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**establishing a discard plan for certain demersal fisheries in North-Western waters**

**Fisheries subject to the landing obligation**

a) Fisheries in ICES division VIa and Union waters of ICES division Vb

Fishery	Gear Code	Fishing gear description	Mesh Size	Landing Obligation
Cod ( <i>Gadus morhua</i> ), Haddock ( <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i> ), Whiting ( <i>Merlangius merlangus</i> ) and Saithe ( <i>Pollachius virens</i> )	OTB, SSC, OTT, PTB, SDN, SPR, TBN, TBS, TB, SX, SV, OT, PT, TX	Trawls & Seines	All	Where total landings per vessel of all species in 2013 and 2014 consist of more than 10% of the following gadoids: cod, haddock, whiting and saithe combined, the landing obligation shall apply to haddock.
Norway lobster ( <i>Nephrops norvegicus</i> )	OTB, SSC, OTT, PTB, SDN, SPR, FPO, TBN, TB, TBS, SX, SV, FIX, OT, PT, TX	Trawls, Seines, Pots, Traps & Creels	All	Where the total landings per vessel of all species in 2013 and 2014 consist of more than 30% of Norway lobster, the landing obligation shall apply to Norway lobster.

b) Fisheries with combined TAC for ICES subareas VI and VII and Union waters of ICES division Vb for hake

<b>Fishery</b>	<b>Gear Code</b>	<b>Fishing gear description</b>	<b>Mesh Size</b>	<b>Landing Obligation</b>
Hake ( <i>Merluccius merluccius</i> )	OTB, SSC, OTT, PTB, SDN, SPR, TBN, TBS, TB, SX, SV, OT, PT, TX	Trawls & Seines	All	Where the total landings per vessel of all species in 2013 and 2014 consist of more than 30% of hake, the landing obligation shall apply to hake.
Hake ( <i>Merluccius merluccius</i> )	GNS, GN, GND, GNC, GTN, GTR, GEN	All Gill Nets	All	All catches of hake shall be subject to the landing obligation.
Hake ( <i>Merluccius merluccius</i> )	LL, LLS, LLD, LX, LTL, LHP, LHM	All Long lines	All	All catches of hake shall be subject to the landing obligation.

c) Fisheries with TAC covering ICES subarea VII for Norway lobster

<b>Fishery</b>	<b>Gear Code</b>	<b>Fishing gear description</b>	<b>Mesh Size</b>	<b>Landing Obligation</b>
Norway lobster ( <i>Nephrops norvegicus</i> )	OTB SSC, OTT, PTB, SDN, SPR, FPO, TBN, TB, TBS, SX, SV, FIX, OT, PT, TX	Trawls, Seines, Pots, Traps & Creels	All	Where the total landings per vessel of all species in 2013 and 2014 consist of more than 30% of Norway lobster, the landing obligation shall apply to Norway lobster.

d) Fisheries in ICES division VIIa

<b>Fishery</b>	<b>Gear Code</b>	<b>Fishing gear</b>	<b>Mesh Size</b>	<b>Landing Obligation</b>
Cod ( <i>Gadus morhua</i> ), Haddock ( <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i> ), Whiting ( <i>Merlangius merlangus</i> ) and Saithe ( <i>Pollachius virens</i> )	OTB, SSC, OTT, PTB, SDN, SPR, TBN, TBS, TB, SX, SV, OT, PT, TX	Trawls & Seines	All	Where total landings per vessel of all species in 2013 and 2014 consist of more than 10% of the following gadoids: cod, haddock, whiting and saithe combined, the landing obligation shall apply to haddock.

e) Fisheries in ICES division VIIId

<b>Fishery</b>	<b>Gear Code</b>	<b>Fishing gear</b>	<b>Mesh Size</b>	<b>Landing Obligation</b>
Common Sole ( <i>Solea solea</i> )	TBB	All Beam trawls	All	All catches of common sole are subject to the landing obligation.
Common Sole ( <i>Solea solea</i> )	OTT, OTB, TBS, TBN, TB, PTB, OT, PT, TX	Trawls	<100 mm	Where the total landings per vessel of all species in 2013 and 2014 consist of more than 5% of common sole, the landing obligation shall apply to common sole.
Common Sole ( <i>Solea solea</i> )	GNS, GN, GND, GNC, GTN, GTR, GEN	All Trammel nets & Gill nets	All	All catches of common sole shall be subject to the landing obligation.
Cod ( <i>Gadus morhua</i> ), Haddock ( <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i> ), Whiting ( <i>Merlangius merlangus</i> ) and Saithe ( <i>Pollachius virens</i> )	OTB, SSC, OTT, PTB, SDN, SPR, TBN, TBS, TB, SX, SV, OT, PT, TX	Trawls and Seines	All	Where total landings per vessel of all species in 2013 and 2014 consist of more than 25% of the following gadoids: cod, haddock, whiting and saithe combined, the landing obligation shall apply to whiting.

f) Fisheries in ICES division VIIe – common sole

<b>Fishery</b>	<b>Gear Code</b>	<b>Fishing gear</b>	<b>Mesh Size</b>	<b>Landing Obligation</b>
Common Sole ( <i>Solea solea</i> )	TBB	All Beam trawls	All	Where the total landings per vessel of all species in 2013 and 2014 consist of more than 10% of common sole, the landing obligation shall apply to common sole.
Common Sole ( <i>Solea solea</i> )	GNS, GN, GND, GNC, GTN, GTR, GEN	All Trammel nets & Gill nets	All	All catches of common sole shall be subject to the landing obligation.

g) Fisheries in ICES divisions VIIb, VIIc and VIIf – VIIk

<b>Fishery</b>	<b>Gear Code</b>	<b>Fishing gear</b>	<b>Mesh Size</b>	<b>Landing Obligation</b>
Common Sole ( <i>Solea solea</i> )	TBB	All Beam trawls	All	Where the total landings per vessel of all species in 2013 and 2014 consist of more than 5% of common sole, the landing obligation shall apply to common sole.
Common Sole ( <i>Solea solea</i> )	GNS, GN, GND, GNC, GTN, GTR, GEN	All Trammel nets & Gill nets	All	All catches of common sole shall be subject to the landing obligation.

h) Fisheries in ICES divisions VIIb, VIIc, VIIe and VIIf – VIIk

<b>Fishery</b>	<b>Gear Code</b>	<b>Fishing gear</b>	<b>Mesh Size</b>	<b>Landing Obligation</b>
Cod ( <i>Gadus morhua</i> ), Haddock ( <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i> ), Whiting ( <i>Merlangius merlangus</i> ) and Saithe ( <i>Pollachius virens</i> )	OTB, SSC, OTT, PTB, SDN, SPR, TBN, TBS, TB, SX, SV, OT, PT, TX	Trawls & Seines	All	Where total landings per vessel of all species in 2013 and 2014 consist of more than 25% of the following gadoids: cod, haddock, whiting and saithe combined, the landing obligation shall apply to whiting.