

**Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine**  
**An Roinn Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara**

**Fisheries Natura Declaration No. 1 of 2015 (Roaringwater Bay)**

I, Simon Coveney, Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by Regulation 9 of the European Union (Birds and Natural Habitats) (Sea-fisheries) Regulations 2013 (S.I. No. 290 of 2013), hereby issue the following declaration:

Citation

1. This Declaration may be cited as Fisheries Natura Declaration No 1 of 2015 (Roaringwater Bay).

Commencement

2. This Declaration comes into force on 1 May 2015.

Specified Areas

3. In this Declaration:

- (a) "Roaringwater Bay" means the geographical area landwards of an imaginary line drawn from:

Latitude 51°30.2186'N, Longitude 009°38.1498'W through  
Latitude 51°29.1117'N, Longitude 009°38.6355'W through  
Latitude 51°24.6280'N, Longitude 009°30.8322'W to  
Latitude 51°28.1507'N, Longitude 009°22.7141'W.

- (b) "Area A" means the geographical area enclosed by an imaginary line drawn from:

Latitude 51°30.9000'N, Longitude 009°29.6000'W through  
Latitude 51°31.1000'N, Longitude 009°29.2000'W through  
Latitude 51°31.1000'N, Longitude 009°28.7000'W through  
Latitude 51°30.9600'N, Longitude 009°28.6700'W through  
Latitude 51°30.9053'N, Longitude 009°28.8507'W through  
Latitude 51°30.7900'N, Longitude 009°28.8200'W through  
Latitude 51°30.6000'N, Longitude 009°29.4000'W to  
Latitude 51°30.9000'N, Longitude 009°29.6000'W.

- (c) "Area B" means the geographical area enclosed by an imaginary line drawn from:

Latitude 51°31.4000'N, Longitude 009°27.3000'W through  
Latitude 51°31.5000'N, Longitude 009°26.9000'W through  
Latitude 51°31.2000'N, Longitude 009°26.8000'W through  
Latitude 51°30.8000'N, Longitude 009°27.5000'W through  
Latitude 51°30.9000'N, Longitude 009°27.6000'W through  
Latitude 51°31.0300'N, Longitude 009°27.5900'W through  
Latitude 51°31.1427'N, Longitude 009°27.3987'W through  
Latitude 51°31.2498'N, Longitude 009°27.4456'W through  
Latitude 51°31.2500'N, Longitude 009°27.5400'W to  
Latitude 51°31.4000'N, Longitude 009°27.3000'W.

- (d) "Area C" means the geographical area enclosed by an imaginary line drawn from:

Latitude 51°31.6000'N, Longitude 009°25.5000'W through  
Latitude 51°31.2000'N, Longitude 009°24.8000'W through  
Latitude 51°31.4000'N, Longitude 009°24.4000'W through  
Latitude 51°31.3451'N, Longitude 009°24.3451'W and along the High Water Mark  
to  
Latitude 51°30.6152'N, Longitude 009°25.8555'W through  
Latitude 51°30.6000'N, Longitude 009°25.8900'W through  
Latitude 51°31.1000'N, Longitude 009°26.4000'W to  
Latitude 51°31.6000'N, Longitude 009°25.5000'W.

(e) "Area D" means the geographical area enclosed by an imaginary line drawn from:

Latitude 51°32.0000'N, Longitude 009°25.0000'W through  
Latitude 51°32.1000'N, Longitude 009°24.6000'W through  
Latitude 51°32.1000'N, Longitude 009°24.4000'W through  
Latitude 51°31.8000'N, Longitude 009°24.3000'W through  
Latitude 51°31.6000'N, Longitude 009°24.7000'W through  
Latitude 51°31.8000'N, Longitude 009°25.2000'W to  
Latitude 51°32.0000'N, Longitude 009°25.0000'W.

(f) "length" means, in relation to a sea-fishing boat, the overall length of the boat or the distance from the forepart of the stem of the boat to the aft side of the head of the sternpost of the boat or to the foreside of the rudder stock.

(g) "week" means seven consecutive days commencing on a Monday.

#### Prohibition on dredging and trawling in specified areas

4. A person on a sea-fishing boat shall not fish with a dredge of any kind, a beam trawl or a bottom otter trawl within Area A, Area B, Area C or Area D.

#### GPS monitoring of certain sea-fishing boats

5. (a) The owner, master or other person who is for the time being in charge of a sea-fishing boat fishing in Roaringwater Bay shall ensure that a fully functioning GPS (Global Positioning System) monitoring system is installed onboard the boat and operational at all times if that vessel:
- (1) is using a dredge of any kind,
  - (2) is using a beam trawl,
  - (3) is using a bottom otter trawl and is less than or equal to 12 metres in length, or
  - (4) is using a bottom otter trawl, is more than 12 metres in length and does not have a fully functioning satellite vessel monitoring system (VMS) installed on board.
- (b) The GPS monitoring system referred to in paragraph 5(a) shall:
- (1) acquire, log (store) and transmit to shore the boat's positional information as required over the GPRS (mobile phone network),
  - (2) use a direct power supply from the boat and have an independent power source,
  - (3) be fitted in a robust and tamperproof manner, and

- (4) transmit the boat's positional information to shore at a frequency of up to once per minute in a format accessible by the Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority (SFPA) and the Marine Institute.

Fishing with set nets

6. A person shall not use set nets (tangle nets, gill nets or trammel nets) in Roaringwater Bay without first notifying the SFPA at Castletownbere, by telephone to 00 353 27 70439 or by email to [castletownbere@sfpa.ie](mailto:castletownbere@sfpa.ie), and providing that office with the following information prior to the Monday of any week during which the nets are proposed to be used:
- (a) the boat name and registration number,
  - (b) the intended master of the boat,
  - (c) the area it is intended to deploy the nets,
  - (d) the target species,
  - (e) the port of departure, and
  - (f) the port of landing.

GIVEN under my Seal,

10 April 2015

Simon Coveney, T.D.

Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the declaration and does not purport to be a legal interpretation)

This Declaration prohibits fishing using dredge and trawling gear in certain sensitive habitats in Roaringwater Bay. This Declaration also sets down monitoring and notification requirements for certain fishing activities in Roaringwater Bay.

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