

Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine

An Roinn Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara

Fisheries Management Notice No. 49 of 2026

(2026 Blue Whiting Fishery Closure Notice)

I, Timmy Dooley, Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 12 of the Sea-Fisheries and Maritime Jurisdiction Act 2006 (No. 8 of 2006) and the Agriculture, Food and the Marine (Delegation of Ministerial Functions) (No. 2) Order 2025 (S.I. No. 368 of 2025), hereby issue the following Notice:

1.1 This Notice is the Blue Whiting Fishery Quota Management Closure Notice 2026 (Fisheries Management Notice No 49. of 2026).

1.2 This Notice comes into force on 00:01 hours on 01 August 2026 and ceases to have effect on 31 December 2026.

2. In this Notice:

“Blue whiting” means *Micromesistius poutassou*;

“specified area” means All Areas

3. The master of an Irish sea-fishing boat authorised under section 13 of the Sea-Fisheries and Maritime Jurisdiction Act for blue whiting shall not engage in or cause or permit any person on board to engage in fishing activity for blue whiting in the specified area with effect from 00:01 hours on 01 August 2026.

GIVEN under my hand,

30 July 2026 at 14:47 hours

Timmy Dooley,

Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Notice prohibits fishing for blue whiting by authorised Irish sea fishing boats with effect from 00:01 hours on 01 August 2026.

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