

To: Registrar General

From: Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Policy Directive 2 of 2011

A Policy Directive under section 3(2) of the Fisheries (Amendment) Act 2003, as amended by section 99 of the Sea Fisheries and Maritime Jurisdiction Act 2006, is issued which provides for the following:

(1) The following paragraph is inserted after Section E of Policy Directive 2 of 2003:

“F Within the scallop sub segment of the polyvalent segment and the scallop sub segment of the specific segment of the fleet, the capacity with the track record specified in Section A above, will be ring fenced. Any future applications for licensing of vessels for scallop fishing activity¹ shall only be considered by the Licensing Authority where this would lead to no increase in the overall capacity ring fenced in the scallop sub segments of the polyvalent segment and the scallop sub segment of the specific segment, as appropriate.”



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Footnote 1: “scallop fishing activity” means the use, on any particular occasion, of dredges resulting in the retention on board or landing of a quantity in kilograms live weight of scallop (*pecten maximus*) greater than 80 per cent of the total quantity in kilograms live weight of all other marine organisms retained on board or landed on that occasion.

Sea Fishing Boat Licensing Policy – Policy Directive 2/2011

Objective and Reasons for Policy Directive 2/2011

Legal Basis

The Minister is empowered, under Section 3 of the Fisheries (Amendment) Act 2003, to give written policy directives to the independent Licensing Authority established under the Act.

Reasons for Policy Directive 2/2011

Section 8 of Policy Directive 1 of 2011 deleted section F of Policy Directive 2 of 2003. This deletion may also have inadvertently deleted section F1, which was inserted by Policy Directive 1 of 2006, and which provided for the ‘ring-fencing’ of the capacity of the Scallop Sub-segment of the Polyvalent Segment and the Scallop Sub-segment of the Specific Segment. For the purposes of ensuring legal and policy certainty, this Policy Directive restates the provisions of section F1.