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Section 1: Summary of the consultation

Subject	This consultation sets out a proposal to introduce the Sea Fishing (Enforcement) Regulations 2018.
Purpose	<p>To seek your views on the proposed regulations which have three purposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reinstate enforcement powers to Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Officers (IFCOs) relating to EU technical and other conservation measures that were inadvertently revoked in 2015; • introduce new powers that enable IFCOs to directly enforce other EU fisheries conservation measures such as new rules for bass and existing rules for blue fin tuna and marking of gear; and • introduce ambulatory references that will automatically update the legislation to reflect minor technical changes in the EU measures. However, if the EU legislation changes significantly or new measures are introduced, the proposed regulations will be amended through the usual parliamentary processes. This is a new addition, however it is a recognised approach that will allow a degree of future-proofing when technical amendments are made to the EU measures to save time and cost.
Geographical Scope	The proposed regulations will apply to England only.
Audience	This public consultation is open to anyone who may have view on the proposed regulations and will be the principal means by which we will gather views on the proposal. Defra has consulted with Marine Management Organisation (MMO) and the Inshore Fisheries & Conservation Authorities (IFCAs) during the formulation of the regulations.
Duration	This consultation will run for a period of four weeks from 19 March 2018 until 18 April 2018
How to Respond	<p>You can respond to the consultation by email to: control.and.enforcement@defra.gsi.gov.uk</p> <p>Or by post to: Control & Enforcement and IUU Team Defra Area 8B, 9 Millbank c/o 17 Smith Square London SW1P 3JR</p> <p>However you choose to reply, please ensure your response reaches us by 17:00 on 18 April 2018.</p>

Enquiries	<p>If you have any enquiries, or wish to receive hard copies of this consultation document please contact us by using the details shown above.</p>
After the consultation	<p>We will place a summary of responses to this consultation on our website at www.gov.uk/Defra. This summary will include a list of names of organisations that responded. It will not list personal names, addresses or other contact details (for either organisational or individual responses).</p> <p>We will retain a copy of responses that will be made available on request. Also, members of the public may ask for a copy of responses under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.</p>
Confidentiality and Data Protection	<p>Information provided in response to this consultation document including personal information, may be subject to publication or release to other parties or to disclosure in accordance with the access to information regimes – these are primarily the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), the Data Protection Act 1998 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.</p> <p>If you want information that you provide to be treated as confidential, please be aware that under the FOIA, there is a statutory Code of Practice with which public authorities must comply and which deals with obligations of confidence, amongst other things.</p> <p>In view of this, it would be helpful if you could explain to us why you regard the information you have provided in your response as confidential and so do not want it to be disclosed, if requested. If we receive a request for disclosure of the information, we will take full account of your explanation but cannot give an assurance that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances. An automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system will not, of itself, be regarded as binding on the Department.</p>
Compliance with the Code of Practice on Consultation	<p>This consultation is issued in line with the principles of consultation issued by the Cabinet Office. These can be found at:</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/consultation-principles-guidance</p> <p>If you have any comments or complaints about this consultation, please address them to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Defra Consultation Co-ordinator Area 8A, 9 Millbank c/o 17 Smith Square London SW1P 3JR</p> <p>Or email: consultation.coordinator@defra.gsi.gov.uk</p>

Section 2: Background information

Why the proposed regulations are needed

1. Marine fisheries legislation is enforced in England by the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) and the ten Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities (IFCAs). The MMO manage and monitor the entire English fishing fleet, enforce quotas for catches and ensure compliance with all fisheries legislation. They also have responsibility for enforcing certain legislation such as for fishing vessel licenses and time at sea. IFCAs enforce legislation in the 0-6 nautical mile sea area of their designated districts. They manage their local fisheries through voluntary actions and district-wide byelaws and enforce national and EU technical conservation measures such as to protect juveniles through MCRS and gear specifications.
2. The MMO can appoint Marine Enforcement Officers (MEOs) under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (MACAA) and IFCAs may appoint Inshore Fisheries and Conservation officers (IFCOs) under the same Act. A MEO's enforcement powers can be exercised in relation to a wide range of sea fisheries legislation (as specified in section 238 of MACAA), including all European fisheries legislation, which reflects their broad responsibility for managing the English fishing fleet. IFCOs' powers are limited to those matters set out in section 166 of MACAA i.e. primarily for local fisheries management and national technical measures.
3. IFCOs previously had enforcement powers in relation to EU technical measures listed in the Sea Fishing (Enforcement of Community Conservation Measures) Order 2000 (2000 Order) (Annex 2). The 2000 Order was revoked by the Sea Fishing (Enforcement and Miscellaneous Provisions) Order 2015 (2015 Order). This was due to the EU measures listed in the 2000 Order being out of date in many cases. Replacement regulations containing updated references to these EU technical measures were not made at that time. As a result IFCOs were no longer able to enforce those EU measures.
4. As a short-term remedy to this situation that allowed IFCOs to continue enforcing the EU technical measures, they were cross-warranted by the MMO under section 235 of MACAA to make them temporary MEOs. However, there are practical and operational issues that arise from an IFCO as MEO acting under the authority of the

MMO rather than the authority of an IFCA which is why this was not considered to be a viable long-term solution

Scope of the proposed regulations

5. On 23 June 2016, the EU referendum took place and the people of the United Kingdom voted to leave the European Union. Until exit negotiations are concluded, the UK remains a full member of the European Union and all the rights and obligations of EU membership remain in force. During this period the government will continue to negotiate, implement and apply EU legislation. The outcome of these negotiations will determine what arrangements apply in relation to EU legislation in future once the UK has left the EU.
6. Defra is proposing to introduce the Sea Fishing (Enforcement) Regulations 2018 (the 2018 Regulations) to provide IFCOs with the powers that they lost under the 2015 Order. They will enable them to once again enforce relevant EU regulations directly. The 2018 Regulations will also allow IFCOs to enforce relevant EU fisheries conservation measures that may need to be updated from time to time, as explained below.
7. We have taken this opportunity to introduce new powers that allow IFCOs to enforce new EU measures on bass catch limits for vessels and recreational fishing for bass and conservation measures for blue fin tuna. Much of this fishing activity occurs within the IFCA 0-6 nautical mile zone and it is therefore appropriate for IFCOs to enforce the relevant controls.
8. Most EU fisheries legislation is directly applicable in EU Member States and is continually being updated. Further changes are expected to be made to relevant EU fisheries legislation until the UK leaves the EU. Changes to EU legislation are negotiated at EU level between all Member States, the European Commission and the European Parliament. Details of the process can be found at http://ec.europa.eu/atwork/decision-making/index_en.htm. All EU legislation is subject to UK Parliamentary scrutiny which includes an assessment of the impact of the proposals. Before the UK leaves the EU we expect changes to the EU Technical Conservation Regulation, the Control Regulation and the bass provisions in the annual TAC and quota regulations.

9. As a response to this the 2018 Regulations will also contain “ambulatory references”, i.e. they will cross refer to EU measures that will be read as references to those measures as amended from time to time. This is a new addition, however it is a recognised approach that will allow a degree of future-proofing when technical amendments are made to the EU measures to save time and cost.
10. The ambulatory references in the 2018 Regulations will enable the government to implement minor and technical textual changes by following the standard procedures for approving EU legislation. Once adopted the changes will be legally binding and will require enforcement by the relevant bodies within England.
11. In the event that changes to the EU measures referred to in the 2018 Regulation go beyond those that are minor and technical, or if completely new EU measures are introduced the ambulatory references cannot be used. Instead, the government will amend the 2018 Regulations by following the usual Parliamentary scrutiny process.
12. Our policy is that IFCOs, as well as MEOs, should generally have powers to enforce EU fisheries legislation in their districts. This consultation seeks views on the general principle that if there any future substantive changes to EU legislation; we will update the 2018 Regulations to reflect these changes to EU fisheries legislation as and when required.

Expected impacts of the proposed regulations

13. There will be no one-off or ongoing costs for fishing, or other, businesses associated with the introduction of the 2018 Regulations. This is because the proposed regulations merely identify IFCOs as regulators that can enforce the listed fisheries conservation measures. The proposed legislation seeks to continue current and future enforcement arrangements for IFCOs in a more consistent way.
14. These regulations directly impact and apply to the MMO and Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities (IFCAs) as are responsible for the enforcement of EU legislation. We do not expect any other sector to be affected.
15. In the interests of legislative transparency and openness, Defra is welcoming comments from wider stakeholders who are not directly responsible for enforcing these regulations during this consultation. As MMO and the IFCAs have been

involved in the formulation of these regulations from the beginning, the consultation period will be 4 weeks.

16. IFCA's are statutory authorities who have direct responsibility for managing their inshore fishery districts. As such, they will be responsible for considering whether any action needs to be taken in relation to these measures as part of their local risk based strategy for enforcement. Any compliance related or investigative action will follow the Hampton Principles¹ of being proportionate to specific, identified, risk or need for intervention.

Section 3: Consultation questions

1. Do you agree with the introduction of the Sea Fishing (Enforcement) Regulations 2018? If you disagree, please state your reasons.
2. Do you agree with the proposal to reinstate IFCOs as direct enforcers of EU fisheries legislation? If not, why not?
3. It is proposed that where a substantive change to an EU technical fisheries measure or where a new EU technical measure is introduced, we will amend the Sea Fishing (Enforcement) Regulations 2018 following public notification of the proposal to all our stakeholders regardless of whether or not they are involved in enforcing EU legislation. Do you have any comments on this approach?
4. Do you have any general comments about this proposal or about how it will be implemented (please limit your response to 300 words)?

Section 4: Next steps

17. We will summarise all responses to this consultation and place the summary on our website at www.gov.uk/defra within three months of the consultation closing date.

¹ <http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/+/http://www.bis.gov.uk/policies/better-regulation/improving-regulatory-delivery/assessing-our-regulatory-system>

Section 5: Annexes

Annex 1: List of Consultees

Angling Trust

Association of Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities (AIFCAs)

Bass Anglers' Sportsfishing Society (BASS)

Cruising Association

Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities (IFCAs)

- Cornwall IFCA
- Devon & Severn IFCA
- Eastern IFCA
- Isles of Scilly IFCA
- Kent & Essex IFCA
- North Eastern IFCA
- North Western IFCA
- Northumberland IFCA
- Southern IFCA
- Sussex IFCA

Marine Management Organisation (MMO)

National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations (NFFO)

New Under Ten Fishermens Association (NUTFA)

Annex 2: List of measures set out in Sea Fishing (Enforcement of Community Conservation Measures) Order 2000

Community provision	Subject Matter
Part I	
Regulation 894/97	
Article 11	Provisions relating to drift nets.
Part II	
The Council Regulation	
1. Article 4, as read with Articles 5 and 10	Provisions relating to mesh sizes, target species, and required catch percentages when using towed gears.
2. Article 5(3)	Prohibition on transshipment without completing a logbook in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 of Regulation 2847/93.
3. Article 6	Limitation on the maximum number of meshes in certain towed gear.
4. Article 7	Provisions relating to the inclusion and placement of square mesh panels in specified towed gear.
5. Article 8(1) and (2), as read with Article 8(3)	Limitation on the twine thickness of towed gears.
6. Article 9(1), as read with Article 9(2)	Prohibition on the carriage or use of towed gears constructed wholly or in part of netting other than types specified.
7. Article 11, as read with Articles 12 and 13	Limitations on the use or keeping on board of specified fixed gears.
8. Article 14	Requirement to sort catches immediately after removal from nets.
9. Article 15	Prohibition on the landing or retention of fish in excess of specified percentages.
10. Article 16	Prohibition on devices that obstruct nets.
11. Article 18(3)	Prohibition on the retention and landing of lobsters, crawfish, and bivalve and gastropod molluscs unless they are whole.
12. Article 18(4)	Prohibition on the retention and landing of edible crabs unless they are whole, subject to a maximum percentage for the retention and landing of detached claws.
13. Article 19(1), as read with Articles 17, 18(1)-(2), 19(2)-(3)	Prohibition on the retention, transshipment, landing, transport, storage, sale, offer for sale and display of undersized fish.

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14. Article 20(1), as read with Article 20(2) and (3)	Prohibition on fishing for herring in specified waters during specified times.
15. Article 21(1), as read with Article 21(2)	Prohibition on fishing for sprat in specified waters during specified times.
16. Article 22(1), as read with Article 22(2) and (3)	Prohibition on fishing for mackerel in specified waters during specified times.
17. Article 23(1)	Prohibition on fishing for anchovy with, and the retention on board of anchovy caught using, pelagic trawls in ICES Division VIIIc.
18. Article 23(2)	Prohibition on the simultaneous carrying on board of pelagic trawls and purse seines in ICES Division VIIIc.
19. Article 24	Prohibition on fishing for skipjack and bigeye tuna using specified gear, and the retention on board of such species caught using such gear, in specified areas under the jurisdiction of Spain and Portugal.
20. Article 25(1), as read with Article 25(2) and (3)	Prohibition on retaining on board shrimps caught with specified gear.
21. Article 26(1), as read with Article 26(2)	Prohibition on the retention, transshipment, landing, transport, storage, sale, offer for sale and display of salmon and sea trout caught using towed gears or within specified waters.
22. Article 27(1), as read with Article 27(2)	Prohibition on the retention on board of Norway pout caught using towed gears in specified waters.
23. Article 28(1)	Prohibition on fishing for hake in specified waters during specified times.
24. Article 28(2)	Prohibition on the carriage of specified gear in specified waters unless lashed and stowed in accordance with the provisions laid down in Article 20(1) of Regulation 2847/93.
25. Article 29	Restrictions on the fishing for plaice by certain vessels using specified gear in specified waters.
26. Article 30(1)	Provisions relating to the use of demersal towed gears.
27. Article 30(2) and (3)	Prohibition on the use of certain towed gear in specified waters off the north-east coast of the United Kingdom and in ICES Division Vb and ICES sub-area VI. Prohibition on the carriage of certain towed gears in specified waters unless lashed and stowed in accordance with the provisions laid down in Article 20(1) of Regulation 2847/93.
28. Article 31(1) and (2), as read with Article 41	Prohibition on the use of explosives, stupefying substances or electric current for fishing. Prohibition on the sale, display or offer for sale of any marine organisms caught using methods incorporating the use of any kind of projectile.
29. Article 32(1), as read with Article 32(2) and (3)	Provisions relating to the use of automatic grading equipment.

30. Article 33(1), as read with Article 33(2) and 33(3)	Prohibition on the encirclement of marine mammals with purse seines.
31. Article 34	Restrictions on the use of beam trawls within 12 miles of the coasts of the United Kingdom and Ireland.
32. Article 35	Limitations on retention on board, transshipment, storage, transport, display or offer for sale of undersized organisms caught in the Skagerrak and Kattegat.
33. Article 36	Prohibition on the landing, retention on board, transshipment, storage, transport, sale, display or offer for sale of salmon and sea trout caught within any part of the Skagerrak and Kattegat situated outside the four-mile limit measured from the baselines of Member States.
34. Article 37(1), as read with Article 37(2)	Limitations on the use of certain trawls within 3 miles of the baselines in the Skagerrak and Kattegat between 1 July and 15 September.
35. Article 38	Prohibition on the retention on board of herring, mackerel and sprat caught using purse seines or trawls between specified times in the Skagerrak or Kattegat.
36. Article 39	Prohibition on the use of beam trawls in the Kattegat.
37. Article 40	Prohibition, during the periods and in the areas referred to in Articles 37, 38 and 39 where trawls or beam trawls may not be used, on carrying on board such nets unless they are lashed and stowed in accordance with the provisions laid down in Article 20(1) of Regulation 2847/93.
38. Article 42(1), as read with Article 42(2)	Prohibitions on the physical or chemical processing, or transshipment for processing, of fish (except offal) on board a fishing vessel to produce fish-meal, fish-oil, or similar products.
Part III	
Regulation 2742/99	
Article 9, as read with: (a) paragraph 3 of Annex V	Prohibition on all fishing in the Bornholm Deep from 15 May to 31 August 2000 inclusive.
(b) paragraph 4 of Annex V	Prohibition during the year 2000 on the retention on board or landing of sand eels caught within an area bounded by the east coast of England and Scotland.
(c) paragraph 6 of Annex V	Minimum mesh size of 90mm applied to fishing for sole in ICES Divisions IVc and VIIId during the year 2000.
(d) paragraph 8 of Annex V	Requirements as to mesh sizes and by-catches in the Skagerrak and Kattegat during the year 2000.
(e) paragraph 9 of Annex V	Minimum landing size of 27cm for plaice during the year 2000.

Annex 3: EU fisheries conservation measures enforceable by inshore fisheries and conservation officers

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Subject matter</i>
Commission Regulation (EEC) No. 3440/84 (2) on the attachment of devices to trawls, Danish seines and similar nets Articles 4 to 15	Restrictions on the use of devices attached to nets
Council Regulation (EC) No. 894/97(3), laying down certain technical measures for the conservation of fishery resources Articles 11, 11a and 11b	Restrictions on the use of drift nets
Council Regulation (EC) No. 850/98(4) for the conservation of fishery resources through technical measures for the protection of juveniles of marine organisms Article 4(1) (2)	Requirements relating to the mesh sizes of towed nets
Article 4(3)	Prohibition of fishing in certain areas without completing a logbook unless using certain towed nets
Article 4(4)	Prohibition of landing unless nets with certain mesh sizes used
Article 5(3)	Prohibition of transshipment of marine organisms without completing a logbook
Article 6	Restriction on the number of meshes in certain towed gear
Article 7	Restriction of use of square mesh panels in specified towed gear
Article 8	Restrictions relating to the twine thickness of towed nets
Article 9	Restrictions on the carriage or use of towed nets constructed wholly or in part of netting other than types specified
Article 10	Restriction on the transshipment of marine organisms during any voyage when dredges are carried on board
Article 11	Restriction on the use or keeping on board of specified fixed nets
Article 11a	Requirement to use 400 millimetre minimum mesh size for bottom set gillnets in certain areas when used to catch turbot
Article 14	Requirement to sort catches immediately after removal from nets
Article 15(1)	Prohibition of the landing of marine organisms

(2) OJ No. L318, 7.12.1984, p.23, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No. 146/2007 (OJ No. L46, 16.2.2007, p.9).

(3) OJ No. L 132, 23.5.1997, p.1, last amended by Council Regulation (EC) 809/2007 (OJ No. L 182, 12.7.2007, p.1). Articles 11a and 11b were inserted by Council Regulation (EC) No. 1239/98 (OJ No. L171, 17.6.98, p.1).

(4) OJ No. L 125, 27.4.1998, p.1, last amended by Regulation (EU) 2015/812 (OJ No. L 133, 29.5.2015, p. 1).

	subject to the landing obligation which are caught in excess of specified percentages or quantities
Article 15(2)	Prohibition of the retention of marine organisms not subject to the landing obligation in excess of specified percentages
Article 16	Prohibition of the use of devices that obstruct nets
Article 18(3)	Prohibition of the retention and landing of lobsters, crawfish, and bivalve and gastropod molluscs unless they are whole
Article 18(4)	Restriction on the retention and landing of catches of detached crab claws made by pots or creels and other fishing gear
Article 19	Prohibition of the retention, transshipment, landing, transport, storage, sale, offer for sale and display of undersized fish
Article 19a	Prohibition of the discarding of certain species in certain areas
Article 19b	Restrictions on fishing for mackerel, herring and horse mackerel in certain areas
Articles 20 and 20a	Restrictions on landing and retaining on board herring in specified waters during specified times
Article 21	Restrictions on retaining on board sprat in specified waters during specified times
Article 22	Restrictions on retaining on board mackerel in specified waters during specified times
Article 23	Restrictions on retaining on board anchovy
Article 25	Restrictions on retaining on board shrimps
Article 26	Restrictions on the retention, transshipment, landing, transport storage, sale, offer for sale and display of salmon and sea trout caught using towed nets or within specified waters
Article 27	Prohibition of the retaining on board Norway pout caught using towed gear in specified waters
Article 28	Restrictions on fishing for hake using specified towed nets in specified waters during specified times
Article 29	Restrictions on the fishing for plaice by certain vessels using specified towed gear in specified waters
Article 29a	Restrictions on landing and retaining on board sand eel
Article 29b	Restrictions on fishing for Norway lobster
Article 29c	Restrictions on fishing for Rockall haddock in certain areas
Article 29d and e	Restrictions on fishing for cod, haddock and whiting in certain areas
Article 29f	Restrictions on retaining on board blue ling in certain areas
Article 30	Restrictions on the use and having on board of certain demersal towed gear
Article 31	Prohibition of the use of explosives, poisonous or stupefying substances or electric current (except certain electrical fishing specified in Article 31a) and on the sale, display or offer for sale of marine organisms caught using methods

Article 32	incorporating the use of any kind of projectile Restrictions on the carriage or use on board of automatic grading equipment
Article 34	Restrictions on the use of beam trawls within 12 miles of the coasts of the United Kingdom and Ireland
Article 36	Prohibition of the landing, retention on board, transhipment, storage, transport, sale, display or offer for sale of salmon and sea trout caught within any part of the Skagerrak and Kattegat situated outside the four-mile limit measured from the baselines of Member States
Article 37(1)	Restrictions on the use of certain trawls within 3 miles of the baselines in the Skagerrak and Kattegat during specified periods
Article 39	Prohibition of the use of beam trawls in the Kattegat
Article 40	Prohibition, during the periods and in the areas referred to in Articles 37 and 39 where trawls or beam trawls may not be used, of carrying on board such nets unless they are lashed and stowed in accordance with the provisions laid down in Article 20(1) of Regulation 2847/93
Article 42(1)	Prohibition of the processing on board, or transhipment for processing, of fish (except offal) to produce fish-meal, fish-oil, or similar products

**Council Regulation (EC) No. 2549/2000(5)
establishing additional technical measures
for the recovery of stock of cod in the Irish
Sea**

Article 2	Prohibition on fishing in the Irish Sea with specified towed nets
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**Commission Regulation (EC) No.
2056/2001(6) establishing additional
technical measures for the recovery of stocks
of cod in the North Sea and to the west of the
coast of Scotland**

Article 4	Requirements relating to demersal towed nets and to catch composition
Article 5	Prohibition of the use of certain demersal towed nets and the carrying on board and use of certain beam trawls
Article 6	Prohibition of the use of certain beam trawls in specified areas
Article 7	Prohibition of the retention on board of cod in excess of a specified percentage by weight and caught by specified fixed gear
Article 8	Prohibition of the use of certain demersal towed nets in specified areas
Article 9a	Requirements on the landing of catches

(5) OJ No. L 292, 21.11.2000, p.5, last amended by Council Regulation (EC) No. 1456/2001 (OJ No. L 194, 18.7.2001, p. 1).

(6) OJ No. L 277, 20.10.2001, p.13, last amended by Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1897 (OJ No. L 277, 22.10.2015, p.11), Article 1(2) of which inserted Article 9a.

Commission Regulation (EC) No. 494/2002(7) establishing additional technical measures for the recovery of the stock of hake in ICES sub-areas III, IV, V, VI, and VII and ICES divisions VIII a, b, d, e

Article 2

Prohibition on the retention on board of hake in excess of specified percentages of the total catch

Article 3

Prohibition of the use of certain towed nets within specified areas, and prohibition of the use of certain other towed nets

Article 4

Prohibition of the use of certain beam trawls within specified areas

Council Regulation (EC) No. 1185/2003(8) on the removal of fins of sharks on board vessels

Article 3

Prohibition of the removal or retention on board, or transshipment, landing, purchase, offer for sale or sale of shark fins

Council Regulation (EC) No. 812/2004(9) laying down measures concerning incidental catches of cetaceans in fisheries

Article 2

Prohibition of the use of specified fishing gear without the simultaneous use of active acoustic deterrent devices

Council Regulation (EC) No. 1224/2009(10) establishing a Community control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the common fisheries policy

Article 8

Restrictions on the marking of fishing gears

Article 20

Prohibition of transshipment at sea

Article 42

Restrictions on transshipment in port by vessels engaged in fisheries subject to a multiannual plan

Article 44

Requirements on the stowage of demersal catches subject to multiannual plans

Article 47

Restrictions on carriage of fishing gear of multiple types

Article 48

Requirements relating to the retrieval of fishing gear lost at sea

Article 49a

Requirements on the stowage of catches below the minimum conservation reference size

Article 49c

Requirements on the landing of catches below the minimum conservation reference size

(7) OJ No. L 77, 20.3.2002, p.8, last amended by Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No. 2015/1867 (OJ No. L 275, 20.10.2015, p.20).

(8) OJ No. L 167, 4.7.2003, p.1, last amended by Regulation (EU) No. 605/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ No. L 181, 29.6.2013, p. 1).

(9) OJ No. L 150, 30.4.2004, p. 12, last amended by Regulation (EU) No. 597/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ No. L 173, 12.6.2014, p 62).

(10) OJ No. L 343, 22.12.2009, p. 1, last amended by Regulation (EU) No. 2015/812 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ No. L 133, 29.5.2015, p 1, which inserts Article 49a and 49c).

**Council Regulation (EU) No. 2018/120(11)
fixing for 2018 the fishing opportunities for
certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks,
applicable in Union waters and, for Union
fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters,
and amending Regulation (EU) 2017/127**

Articles 9(1),(2) and (3)

Prohibition in specified waters of the fishing (including by commercial fisheries from shore) for European sea bass and of the retention, transshipment, relocation or landing of European sea bass caught in certain areas, subject to derogations setting catch limits in specified waters for certain fishing vessels with previously recorded catches of European sea bass using specified gear

Article 9(4)

Restrictions in specified waters on the recreational fishing (including from shore) of European sea bass and the prohibition of the retention, relocation, transshipment or landing of European sea bass caught in certain areas

**Council Regulation (EU) No. 2016/1627 of
the European Parliament and of the Council
on a multiannual recovery plan for bluefin
tuna in the eastern Atlantic and the
Mediterranean(12)**

Article 19(1)

Prohibition of sport and recreational fishing of bluefin tuna without an authorisation issued by the Member State

(11) OJ No. L27, 31.1.2018, p.1.

(12) OJ No. L 252, 16.9.2016, p.1.