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Department of Agriculture,
Food and the Marine

ALBACORE TUNA QUOTA APPLICATIONS

Subject to the approval of the Minister, the Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine invites applications from the owners of Irish registered fishing vessels, who wish to fish the 2024 Irish Albacore Tuna quota. The relevant Irish quota is 4,057 tonnes.

An application form is available at the following web address:
https://www.gov.ie/en/collection/4703a-policy-quota-management/

Please complete all parts of the application form, sign and date and send 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 **Friday 19 April 2024.**

IMPORTANT: If you have not received a confirmation that we have received your application by 2pm on **Friday 26 April 2024**, please email the Quota Management team at quotamanagement@agriculture.gov.ie or contact the Department offices, without delay, on 023 8859500 and ask to speak to a member of the Quota Management team.

Fishing for Albacore Tuna in UK EEZ
In the fisheries consultations between the United Kingdom and the European Union for the 2024 fishing period, both parties agreed to grant each other access to target a specified amount of northern albacore in their respective EEZs in 2024. The EU-UK Written Record for 2024 includes a provision for access for EU vessels to target up to 280 tonnes of northern albacore in the UK EEZ, subject to the issuance of the relevant licence.

The EU Commission has requested that Ireland, along with other Member States with a quota for northern albacore, provide a list of the vessels that would plan to target albacore in UK waters under this agreement with the aim of preparing for discussions with the UK on the implementation of this access arrangement.

The booking-in form for the 2024 Northern Albacore Tuna fishery therefore includes a section allowing the Applicant Vessel to express an interest in access to target northern albacore in UK waters and, therefore, to be included in the list of vessels provided to the EU Commission. If you receive an authorisation to fish in the 2024 Northern Albacore Tuna fishery but have not expressed an interest in targeting

Albacore Tuna in UK waters on your booking-in form, you may still target Albacore Tuna outside of UK waters as per your authorisation.

Please note that indicating an interest for the Applicant Vessel to have access to target northern albacore in the UK EEZ in 2024 does not guarantee this access.

Sea Fisheries Policy and Management Division