

Fisheries Information Notice 7 of 2017

Pair trawling – recording of catch



The Sea Fisheries Protection Authority has issued Fisheries Information Notice 7 of 2017 entitled “Pair trawling – recording of catch”.

LEGISLATION

References: EC 1224/2009 Control Regulation
 EC 404/2011 Detailed Rules for the Control, Regulation
 SI 54/2016 Sea-Fisheries (Community Control System) Regulations 2016

Introduction

Vessels operating in pelagic fisheries must be Authorised under Section 13 of the Sea Fisheries & Maritime Jurisdiction Act. Authorised vessels are permitted to fish at certain times and up to certain limited quantities, as indicated in a notification, from time to time. Pair trawling for pelagic species is an approved fishing method which must be notified to the Sea Fisheries Protection Authority, in advance of the establishment of any pairing arrangement.

Catches retained during fishing operations must be accurately ascribed to the vessel retaining the catch, this is essential to avoid vessels exceeding permitted quantities or to avoid double counting of catches.

Recording of Catch

The regulation states “The master(s) of all fishing vessel(s) participating to a pair fishing operation shall keep a fishing logbook indicating the quantities caught and kept on board in such a way that there is no double counting of catches”

The regulation also states the “date for each day at sea shall be recorded in a new line (paper logbook) or report (electronic logbook) and shall correspond to each day at sea.” However it goes on and states; “Where applicable, date for each fishing operation shall be recorded in a new line” **Whenever there is a change of partner during a day a separate and distinct fishing activity report shall be made by all vessel.**

Masters must record the fact that they were involved in a pair fishing operation, indicating the details of their partner vessel and when recording the catch it must not be double counted.

Recording of fishing pair fishing operations

All vessels operating in the Pelagic Fisheries are required to report electronically(ERS)

The master of a fishing vessel participating in pair fishing operations must record the following details of both their own vessel and the partner vessel in their respective log book:

- Vessel Name
- IRCS
- CFR Number
- External Identification
- Name & Address of the Master

This information can be entered in ieCatch.

Edit Vessel Details

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Catch Information

Fishing Gear Information

Fishing Gear: **Otter Gear** * Gear Lost Number of Units: Fishing Depth: **100** * m [Edit List of Fishing Gear >>](#)

Measures to Retrieve:

Catch Date and Time

Date (UTC): Day: **17** / Month: **08** / Year: **2017** * Start Time (UTC): Hours: **08** : Minutes: **00** * **Get Date** Duration: **4** * hour(s) Number of Hauls: **1** *

Position

Latitude: **51** * **30** * **N** * Longitude: **9** * **10** * **W** * **Get Position**

Stat. Rectangle: **32** **E0** * ICES/Other Zone: **VIIJ2** * [Edit List of ICES/Other Zones >>](#)

Econ. Zone(s): **IRL** * [Edit List of Economical Zones >>](#)

Pair Trawling

Partner Vessel: [Edit List of Vessels >>](#)

Catch Information

No Catch

Catch Information					Trip Total:					
Species	Box Size	Box Count	Quantity(Kg)	Number	Species	Box Size	Today Box Count	Total Box Count	Today Total Amount	Total Amount
HAL			5.00	<input type="text"/>	HAL				5.00	5.00

For any one fishing operation in a pair there can only be 2 fishing vessels. Even if there are 3 vessels in a “pairing arrangement” there will only be 2 vessels involved in any one fishing operation.

Partner Vessel(s) details can be entered in ieCatch when in the Catch Information page. Click on the hyperlink [Edit List of Vessels](#)

Enter the details of all your partner vessel(s);

Partners

Nation	Port Reg. No.	Vessel Name	Radio Call Sign	CFR	Master	
Ireland	C999	SUNDANCE	EIZZ	IRL00012345	J. MACKEREL	Delete
Ireland	S0999	MOONDANCE	EIVY	IRL000123456	J. SPRAT	Delete
						Delete
						Delete
						Delete
						Delete

Select the relevant partner for that particular Fishing Operation and Catch Report from the drop down list you created;

Pair Trawling

Partner Vessel: **IRL, C999, SUNDANCE, EIZZ, IRL00012345, J. MACKERE** * [Edit List of Vessels >>](#)

Pair Fishing Recording of Catch

The vessels in an operation may retain the catch on one vessel or split the catch, each vessel should record the estimate of the quantities retained, which should be accurate to a 10% margin of tolerance. Where a vessel does not retain any part of the catch the Master will record “Nil”.

ieCatch facilitates all the above. The master can record the required details of the partner vessel and can record the species and weight retained indicating “0” where it is Nil, on the Catch Information page.

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Date (UTC): / / * Start Time (UTC): : * Duration: * hour(s) Number of Hauls: *

Position

Latitude: ° ' N * Longitude: ° ' W *

Stat. Rectangle: * ICES/Other Zone: * [Edit List of ICES/Other Zones >>](#)

Econ. Zone(s): * * * * [Edit List of Economical Zones >>](#)

Pair Trawling

Partner Vessel: * [Edit List of Vessels >>](#)

Catch Information

No Catch

Species	Box Size	Box Count	Quantity(Kg)	Number	
HER			0		Delete
					Delete

Trip Total:					
Species	Box Size	Today Box Count	Total Box Count	Today Total Amount	Total Amount

Currently in ieCatch, masters record the days fishing in one report and indicate the number of hauls and fishing time etc. However, where there is more than one partner during a day, then a separate Catch Report should be made out for the other partner(s).

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