

SI No 148 of 2002

Blue Whiting (Fisheries Management and Conservation) Order, 2002.

I, Frank Fahey, Minister for the Marine and Natural Resources, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 223A (inserted by section 9 of the Fisheries (Amendment) Act, 1978 (No.18 of 1978), and amended by section 4 of the Fisheries (Amendment) Act, 1983 (No.27 of 1983) of the Fisheries (Consolidation) Act, 1959 (No.14 of 1959) and the Fisheries (Transfer of Departmental Administration and Ministerial Functions) Order, 1977 (S.I. No 30 of 1977) (as adapted by the Marine (Alteration of Name of Department and Title of Minister) Order, 1997 (S.I. No 301 of 1997)), hereby order as follows:

1. This Order may be cited as the Blue Whiting (Fisheries Management and Conservation) Order, 2002.

2. This Order shall come into operation at midnight on the 18th day of April, 2002.

3. (1) In this Order -

"the specified area" means ICES Division I, II, V (EC waters), VI, VII, XII and XIV specified in the Annex to the Communication from the Commission of the European Economic Community on the description of the ICES Sub-areas and divisions used for the purpose of fishing statistics and regulations in the North East Atlantic 85/C347/05 (1).

(2) In any proceedings in which a contravention of this Order is alleged prima facie evidence of the Communication may be given by the production of a copy of the Official Journal purporting to contain the Communication.

(3) In this Article -

"the Communication" means the Communication from the Commission of the European Communities on the description of the ICES Sub-areas and Divisions used for the purpose of fishing statistics and regulations in the North East Atlantic ⁽¹⁾;

⁽¹⁾ O.J. C.347/14 of 31/12/85

4. Neither an Irish sea-fishing boat nor a person on board an Irish sea-fishing boat shall engage in fishing for blue whiting in the specified area and the master of an Irish sea-fishing boat shall not cause or permit the boat or any person on board to engage in such fishing in the specified area.
5.
 - (1) An Irish sea-fishing boat shall not have blue whiting on board within the specified area.
 - (2) The master of an Irish sea-fishing boat shall not cause or permit the boat or any person on board to have blue whiting on board within the specified area.
6. The master of an Irish sea-fishing boat shall not cause or permit the boat to be used within the specified area for the transshipment of blue whiting from an Irish sea-fishing boat.
7.
 - (1) In a prosecution for an offence under Article 6 of this Order the following shall be prima facie evidence that the sea-fishing boat concerned was, at the time of the alleged offence, used for the transshipment of blue whiting in contravention of that Article;
 - (a) evidence that such sea-fishing boat had on board any books, papers or other documents from which it appears to the Court that on the day on which the offence is alleged to have been committed blue whiting were received on board the boat otherwise than in the course of fishing,

- (b) any admission by any person who is for the time being the master or other person in charge, or another member of the crew, of such sea-fishing boat that at such time she was so used,
 - (c) any other matter from which it so appears that such sea-fishing boat was so used or which in the opinion of the Court suggests, or tends to suggest, that such sea-fishing boat was so used.
- (2) In a prosecution for an offence under Article 5 of this Order it shall be a defence for the defendant to prove that the blue whiting to which the prosecution relates -
- (a) were taken in the course of fishing that did not contravene Article 4 of this Order, or
 - (b) were taken outside the specified area.

GIVEN under my Official Seal,
this 18th day of April, 2002.



FRANK FAHEY
Minister for the Marine and Natural Resources

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Order prohibits fishing for, transshipment, landing or having on board blue whiting by Irish sea-fishing boats in ICES Division, I, II, V (EC waters), VI, VII, XII and XIV with effect from midnight on the 18th April, 2002.

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