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Subject: Notification of Real Time Closure: RTC_NL_3_2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

We have received a report of the European Control Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA). This report has consequences for fisheries in the North Sea. In this letter, we inform you what these consequences are.

Onze referentie
HH/VIR_HM_2024011

Notification for the closure of an area (RTC) in Dutch waters

We close an area, Real Time Closure (RTC), in the Dutch waters of the North Sea for exceeding the catch trigger level of haddock and whiting. These areas will be closed for all fisheries except for fisheries with the following fishing gear:

- Pelagic trawls, purse seines, driftnets and jiggers targeting herring, mackerel, and horse mackerel;
- Pots;
- Scallop dredges;
- Gillnets.

Finding of the last haul inspection on 14 October 2024

On 14 October 2024, 15:30 UTC, a last haul inspection has taken place at position 53.37N; 003.30E. The results show that the total share of juvenile haddock was 19,3%. The total share of juvenile whiting was 60,5%. Both of these shares exceed the 10% catch trigger level for juveniles.

Duration of closure

The area (RTC_NL_3_2024, see image and coordinates below) is closed for a period of 21 days, starting on 18 October 2024 00:00 UTC until 7 November 2024 23:59 UTC. After that, the RTC is lifted automatically.

The RTC is located in the North Sea, ICES-area 27.4.b, in the fishing zone, consisting of the following coordinates:

RTC_NL_3_2024

3.4488935; 53.5532883
3.6065001; 53.5860705
3.5514133; 53.6799234
3.3935231; 53.6470293
3.4488935; 53.5532883

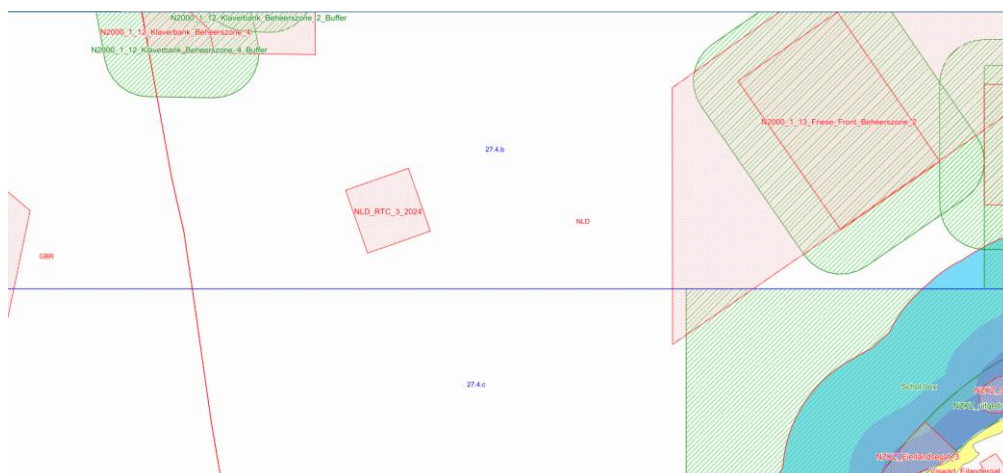
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More information

I hope to have informed you sufficiently. Do you have any questions? You can find more information about RTCs on the website of RVO: [Real Time Closures in the North Sea](#), and in the [Commission Regulation \(EU\) No 724/2010](#).

For further questions, you can contact us at vr@rvo.nl. Or call us at: +31 88 042 42 42.

Yours Faithfully,

On behalf of the State Secretary for Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security and Nature:

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