

Fisheries Information Notice 17 - 2011 Mackerel Authorisations



The Sea Fisheries Protection Authority has issued Fisheries Information Notice 17 -2011 entitled “Mackerel Authorisation”

LEGISLATION

References: EC 1224/2009 Art 7

Sea Fisheries and Maritime Jurisdiction Act 2006 Section 13

Authorisation to engage in fishing activities is determined by the Minister under section 13 of the Sea Fisheries and Maritime Jurisdiction Act 2006. Determinations are made by the departments from time to time in order to facilitate the proper and effective management; conservation and rational exploitation of fishing opportunities.

Mackerel may only be exploited by Authorised vessels however there are some derogations:

- A boat, or a person on board that boat, may, without a Mackerel authorisation, retain on board or land on any occasion a quantity of Mackerel that does not exceed :
 - 10% by live weight of the total quantity of Horse Mackerel; and
 - 5% by live weight of the total quantity of all other pelagic species retained on board or landed on that occasion.

Horse Mackerel and all other pelagic fisheries are subject to separate authorisation.

- A boat less than 15 metres in length overall, or a person on board that boat, fishing by means of hooks and lines, may, without a Mackerel authorisation, retain on board or land up to 500 kg of mackerel on any occasion. Such boats may not carry nets with a mesh of less than 80mm when availing of this derogation.
- a boat of **less than 18 meters** in length overall, which has not been issued an authorization for the period, or a person on board that boat, **fishing by means other than hook and line**, may, without a Mackerel Authorisation, retain on board or land a quantity of Mackerel that does not exceed the limits set by the fisheries management notice issued under section 12(1) of the Act, in force at that time, for that class of boat. The fisheries management notice is normally issued on a monthly basis and is available on <http://sfpa.ie/Legislation/Fisheries Conservation/FMN's>

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