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Bia agus Mara
Department of Agriculture,
Food and the Marine

2024 Nephrops FU16 Scientific Fishery Management (Scientific Fishery for data collection)

Subject to the approval of the Minister, the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine invites applications from the owners of Irish registered fishing vessels who meet the criteria outlined below to operate in the 2024 Nephrops Porcupine Bank (Scientific) Data Collection Fishery.

Completed application forms should be sent by email to fisheriesbooking@agriculture.gov.ie or by post to Fisheries Booking, Sea Fisheries Policy and Management Division, National Seafood Centre, Clogheen, Clonakilty, Co. Cork, P85 TX47, to arrive **no later than Close of Business on Friday 17th May 2024. Late applications will not be accepted.**

If you do not receive a receipt of confirmation by Close of Business on Monday 20thth May, please email fisheriesbooking@agriculture.gov.ie or contact a member of the Quota Management team (in the Sea Fisheries Policy and Management Division) by phone on 023-8859500 before Close of Business on Tuesday 21st May 2024.

Subject to the approval of the Minister, a lottery will take place to select vessels per management period in accordance with Detailed Lottery Arrangements for Nephrops FU16 (Scientific) Fishery set out at Appendix 1 below.

Detailed Management Arrangements and booking in forms are available on the Department website at: https://www.agriculture.gov.ie/seafood/seafoodpolicy/forms/

Detailed Management Arrangements

- The fishery will be confined to "FU16" (ICES Sub-Area VII) and is open to vessels who meet the following criteria:
    - The vessel will have track record of fishing in FU16 Sub Area VII (a minimum of 3 trips in total over the calendar years 2022 and 2023). Logsheet numbers for relevant trips to be provided.
    - The vessel will have freezer capabilities.
    - The vessel is suitable and capable to carry a scientific observer.
- A total of 12 vessels can participate in the fishery over a 4-month period. 3 vessels will be allowed to participate in each relevant calendar month.
- The 2024 fishery will be managed in four periods:

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- **Period 1**: The fishery will open at 00:01 hours on 1 June 2024 and end at 23.59 hours on 30th June 2024.

  Available Quota 30t, with 10t allocated to each of the 3 selected vessels.

- **Period 2**: The fishery will open at 00:01 hours on 1 July 2024 and end at 23.59 hours on 31 July 2024.

  Available Quota 30t, with 10t allocated to each of the 3 selected vessels.

- **Period 3**: The fishery will open at 00:01 hours on 1 August 2024 and end at 23.59 hours on 31 August 2024.

  Available Quota 30t, with 10t allocated to each of the 3 selected vessels.

- **Period 4**: The fishery will open at 00:01 hours on 1 September 2024 and end at 23.59 hours on 30 September 2024.

  Available Quota 30t, with 10t allocated to each of the 3 selected vessels.

- The catch limit being made available to each vessel for scientific purposes (10 tonnes) will be included in (and not in addition to) the catch limit for that vessel for relevant calendar month in Area VII, as outlined in the relevant Fisheries Management Notice (this is an "out of which" quota to be caught in FU16)
- During the relevant calendar month, in any one fishing trip, a person on board an Irish sea-fishing boat, targeting Nephrops in ICES Areas 6 and 7 may only fish in either of
  - ICES Area 6 and ICES Area 7, excluding Functional Unit 16 of ICES Subarea 7, **or**
  - Functional Unit 16 of ICES Subarea 7
- The catch limit being made available for the survey in FU16 must be landed in the calendar month for which the vessel is authorised and cannot be carried forward to a future month.
- The Minister to allow a lottery to take place to select vessels per management period in accordance with Detailed Lottery Arrangements for Nephrops FU16 (Scientific) Fishery set out at Appendix 1 below.
- Vessels will be chosen by lottery for all management periods after which a reserve list will be created.
- After the lottery has been held, if the Department is notified that a vessel does not wish to or cannot avail of the fishing opportunity for the relevant Management period and <u>before</u> being authorised, the quota will be allocated to the next vessel on the reserve list. After the lottery has been held, if the Department is notified that a vessel does not wish to or cannot avail of the fishing opportunity <u>after</u> being authorised, then that vessel's authorisation will be withdrawn and only the uncaught quota of that vessel will then be offered to the next vessel on the reserve list.
- A contact mobile phone number must be recorded for each vessel when booking-in.
- An advertisement will be placed in the Irish Independent.

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- It is proposed to write (via email) to all POs, industry representatives, and those on regular Department mailing lists for such fisheries seeking nominations of eligible vessels and advising of the application process.
- A notice will also be placed on the Department's website at the following link: https://www.agriculture.gov.ie/seafood/seafoodpolicy/forms/

Scientific Requirements: (Required by the Marine Institute)

- DAFM will provide the Marine Institute with the list of participating vessels and associated contact details at least 5 days in advance of trips commencing for the June period and 10 days in advance for trips in July, August and September.
- All participating vessels will carry out an FU16 'At Sea Self Sampling' on each trip according to the 'At Sea Self Sampling' SOP.
- The MI will select one vessel per month to carry a Marine Institute sampler for the duration of a trip. (Vessel carrying the MI sampler will be exempt from 'At Sea Self Sampling' requirement).
- Arrangements must be made by the Master to receive pre-sailing sampling training (via phone or in person) with the Fisheries Liaison Team Lead (Macdara Ó Cuaig 087 207 5988).
- The Marine Institute will provide an FU16' At Sea Sampling' pack to participating vessels and allocate a unique trip code prior to sailing. (Sampling pack includes SOP, Datasheets, labels.)
- The participating vessels shall send the Fisheries Liaison Team Lead (Macdara Ó Cuaig 087 207 5988) daily photos of the completed datasheet via WhatsApp to allow remote live feedback and QC as appropriate.
- Arrangements will be made by the Master via the Fisheries Liaison Team Lead (Macdara) for collection of samples and datasheets on landing.
- Marine Institute staff will collect samples from vessel/processors and work up at MI facilities.

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Appendix 1

Detailed Lottery Arrangements for 2024 Nephrops FU16 Scientific Fishery

Subject to the approval of the Minister, the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine proposes to hold a draw for Irish registered fishing vessels, who meet the criteria outlined, to select vessels to operate in the 2024 Nephrops FU16 (Scientific) Data Collection Fishery.

Venue: Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Clogheen, Clonakilty, Co. Cork, P85 TX47

Date: Friday 24th May 2024

Time: 12pm

- On application vessel owners/licence holder identify at least 3 log sheet numbers highlighting track record in FU16.
- By completing, signing, and dating the booking-in form, applicants confirm their willingness to be entered into an open draw to receive an authorisation for the fishery.
- For the draw, each individual vessel will be entered once into the draw.
- Fishing opportunities per management period will be filled in the order of vessels drawn in the lottery (so, for example places 1-3 will be placed in Management Period 1, places 4-6 will be placed in Management period 2, places 7-9 will be placed in Management period 3 and places 10-12 will be placed in Management period 4). The lottery will continue while there are vessels available in the draw to fill a reserve list.
- After the lottery has been held, if the Department is notified that a vessel does not wish to or cannot avail of the fishing opportunity for the relevant Management period and before being authorised, the quota will be allocated to the next vessel on the reserve list. After the lottery has been held, if the Department is notified that a vessel does not wish to or cannot avail of the fishing opportunity after being authorised, then that vessel's authorisation will be withdrawn and only the uncaught quota of that vessel will then be offered to the next vessel on the reserve list.
- One industry representative from each PO, NIFF and IFPEA will be invited to attend.
- An independent observer will also be invited to oversee proceedings.
- Authorisations to be made available following the lottery.

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For information on the collection, processing and sharing of data for quota management, including quota balancing, please see the most up-to-date version of our data protection statement at:
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