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Subject: Notification of Real Time Closure: RTC\_NL\_4\_2024 (EN)

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\_2024013

#### **Notification for the closure (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 Whiting. This area 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.

#### **Findings of the last haul inspection on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October 2024**

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October 2024 at 07:30 UTC, a last haul inspection has taken place at position 52°50 N; 04°30 E. The results show that the total share of juvenile whiting was 96,00%. This share exceeds the 10% catch trigger level for juveniles.

#### **Duration of closure**

The area (RTC\_NL\_4\_2024, see image and coordinates below) is closed for a period of 21 days, starting on the 25<sup>th</sup> of October 2024 at 24:00 UTC, until 15<sup>th</sup> of November 2024 at 23:59 UTC. After that, the RTC will end 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\_4\_2024**

4,2188647 52,3982005  
4,1674092 52,4925023  
4,3220148 52,5239021  
4,3731979 52,4294941  
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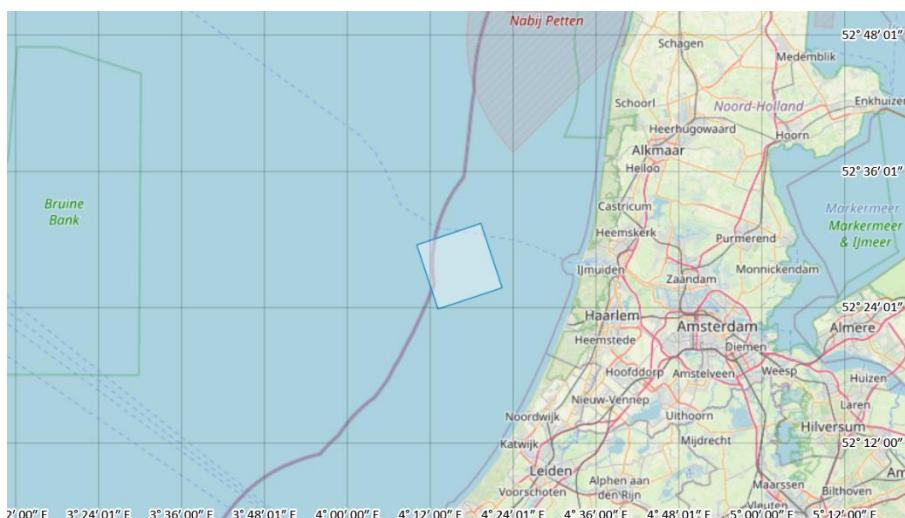
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**More information**

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](mailto:vr@rvo.nl). Or call us at: +31 88 042 42 42.

Yours Faithfully,

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