

**Recommendation on Regulatory Measures for the Protection of Blue Ling in the NEAFC
Regulatory Area (ICES Division XIV) from 2024 to 2027**

The Commission hereby adopts the following recommendation pursuant to Article 5 and Article 6 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, which shall be measured according to the WGS84 system:
 1. $60^{\circ}58.76' \text{ N} - 27^{\circ}27.32' \text{ W}$
 2. $60^{\circ}56.02' \text{ N} - 27^{\circ}31.16' \text{ W}$
 3. $60^{\circ}59.76' \text{ N} - 27^{\circ}43.48' \text{ W}$
 4. $61^{\circ}03.00' \text{ N} - 27^{\circ}39.41' \text{ W}$
2. This measure shall be in force for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2027.