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## SFPA Publishes Updated Fisheries Information Notice European Sea Bass Fishery in the Irish EEZ

The Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority (SFPA) recently published an updated Fishery Information Notice (FIN) titled 'European Sea Bass Fishery in the Irish EEZ.'

This updated FIN outlines the current regulations in force within the Irish Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) regarding commercial fishery control measures for sea bass, along with associated derogations. Sea bass is a specifically protected species under Irish legislation. Additionally, certain stocks in the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) divisions 6a and 7 are subject to specific protections under European Union multiannual plan and landing obligation legislation.

Overall, the FIN provides details on sea bass commercial fishery control measures for Irish sea-fishing vessels and Union fishing vessels and associated derogations.

The SFPA is committed to supporting compliance with both new and existing legislation and is available to provide guidance. For assistance or further details on the FIN, please contact: <a href="mailto:sfpafood&fisheriessupport@sfpa.ie">sfpafood&fisheriessupport@sfpa.ie</a>

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## Note to Editor

The updated FIN can be accessed on the SFPA website under the Fishery Information Notices section or via the following link:

 $\underline{https://www.sfpa.ie/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=Pipcu43CFBU\%3d\&portalid=0\&resourc}\\eView=1$ 

## **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 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: <a href="https://www.sfpa.ie">www.sfpa.ie</a>