

Fisheries Information Notice

1-2018 Porcupine Bank Closed Area



The Sea Fisheries Protection Authority has issued Fisheries Information Notice 01-2018 “Porcupine Bank closed Area”.

LEGISLATION

References: EC 2018 - 120 TAC Regulation.
SI 99-2018 Sea Fisheries (Quotas) Regulation 2018

Porcupine Bank Closure

Fishing for, or retention of, any of the following species in the Porcupine Bank during the period from: 1 May to 31 May 2018: cod, megrims, anglerfish, haddock, whiting, hake, Norway lobster, plaice, pollack, saithe, skates and rays, common sole, tusk, blue ling, ling and spurdog.

The Porcupine Bank shall comprise the area bounded by rhumb lines sequentially joining the following positions: Point

	Latitude	Longitude		Latitude	Longitude
1.	52° 27' N	12° 19' W	2.	52° 40' N	12° 30' W
3.	52° 47' N	12° 39,600' W	4.	52° 47' N	12° 56' W
5.	52° 13,5' N	13° 53,830' W	6.	51° 22' N	14° 24' W
7.	51° 22' N.	14° 03' W	8.	52° 10' N	13° 25' W
9.	52° 32' N	13° 07,500' W	10.	52° 43' N	12° 55' W
11.	52° 43' N	12° 43' W	12.	52° 38,800' N	12° 37' W
13.	52° 27' N	12° 23' W	14.	52° 27' N	12° 19' W

Transit through the Porcupine Bank, carrying onboard the species referred to in that paragraph, shall be permitted in accordance with Article 50(3), (4) and (5) of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009.

Transit through a fishing restricted area is allowed for all fishing vessels that are not authorised to fish in such areas subject to the following conditions:

- all gears carried on board are lashed and stowed during the transit; and
- the speed during transit is not less than six knots except in case of force majeure or adverse conditions.

In cases of force majeure, the master shall immediately inform the fisheries monitoring centre of the flag Member State.

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