

Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine
An Roinn Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara

Fisheries Natura Declaration No. 3 of 2017 (Hook Head and Saltee Islands SACs)

I, Michael Creed, Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by Regulation 9(1)(a) and (b) of the European Union (Birds and Natural Habitats) (Sea-fisheries) Regulations 2013 (S.I. No. 290 of 2013), hereby issue the following declaration:

Citation

1. This Declaration may be cited as Fisheries Natura Declaration No. 3 of 2017 (Hook Head and Saltee Islands SACs).

Commencement

2. This Declaration comes into force on 30 November 2017.

Specified Areas

3. In this Declaration:

(1) "Area 1" means the geographical area enclosed by an imaginary line drawn from:

Latitude 52°05.0000'N, Longitude 006°59.6400'W through
Latitude 52°03.2900'N, Longitude 006°59.6800'W through
Latitude 52°02.8200'N, Longitude 006°56.6500'W through
Latitude 52°02.8125'N, Longitude 007°02.1125'W to
Latitude 52°05.0000'N, Longitude 006°59.6400'W.

(2) "Area 2" means the geographical area enclosed by an imaginary line drawn from:

Latitude 52°09.0500'N, Longitude 006°48.0000'W through
Latitude 52°09.0500'N, Longitude 006°47.2600'W through
Latitude 52°08.9715'N, Longitude 006°47.1308'W through
Latitude 52°02.8153'N, Longitude 006°47.1151'W through
Latitude 52°02.8200'N, Longitude 006°56.6500'W through
Latitude 52°04.9600'N, Longitude 006°53.7100'W through
Latitude 52°05.0000'N, Longitude 006°50.9400'W through
Latitude 52°07.8900'N, Longitude 006°50.4500'W to
Latitude 52°09.0500'N, Longitude 006°48.0000'W.

(3) "Area 3" means the geographical area enclosed by an imaginary line drawn from:

Latitude 52°05.5640'N, Longitude 006°41.5300'W through
Latitude 52°04.0120'N, Longitude 006°41.0200'W through
Latitude 52°04.0200'N, Longitude 006°38.5400'W through
Latitude 52°04.8660'N, Longitude 006°38.2000'W through
Latitude 52°07.9000'N, Longitude 006°30.6000'W through
Latitude 52°03.6120'N, Longitude 006°30.8130'W through
Latitude 52°03.6108'N, Longitude 006°41.5698'W to
Latitude 52°05.5640'N, Longitude 006°41.5300'W.

(4) "Area A" means the geographical area landwards of an imaginary line drawn from:

Latitude 52°12.2620'N, Longitude 006°47.1391'W through
Latitude 52°08.9715'N, Longitude 006°47.1308'W through
Latitude 52°09.0500'N, Longitude 006°47.2600'W through
Latitude 52°09.0500'N, Longitude 006°48.0000'W through
Latitude 52°07.8900'N, Longitude 006°50.4500'W through
Latitude 52°05.0000'N, Longitude 006°50.9400'W through
Latitude 52°04.9600'N, Longitude 006°53.7100'W through
Latitude 52°02.8200'N, Longitude 006°56.6500'W through
Latitude 52°03.2900'N, Longitude 006°59.6800'W through
Latitude 52°05.0000'N, Longitude 006°59.6400'W through
Latitude 52°08.2600'N, Longitude 006°55.7800'W to
Latitude 52°08.9814'N, Longitude 006°54.8012'W

(5) "Area B" means the geographical area landwards of an imaginary line drawn from:

Latitude 52°11.2916'N, Longitude 006°30.4495'W through
Latitude 52°07.9000'N, Longitude 006°30.6000'W through
Latitude 52°04.8660'N, Longitude 006°38.2000'W through
Latitude 52°04.0200'N, Longitude 006°38.5400'W through
Latitude 52°04.0120'N, Longitude 006°41.0200'W through
Latitude 52°05.5860'N, Longitude 006°41.5660'W through
Latitude 52°10.0248'N, Longitude 006°41.5574'W to
Latitude 52°10.2201'N, Longitude 006°35.7564'W.

Restrictions on dredging and trawling in specified areas

4. (1) A person on a sea-fishing boat shall not fish with a dredge of any kind, a beam trawl or a bottom otter trawl in Area A or Area B.
- (2) A person on a sea-fishing boat shall not fish with a dredge of any kind, a beam trawl or a bottom otter trawl in Area 1, Area 2 or Area 3 in the period between 1 March and 30 November in any year.
- (3) Subject to paragraph (2), a person fishing in Area 1, Area 2 or Area 3 shall not have more than 24 dredges onboard a sea-fishing boat.

GPS monitoring of certain sea-fishing boats

5. (1) The owner, master or other person who is for the time being in charge of a sea-fishing boat fishing in Area 1, Area 2 or Area 3 shall ensure that a fully functioning GPS (Global Positioning System) monitoring system is installed onboard the boat and operational at all times if that boat:
- (a) is using a dredge of any kind,
 - (b) is using a beam trawl,
 - (c) is using a bottom otter trawl and is less than or equal to 12 metres in length, or
 - (d) is using a bottom otter trawl, is more than 12 metres in length and does not have a fully functioning satellite vessel monitoring system (VMS) installed on board.

- (2) In relation to the GPS monitoring system referred to in paragraph (1), the owner, master or other person who is for the time being in charge of a sea-fishing boat shall:
- (a) ensure that the data of the GPS monitoring system is not altered in any way;
 - (b) ensure the GPS monitoring system is not obstructed, disconnected or blocked in such a way that could obstruct the transmission of data;
 - (c) not permit a person on board the boat to destroy, damage or otherwise interfere with the GPS monitoring system unless an officer of the Authority has authorised its replacement;
 - (d) ensure that the GPS monitoring system:
 - (i) is of a type included on any list of approved GPS monitoring systems that may be published by the Authority;
 - (ii) can acquire, log (store) and transmit to shore the boat's positional information as required over the GPRS (mobile phone network),
 - (iii) uses a direct power supply from the boat and have an independent power source,
 - (iv) is fitted in a robust and tamperproof manner, and
 - (v) transmits the boat's positional information to shore at a frequency of up to once per minute in a format accessible by the Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority (SFPA) and the Marine Institute.

VMS monitoring of certain sea-fishing boats

6. The owner, master or other person who is for the time being in charge of a sea-fishing boat which is over 12 metres in length and has a satellite VMS system installed onboard must ensure when fishing in Area 1, Area 2 or Area 3 that the vessels position is reported through the VMS system in a frequency of at least once every 10 minutes.

GIVEN under my Official Seal,

27 September 2017



Michael Creed, T.D.

Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine