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2024 Mackerel Hook and Line Fishery Management Arrangements

Available Quota 400t

- The quota allocation for the Mackerel Hook and Line fishery for 2024 is **400 tonnes.**
- The 2024 Mackerel Hook & Line fishery is to open by Fisheries Management Notice for all eligible vessels under 15 metres in length overall on 20 March 2024.
- Vessels equal to or greater than 10 metres in length overall must book-in to receive an authorisation for the fishery. Vessels under 10 metres in length overall will not be required to book-in to the fishery.
- As a condition of their authorisation, vessels equal to or greater than 10 metres are required to hail quantities over 50kg to the Irish Fisheries Monitoring Centre. This requirement will be included in the authorisation document.
- A catch limit of 6 tonnes for under 15 metre fishing boats fishing Mackerel by means of hooks and lines will be set out in a Fisheries Management Notice for the period 20 March to 30 April (inclusive) 2024
- The fishery is to be closed by Fisheries Management Notice for the month of April when the Department has been advised by the SFPA that 150 tonnes has been taken.
- Remaining quota to be allocated across May and subsequent months. Recommendations on per vessel catch limits for May and subsequent months to be made at the relevant preceding Quota Management Advisory Committee (QMAC) meeting.

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