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Landing Obligation

Implementation in 2019

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Three months in - how is 2019 going?

Background

- Progress made at the Regional Groups.
- Progress made at the December Council.
- Informing the fishing industry of their responsibilities under the landing obligation.

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Current policy approach

- Increasing engagement with the industry through:
 - Creation of a Landing Obligation Forum with the catching sector
 - Targeted consultations with fishermen in specific regions
 - Meetings with the retailers, processors and eNGOs
- Reserve quota policy
- Approach to IQS
- Bycatch reduction plans (for 5 zero TAC advice stocks)

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Reserve quota

- Previously 'uplift' quota provided by Commission in 2019
- Defra has done its own calculation this year – devolved policy
- Main aims:
 - Help alleviate choke risks
 - Incentivise more sustainable fishing
- How?
 - Encourage use of highly selective gears / FDF participation
 - Support the inshore fleet
 - Information (evidence) gathering

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Reserve quota

- Top slice (first 100 tonnes and 10% thereafter) for non-sector applied to all eligible stocks*
- Reduced top slice applied to some stocks where appropriate
- For some stocks, reserve quota held in a pool and rest allocated through FQAs
- *No reserve quota where:
 - subject to bycatch pool TACs (e.g. Celtic Sea cod, Irish Sea whiting)
 - discard rate is 0%
 - no known discard rate
 - full exemption from the Landing Obligation
 - stock managed at the UK level

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Regional consultation

- Alongside this domestic work, we are also working on production of bycatch reduction plans (BCRPs)
- We have so far started consultation with industry in the South West to try and tie together the need for bycatch reduction plans with other policy measures, e.g. reserve quota, so a coherent approach is taken
- South West consultation was very positive and generated a number of ideas on selectivity improvements and evidence gathering

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International quota swaps (IQS)

- Facilitated earlier access to IQS through pre-provisional quota allocations in February
 - In part in response to no deal planning, as there will be no automatic access for the UK Fisheries Administrations to IQS
- Across Fisheries Administrations, we have also been considering the implications of requests for IQS in light of current choke threats
- We are currently engaging industry on principles that would underpin the decision to prevent an IQS from happening, and a list of stocks it might apply to, where it is in the national interest to do so
- Intention is to prevent exacerbation of critical choke risks