

# LANDING OBLIGATION ADVISORY NOTE



**Gear:** Area 7 Beam Trawl fisheries using greater than 80mm cod end mesh size (vessel engine power over 221Kw).

**General Principles:** All catches of quota species (regardless of size) must be kept on board, landed and will count against your quota uptake, except where the exemptions below apply.

## WHAT YOU CAN DISCARD IF NECESSARY:



Any non-quota species.



Under *de minimis* exemption you can discard a small % of certain species because it is recognised as difficult to completely avoid unwanted catches (these will not count against your quota uptake).

These species are:

Whiting in area b-k

Haddock in area 7e-k (excluding 7d)

Cod in area 7e-k (excluding 7d)

Horse Mackerel

Mackerel

Dover Sole in area 7d-h (gear must be fitted with Flemish Panel)



Under High Survival exemption - fish to be returned as quickly and carefully as possible (these will not count against your quota uptake).

Skates and Rays in area 7

Plaice in area 7 (gear must be fitted with flip-up rope or benthos release panel)



Damaged fish (these will not count against your quota uptake)

Any fish damaged by predators/disease or parasites/lice – it is the skipper/crew that decide if a fish is damaged or not.

## WHAT YOU MUST CONTINUE TO DISCARD:

(To be returned as quickly & carefully as possible)



Any **bass** in excess of your permitted landing limits (refer to your licence) or undersized.



Prohibited Species including **porbeagle**, **common skate**, **angel shark** and **spurdog** (unless you are part of spurdog real time management scheme). Refer to licence for full list.



**Bluefin tuna** - Dead **bluefin tuna** must be reported to MMO for advice on disposing ashore for scientific purposes.

## IF YOU HAVE A LOG BOOK YOU MUST RECORD:

- 1** Any non-quota species discards greater than 50kg
- 2** Any *de minimis* discards
- 3** High survival discards
- 4** Damaged discards