Guide to your Provisional Quota Balancing Statement for Demersal Stocks

Why have I received a Provisional Quota Balancing Statement?

This statement has been sent to you as your vessel has fished in excess of its catch limit(s) for one or more relevant demersal stock(s)* in the fishery management period.

** stocks relevant for Demersal Quota Balancing are set out in Appendix 1 of the statement*

Key Information on your Provisional Quota Balancing Statement:

Page 1:

- The **"Enquires by"** date on the top right-hand corner. If you do not agree with the data in the statement, enquiries must be made by this date. This is important, as after this date, data is deemed final for quota balancing purposes.
- The **"Vessel Details"** table outlines the details & identifiers of your vessel.
- The **"Balancing Adjustment(s) Summary"** table sets out the stock(s) that have been subject to quota balancing and the balancing adjustment(s) for your vessel.
- In the event that your vessel departed on a trip in the management period for which you are receiving the statement, but did not land until a later period, the log sheet number of this trip will be set out in the **"Trip Departed in this Management Period (Landed in a Subsequent Management Period)"** table.

Calculation of Balancing Adjustment(s):

- For each stock code listed in the Balancing Adjustment(s) Summary on page 1, there is a page on your statement setting out how the balancing adjustment was calculated.
- The **"Calculation of Balancing Adjustment"** table sets out the catch limit, the declared landings, the amount of those landings that were fished in excess of the catch limit and the multiplier which was applied to calculate the balancing adjustment.
- The **"Declared Landings"** table sets out the details of the trip(s) relevant to the fishery management period.
- Where a trip listed in the Declared Landings table has
  a) taken place between a previous management period and the current management period, or
  b) taken place between the current management period and a later management period,

  the declared landings of that trip are divided out between the relevant management periods according to the catch data for each period (catch share) recorded in the operational logbook. Full details of apportionment calculations are set out in the **"Calculation of Apportionment of Declared Landings"** table

What are my next steps?

- If you agree with the data on the statement, then you do not need to do anything further. A final quota balancing statement will issue to you shortly.

  OR

- If you do not agree with the data on the statement, you must make an enquiry on or before the "Enquiries by" date on page 1 of the statement. Full details on how to make an enquiry are set out at paragraph 1 on the second last page of the statement.

If you have any queries regarding the information on this guide, please email QBEnquiries@agriculture.gov.ie