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1. Fisheries subject to the landing obligation:

Fishing gear (1)(2)	Mesh size	Species concerned
Trawls: OTB, OTT, OT, PTB, PT, TBN, TBS, OTM, PTM, TMS, TM, TX, SDN, SSC, SPR, TB, SX, SV	≥ 100 mm	All catches of saithe (if caught by a saithe targeting vessel (3)), plaice and haddock. All by-catches of Northern prawn.
Trawls: OTB, OTT, OT, PTB, PT, TBN, TBS, OTM, PTM, TMS, TM, TX, SDN, SSC, SPR, TB, SX, SV	In ICES Subarea VI and in Union waters of ICES Division IIa: 80-99mm	In all areas, all catches of Norway lobster and common sole (4). All by-catches of Northern prawn.
	In ICES Division IIIa: 70-99mm	In ICES Division IIIa: all catches of haddock.
Trawls: OTB, OTT, OT, PTB, PT, TBN, TBS, OTM, PTM, TMS, TM, TX, SDN, SSC, SPR, TB, SX, SVPS	32-69mm	All catches of Northern prawn.
Beam trawls: TBB	≥ 120mm	All catches of plaice. All by-catches of Northern prawn.
Beam trawls: TBB	80-119mm	All catches of common sole. Any by-catches of Northern prawn.
Gillnets, trammel nets and entangling nets: GN, GNS, GND, GNC, GTN, GTR, GEN, GNF		All catches of common sole. All by-catches of Northern prawn.
Hooks and lines: LLS, LLD, LL, LTL, LX, LHP, LHM		All catches of hake. All by-catches of Northern prawn.
Traps: FPO, FIX, FYK, FPN		All catches of Norway lobster. All by-catches of Northern prawn.

(1) Gear codes used in this Table refer to those codes in Annex XI to Commission Implementing Regulation (EC) No 404/2011 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation

(EC) No 1224/2009 establishing a Community control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the Common fisheries policy.

(2) For the vessels whose LOA is less than 10 metres gear codes used in this table refer to the codes from the FAO gear classification.

(3) Vessels are considered as saithe targeting if, when using trawls with mesh size $\geq 100\text{mm}$, they have had annual average landings of saithe of $\geq 50\%$ of all landings by the vessel taken in both EU and third country zone of the North Sea over the period of $x-4$ to $x-2$ where x is the year of application; i.e. 2012-2014 for 2016 and 2013-2015 for 2017.

(4) Except in ICES division IIIa when fishing with trawls with a mesh size of at least 90mm equipped with a top panel of at least 270mm mesh size (diamond mesh) or at least 140mm mesh size (square mesh) or 120mm square mesh panel placed 6 to 9 meters from the cod-end.