed in the top half or top sheet of the net in front of any extension piece or at any point between the front of any extension piece and the posterior of the cod-end;

38.3 It shall not be obstructed in any way by either internal or external attachments;

38.4 It shall be at least three metres in length; except when incorporated into nets towed by vessels of less than 112 kilowatts, when it must be of at least two metres in length;

38.5 The rearmost row of meshes of the panel shall be no more than 12 metres from the cod-line;

38.6 It shall be constructed of knotless netting or of netting constructed with non- slip knots, and shall be inserted in such a way that the meshes remain fully open at all times while fishing;

38.7 It shall be constructed so that the number of meshes in the anterior row of meshes of the panel is equal to or greater than the number of meshes in the posterior row of meshes in the panel;

38.8 In any net in which a square-meshed panel is inserted in an un-tapered portion of the net, there shall be no more than five open diamond meshes between each panel side and the adjacent selvedges of the net;

38.9 In any net in which a square-meshed panel is inserted, wholly or partially, into a tapered portion of the net there shall be no more than five open diamond meshes between the posterior row of meshes in the square-meshed panel and the adjacent selvedges of the net;

38.10 Measurements of the mesh size of any square-meshed panel inserted into any part of a net shall not be taken into consideration when assessing the mesh size of a towed net;

38.11 Where the vessel deploys a net in which a square mesh panel is inserted other than by virtue of this licence or other legislation, the square mesh panel shall adhere to the minimum mesh size requirements for the net into which it is inserted.

Minimum Size for European Lobster in English Waters

39.1 In English waters west of 2° 56.78′ W and south of 52° 0 N, the minimum conservation reference size for European lobster (Homarus gammarus) shall be 90 mm.

39.2 In the rest of English waters, west of 2° 56.78′ W and north of 52° 0 N, as well as east of 2° 56.78′ W, the minimum conservation reference size for European lobster (Homarus gammarus) shall be 88 mm.

39.3 All European lobsters shall be measured as the length of the carapace, parallel to the midline, from the back of either eye socket to the distal edge of the carapace (as per Regulation (EU) 2019/1214, Annex IV).

39.4 This licence condition will commence at 00.01hrs on 01 March 2026.

Prohibition from fishing in the Firth of Clyde

40.1 All UK licenced fishing vessels are prohibited from fishing in the Firth of Clyde (all species - sea and shell fish) unless they have landed any recorded quantity of sea or shell fish from that area on at least one occasion between 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2025.

Firth of Clyde being the area enclosed to the landward side of coordinates:

- 55° 00.000’ north latitude and 005° 10.120’ west longitude,
- 55° 00.000’ north latitude and 005° 21.000’ west longitude,
- 55° 17.962’ north latitude and 005° 47.914’ west longitude.
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40.2 Where a vessel is operating under the authority of the Scottish Ministers for the purpose of scientific investigation, an exemption may be granted by the Scottish Ministers.

Real Time Closures (RTC) applicable in English Waters

41.1 The master and owner of the vessel to which this licence relates must ensure full compliance with all Real-Time Closures (RTCs) that are in force at any time during the vessel’s fishing operations.

41.2 The master and owner of the vessel shall ensure that the vessel to which this licence relates does not fish with restricted gears in any area subject to an active RTC and must immediately cease fishing and exit the closed area, if fishing with a restricted gear, upon becoming aware that an RTC has come into effect.

41.3 It is the responsibility of both the master and the owner to remain informed of all current RTCs. The most up-to-date details of RTCs, including gears, maps, coordinates and duration of closures, are published on the UK Government website at: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/real-time-closures

41.4 Any vessel transiting through a specified RTC must have all restricted fishing gear inboard, lashed and stowed.

41.5 Failure to comply with any RTC in force shall constitute a breach of this licence.

Channel technical measures for beam trawls

42.1 Notwithstanding the requirements in relevant fisheries legislation, within the parts of ICES divisions 7d and 7e which are within British fishery limits, the minimum codend mesh size for a vessel using beam trawls (TBB) shall be 90 mm.

42.2 The obligation in condition 42.1 does not apply to vessels, within British fishery limits, that are less than or equal to 12 metres overall length and have an engine power less than or equal to 221 kW.

42.3 The obligation in condition 42.1 does not apply within the 6 nautical mile limit, to vessels permitted to operate within the jurisdiction of an Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority.

Revocation

43. Any licence in respect of the areas and species covered by this licence, previously issued in respect of the above named vessel, is hereby revoked.