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ANNEX I PROHIBITED SPECIES

Species for which there is a prohibition to fish for,... The following species of sawfish in United Kingdom waters: narrow...

ANNEX II

CLOSED AREAS FOR THE PROTECTION OF SENSITIVE HABITATS

For the purposes of Article 12, the following restrictions on...

PART A

North Western Waters

1.	
2.	
3.	It shall be prohibited to deploy any bottom trawl or
	PART B
	South Western Waters
1.	
2.	
3.	

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ANNEX III

LIST OF SPECIES PROHIBITED FOR CAPTURE WITH DRIFTNETS

Albacore: Thunnus alalunga Bluefin tuna: Thunnus thynnus Bigeye tuna: Thunnus...

ANNEX IV

MEASUREMENT OF THE SIZE OF A MARINE ORGANISM

The size of any fish shall be measured, as shown...

ANNEX V

NORTH SEA

PART A

Minimum conservation reference sizes

PART B

Mesh sizes

- 1. Baseline mesh sizes for towed gear
 - Without prejudice to the landing obligation, vessels shall use a... 1.1.
 - 1.2. Without prejudice to the landing obligation,... vessels may use smaller...
- 2. Baseline mesh sizes for static nets and driftnets
 - 2.1 Without prejudice to the landing obligation, vessels shall use a...
 - 2 2 Without prejudice to the landing obligation, and notwithstanding point 2.1,...

PART C

Closed or restricted areas

- 1. Closure of an area to protect sandeel in ICES divisions...
 - 1.1. Fishing for sandeel with any towed gear with a codend...
 - 1.2. Fisheries for scientific investigation shall be allowed in order to...

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- 3. Restrictions on the use of beam trawls within 12 nautical...
 - 3.1. Vessels shall be prohibited from using any beam trawl inside...
 - 3.2. By way of derogation from point 3.1, fishing with beam...
- 4. Restrictions on fishing for sprat to protect herring in ICES...

5.

- 6. Use of static nets in ICES division 4a
 - In accordance with point (a) of Article 9(7) and by... 6.1.
 - Directed fishing for deepwater sharks as listed in Annex I... 6.2.

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PART D

The use of electric pulse trawls in ICES divisions 4b and 4c

1.	Fishing with electric pulse trawl shall be prohibited in all
2.	During the transitional period ending 30 June 2021, a fisheries
3.	New licences shall not be granted to any vessel during
4.	
5.	
	ANNEX VI
	NORTH WESTERN WATERS
	PART A
	PART B
	Mesh sizes
1.	Baseline mesh sizes for towed gear 1.1. Without prejudice to the landing obligation, vessels shall use a 1.2. Without prejudice to the landing obligation, and notwithstanding point 1.1,
2.	Baseline mesh sizes for static nets and driftnets 2.1. Without prejudice to the landing obligation, vessels shall use a 2.2. Without prejudice to the landing obligation, and notwithstanding point 2.1,
3.	This Part is without prejudice to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU)
	PART C
	Closed or restricted areas
1.	Closed area for the conservation of cod in ICES division
2.	Closed area for the conservation of cod in ICES divisions 2.1. From 1 February to 31 March each year, it shall 2.2.
	2.3. Directed fishing for small pelagic species with towed gear with
3.	Closed area for the conservation of cod in ICES division 3.1.
	3.2. By way of derogation from point 1, within the area
4.	Rockall haddock box in ICES sub-area 6
5.	

Special rules for the protection of blue ling in ICES...

6.

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	 6.1. From 1 March to 31 May each year directed fishing 6.2. A by-catch of blue ling up to a threshold of 6.3 	
7.	Restrictions on fishing for mackerel in ICES divisions 7e, 7f, 7.1. Directed fishing for mackerel with towed gear with a codend 7.2. It shall be permitted to fish within the area defined 7.3. Vessels which are not equipped for fishing and to which	
8.	Restrictions on the use of beam trawls within 12 nautical 8.1. The use of any beam trawl of mesh size less 8.2. Vessels shall be prohibited from using any beam trawl inside 8.3. Fishing with beam trawls within the specified area shall be	
9.	Use of static nets in ICES divisions 5b, 6a, 6b, 9.1. In accordance with point (a) of Article 9(7) and by 9.2. Directed fishing for deepwater sharks as listed in Annex I	
	ANNEX VII	
	SOUTH WESTERN WATERS	
	PART A	
	Minimum conservation reference sizes	
	PART B	
	Mesh sizes	
1.	Baseline mesh sizes for towed gear 1.1. Without prejudice to the landing obligation, vessels shall use a 1.2. Without prejudice to the landing obligation and notwithstanding point 2.1,	
2.	Baseline mesh sizes for static nets and driftnets 2.1. Without prejudice to the landing obligation, vessels shall use a 2.2. Without prejudice to the landing obligation, and notwithstanding point 2.1,	,
	PART C	
	Closed or restricted areas	
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.	Use of static nets in United Kingdom waters of ICES 4.1. In accordance with point (a) of Article 9(7) and by 4.2. Directed fishing for deepwater sharks as listed in Annex I 4.3	

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ANNEX VIII **BALTIC SEA**

PART A

Minimum conservation reference sizes

PART B

Mesh sizes

PART C

Restrictions on the use of fishing gear

ANNEX IX MEDITERRANEAN SEA

PART A

Minimum conservation reference sizes

PART B

Mesh sizes

PART C

Restrictions on the use of fishing gear

ANNEX X

BLACK SEA

PART A

Minimum conservation reference sizes

PART B

Mesh sizes

ANNEX XI

UNION WATERS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AND THE WEST ATLANTIC

PART A

1.					
2.					

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PART B

Closed or restricted areas

ANNEX XII NEAFC REGULATORY AREA

PART A

Minimum conservation reference sizes

PART B

Mesh sizes

- 1. Baseline mesh sizes for towed gear
- 2. Baseline mesh sizes for static nets

PART C

Closed or restricted areas

- 1. Measures for the redfish fishery in the Irminger Sea and...
 - It shall be prohibited to catch redfish in international waters... 1.1.
 - Notwithstanding point 1.1, a fishery for redfish may be permitted,... 1.2.
 - 1.3. It shall be prohibited to use trawls with a mesh...
 - The conversion factor to be applied to the gutted and... 1.4.
 - 1.5. Masters of fishing vessels engaged in the fishery outside the...
 - In addition to Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 1236/2010,... 1.6.
 - 1.7. The reports referred to in point 1.6 shall be made...
- 2. Special rules for the protection of blue ling
 - From 1 March to 31 May each year it shall... 2.1.
 - 2.2. Where blue ling is subject to the landing obligation set...
 - 2.3. When entering and exiting the areas referred to in point...
 - 2.4. In either of the two areas referred to in point...
 - 2.5. The observers referred to in Article 16 of Regulation (EU)...
 - From 15 February to 15 April each year, it shall... 2.6.
- 3. Measures for the redfish fishery in international waters of ICES...
 - Directed fishing for redfish in the international waters of ICES... 3.1.
 - 3.2. Vessels shall limit their by-catches of redfish in other fisheries...
 - 3.3. The conversion factor to be applied to the gutted and...
 - By way of derogation from point (b) of Article 9(1)... 3.4.
 - In addition to Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 1236/2010,... 3.5.
 - 3.6. A fisheries administration must ensure that scientific information is collected...
 - A fisheries administration must prohibit directed fishery for redfish in... 3.7.
- Rockall haddock box in ICES sub-area 6 4

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PART D

Closed areas for the protection of sensitive habitats

- 1. It shall be prohibited to conduct bottom trawling and fishing...
- 2. Where, in the course of fishing operations in new and...

ANNEX XIII

MITIGATION MEASURES TO REDUCE INCIDENTAL CATCHES OF SENSITIVE SPECIES

The following measures to monitor and reduce incidental catches of...

The measures set out in Parts A, B and C....

PART A

Cetaceans

- 1. Fisheries in which the use of acoustic deterrent devices is...
 - 1.1. It shall be prohibited for vessels with an overall length...
 - 1.2. Point 1.1 shall not apply to fishing operations conducted solely...
 - 1.3. A fisheries administration must take necessary steps to monitor and...
- 2. Fisheries to be monitored
 - 2.1. Monitoring schemes shall be undertaken on an annual basis and...
 - 2.2. Point 2.1 shall not apply to fishing operations conducted solely...

PART B

Seabirds

PART C

Marine turtles

1.

ANNEX XIV

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- (1) OJ C 389, 21.10.2016, p. 67.
- (2) OJ C 185, 9.6.2017, p. 82.
- (3) Position of the European Parliament of 16 April 2019 (not yet published in the Official Journal) and decision of the Council of 13 June 2019.
- (4) Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy, amending Council Regulations (EC) No 1954/2003 and (EC) No 1224/2009 and repealing Council Regulations (EC) No 2371/2002 and (EC) No 639/2004 and Council Decision 2004/585/EC (OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 22).
- (5) Directive 2008/56/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 June 2008 establishing a framework for community action in the field of marine environmental policy (Marine Strategy Framework Directive) (OJ L 164, 25.6.2008, p. 19).
- (6) Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora (OJ L 206, 22.7.1992, p. 7).
- (7) Directive 2009/147/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 November 2009 on the conservation of wild birds (OJ L 20, 26.1.2010, p. 7).
- (8) Directive 2000/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2000 establishing a framework for Community action in the field of water policy (OJ L 327, 22.12.2000, p. 1).
- (9) OJ L 123, 12.5.2016, p. 1.
- (10) Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 2011 laying down the rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers (OJ L 55, 28.2.2011, p. 13).
- (11) Council Regulation (EC) No 894/97 of 29 April 1997 laying down certain technical measures for the conservation of fishery resources (OJ L 132, 23.5.1997, p. 1).
- (12) Council Regulation (EC) No 850/98 of 30 March 1998 for the conservation of fishery resources through technical measures for the protection of juveniles of marine organisms (OJ L 125, 27.4.1998, p. 1).
- (13) Council Regulation (EC) No 2549/2000 of 17 November 2000 establishing additional technical measures for the recovery of the stock of cod in the Irish Sea (ICES Division VIIa) (OJ L 292, 21.11.2000, p. 5).
- (14) Council Regulation (EC) No 254/2002 of 12 February 2002 establishing measures to be applicable in 2002 for the recovery of the stock of cod in the Irish Sea (ICES division VIIa) (OJ L 41, 13.2.2002, p. 1).
- (15) Council Regulation (EC) No 812/2004 of 26 April 2004 laying down measures concerning bycatches of cetaceans in fisheries and amending Regulation (EC) No 88/98 (OJ L 150, 30.4.2004, p. 12).
- (16) Council Regulation (EC) No 2187/2005 of 21 December 2005 for the conservation of fishery resources through technical measures in the Baltic Sea, the Belts and the Sound, amending Regulation (EC) No 1434/98 and repealing Regulation (EC) No 88/98 (OJ L 349, 31.12.2005, p. 1).
- (17) Council Regulation (EC) No 1967/2006 of 21 December 2006 concerning management measures for the sustainable exploitation of fishery resources in the Mediterranean Sea, amending Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93 and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1626/94 (OJ L 409, 30.12.2006, p. 11).
- (18) Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 of 20 November 2009 establishing a Union control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the common fisheries policy, amending Regulations (EC) No 847/96, (EC) No 2371/2002, (EC) No 811/2004, (EC) No 768/2005, (EC) No 2115/2005, (EC) No 2166/2005, (EC) No 388/2006, (EC) No 509/2007, (EC) No 676/2007, (EC) No 1098/2007, (EC) No 1300/2008, (EC) No 1342/2008 and repealing Regulations (EEC) No 2847/93, (EC) No 1627/94 and (EC) No 1966/2006 (OJ L 343, 22.12.2009, p. 1).
- (19) Regulation (EU) 2016/1139 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 July 2016 establishing a multiannual plan for the stocks of cod, herring and sprat in the Baltic Sea and the fisheries exploiting those stocks, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2187/2005 and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1098/2007 (OJ L 191, 15.7.2016, p. 1).

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- (21) Regulation (EU) 2019/472 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 March 2019 establishing a multiannual plan for stocks fished in the Western Waters and adjacent waters, and for fisheries exploiting those stocks, amending Regulations (EU) 2016/1139 and (EU) 2018/973, and repealing Council Regulations (EC) No 811/2004, (EC) No 2166/2005, (EC) No 388/2006, (EC) No 509/2007 and (EC) No 1300/2008 (OJ L 83, 25.3.2019, p. 1).
- (22) Regulation (EU) 2019/1022 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019 establishing a multiannual plan for the fisheries exploiting demersal stocks in the western Mediterranean Sea and amending Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 (OJ L 172, 26.6.2019, p. 1).

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