

Recommendation on Regulatory Measures for the Protection of Blue Ling in the NEAFC Regulatory Area (ICES Division XIV) from 2017-2020

The Commission hereby adopts the following recommendation pursuant to Article 5 of the Convention:

1. All fishing with bottom contacting gear (bottom trawl, longline and gillnet) is prohibited in the period 15 February to 15 April in the area bounded by following co-ordinates:
 1. 60°58'76 N - 27°27'32 W
 2. 60°56'02 N - 27°31'16 W
 3. 60°59'76 N - 27°43'48 W
 4. 61°03'00 N - 27°39'41 W

2. This measure shall be in force for the period 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2020.