

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

Fisheries Natura Declaration No. 1 of 2014 (Dundalk Bay)

I, Simon Coveney, Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by Regulation 9 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 1 of 2014 (Dundalk Bay).

Commencement

2. This Declaration comes into force on 30 July 2014.

Prohibition on fishing for cockles

3. A person, on board a vessel or otherwise, shall not use any method to fish, including hand gathering, or attempt to fish, have on board, retain in their possession, land, tranship, attempt to land or attempt to tranship cockles (*Cerastoderma edule*) in the following geographical area: up to the high water mark west of a straight line between latitude 53° 59' 6.429" N, longitude 6° 13' 21.252" W and latitude 53° 51' 36.829" N, longitude 6° 14' 18.202" W ("Dundalk Bay").

Razor Clam and brown shrimp fishing

4. In Dundalk Bay, a person shall fish for razor clams (*Ensis siliqua*) or brown shrimp (*Crangon crangon*) under the following conditions:

- a) the owner, master or other person who is for the time being in charge of the vessel shall accurately maintain a BIM Fishing Activity Record Book in respect of each voyage and send the record relating to each calendar month's fishing to the address stated on the book within 48 hours of the end of that month;
- b) the owner, master or other person who is for the time being in charge of the vessel shall inform FMC Ireland –
 - by telephone +353 21 378752, or
 - in written form to Fax Number + 353 21 4378096 or
 - by email to fmcireland@defenceforces.ie,
- (i) immediately prior to leaving port stating-
 - Vessel ID details (name and registration number)
 - The area it is entering (Dundalk Bay)
 - Target species (razor clams or brown shrimp)
 - Port of departure
 - Time of departure

and

- (ii) not less than 1 hour in advance of his or her intention to land razor clams or brown shrimp, stating-
 - Vessel ID details (name and Reg number)
 - The area it is has fished (Dundalk Bay)
 - Target species (razor clams or brown shrimp)
 - Expected time of landing
 - Port of landing.

Revocations

5. Fisheries Natura Declaration No. 2 of 2013 (Dundalk Bay) is revoked.

GIVEN under my Seal,

25 July 2014

Simon Coveney, T.D.

Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the declaration and does not purport to be a legal interpretation)

This Declaration prohibits fishing for cockles and sets reporting conditions for vessels fishing razor clams and brown shrimp in Dundalk Bay.

(FND 2014/001)