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## Press Release

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### **SFPA Publishes Fishery Information Notice on Areas Closed to Fishing in the North-West**

The Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority (SFPA) recently published a Fishery Information Notice (FIN) on areas closed to commercial fishing in the North- West of Ireland.

This FIN details the reasons for the closures, the types of fishing vessels that are affected and the timing of the closures. The closed areas include Rockall Haddock Bank; Blue Ling; Deep Sea and Coral Protected Areas.

These closures may include permanent fishing restrictions, prohibitions on specific gear types and seasonal closures at certain times of the year. The FIN also provides details on all fishing vessels transiting through a closed area.

Operators of vessels should familiarise themselves with the FIN. The SFPA is committed to supporting compliance with both new and existing legislation and are available to provide guidance. For assistance or further details on the FIN, please contact: [sfpafood&fisheriessupport@sfpa.ie](mailto:sfpafood&fisheriessupport@sfpa.ie)

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#### **Note to Editor**

The FIN can be accessed on the SFPA website and by following this link: [FFSU-FC-FIN-OC-01-25 North-West Closed Areas](#)

## **Further Information**

### **About the SFPA**

The Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority (SFPA) is the independent statutory body responsible for the regulation of the sea-fisheries and the sea-food production sectors. It promotes compliance with the EU Common Fisheries Policy, sea-fisheries law and food safety law relating to fish and fish products, verifies compliance and, where necessary, enforces it. Its mandate covers all fishing vessels operating within Ireland's 200-mile limit, over 2,000 Irish registered fishing vessels wherever they operate, and all seafood produced in Ireland's seafood processing companies. The SFPA operates through a network of regional port offices situated at Ireland's main fishery harbours. For further information visit: [www.sfpa.ie](http://www.sfpa.ie)