

## **Sea Fishing Boat Licensing Policy - Policy Directive 2/2012**

### **Objective and Reasons for Policy Directive 2/2012**

#### **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 2/2012**

This Policy Directive is intended to amend Policy Directive 1 of 2012 which gave effect to the fleet policy measures announced by the Minister on 8 June 2012, in association with a new policy for the distribution of herring quota. This Policy Directive replaces section 5 of PD 1 of 2012 with a new section and is intended to remove the herring preclusion for certain vessels of 20 metres or more in length overall in respect of the Irish Sea and Atlanto-Scandian Herring Fisheries. Such vessels will continue to be precluded from fishing for herring in the Celtic Sea and North West Herring Fisheries, unless they are licensed in the relevant ring fenced portion of their fleet segment.

The Policy Directive also adds a new section 7 to PD 1 of 2012 clarifying that references to herring quota are to be interpreted as meaning herring quota for the relevant fishery, i.e. either Celtic Sea Herring quota or North West Herring quota, as the case may be.

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**To: Registrar General**

**From: Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine**

### Policy Directive 2 of 2012

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:

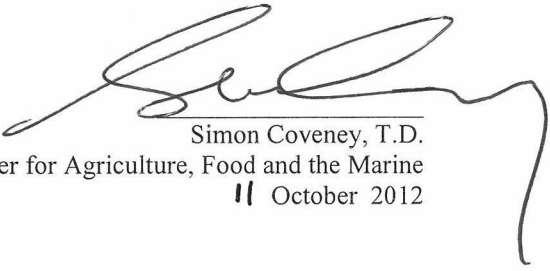
1. Policy Directive 1 of 2012 is amended by:-

a) the substitution of the following section for section 5;

"5. Polyvalent and RSW pelagic vessels of 20 metres or more in length overall that are not licensed in either the Celtic Sea Herring or North West Herring portions of their respective segment shall be precluded from fishing for herring, except in the Irish Sea Herring Fishery and the Norwegian, International and European Community waters of ICES areas I and II."

b) the addition of the following new section 7 after section 6;

"7. References to 'herring quota' in this Policy Directive are to herring quota for the Celtic Sea Herring or North West Herring fishery, as the case may be."

  
Simon Coveney, T.D.  
Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine

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