

# Fisheries Information Notice 1-2020

## Closed Area in ICES Divisions 7f and 7g



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The Sea Fisheries Protection Authority has issued Fisheries Information entitled:  
**'Closed Area in ICES Divisions 7f and 7g'**

### Legislative Basis:

- EU 1241/2019
- EU 1224/2009
- SI 520/2019

### Introduction

#### **Closed area for fishing for the conservation of cod in ICES divisions 7f and 7g**

From: 1<sup>st</sup> of February until 31<sup>st</sup> March each year, it is **PROHIBITED** to conduct **ANY**, fishing activity in the following ICES statistical rectangles: 30E4, 31E4, 32E3, as shown in the area coloured in pink in Figure 1, **other than the permitted activities listed below**. This prohibition shall not apply within 6 nautical miles from the baseline.

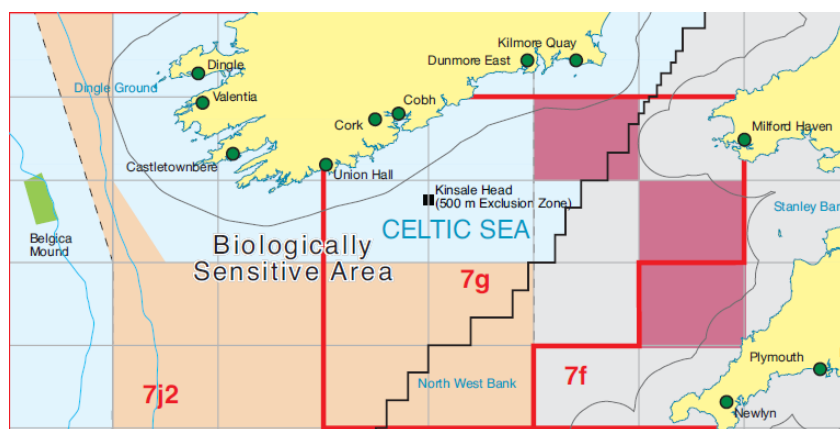


Figure 1: Area shaded in pink indicates Closed Area.

Source: Fishery Management Map by La Tene Maps and Bord Iascaigh Mhara

### Derogation

#### **Fishing activities using pots and creels**

*By way of derogation the use of pots and creels are permitted within the specified areas and time periods, provided that:*

- no fishing gears other than pots and creels are carried on board; and
- by-catches of a species subject to the landing obligation are landed and counted against quotas.

#### **Directed fishing for small pelagic species**

*By way of derogation directed fishing for small pelagic species are permitted in area using towed gear with a mesh size less than 55 millimetres, provided that:*

- no net of mesh size greater than or equal to 55 millimetres is carried on board; and
- by-catches of a species subject to the landing obligation are landed and counted against quotas.

### Restricted Area

Within any restricted or closed area are obliged to comply with the rules for a vessel present in a restricted area, these rules are contained in EC 1224/2009 Art 47 which specify rules for prior notification and stowage of gear.

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