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Press Release

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SFPA Issues Advice on Re-Opening of Edible Crab and Spider Crab Fisheries in the Biologically Sensitive Area

The Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority (SFPA) wishes to advise the fishing industry that the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) has issued a Crab Fisheries Management and Conservation Notice, re-opening the edible crab (*Cancer pagurus*) and spider crab (*Maja squinado*) fisheries within Ireland's Biologically Sensitive Area (BSA).

This Notice came into force at 17:15 hours on the 15th of November 2025.

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Note to Editor

The Fisheries Management Notice No. 73 of 2025 can be accessed on DAFM's website under the Fisheries Management Notice 2025 section or directly via the following link: [Fisheries Management Notice No. 73 of 2025 – Crab Fisheries Management and Conservation Notice](#)

Further Information

About the SFPA

The Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority (SFPA) is the independent statutory body responsible for the regulation of the sea-fisheries and the sea-food production sectors. It promotes compliance with the EU Common Fisheries



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Policy, sea-fisheries law and food safety law relating to fish and fish products, verifies compliance and, where necessary, enforces it. Its mandate covers all fishing vessels operating within Ireland's 200-mile limit, over 2,000 Irish registered fishing vessels wherever they operate, and all seafood produced in Ireland's seafood processing companies. The SFPA operates through a network of regional port offices situated at Ireland's main fishery harbours. For further information visit: www.sfpa.ie