

Marine Notice No. 18 of 2017

Notice to all Shipowners, Fishing Vessel Owners, Agents, Shipmasters, Skippers, Fishers and Seafarers

Anglerfish and Megrim Survey off the North and Northwest coast of Ireland.

The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport has been advised that the Marine Institute will be carrying out the annual Irish Anglerfish and Megrim Survey (I.A.M.S 2017). The survey will be carried out from 8th to the 17th of April in fulfilment of Ireland's Common Fisheries Policy obligations, and will be held off the North and Northwest coast of Ireland. The I.A.M.S is a demersal trawl survey consisting of approximately 49 otter trawls (60 minutes) in ICES area 6.a. The approximate location of these hauls is given in Figure 1 below. Fishing will take place within a 3 nautical mile radius of these indicative positions.

The vessel ***R.V. Celtic Explorer*** (Callsign: ***EIGB***) will be used throughout the duration of the survey. The vessel will display appropriate lights and signals. The vessel will be towing a Jackson demersal trawl during fishing operations, and will be listening on **VHF Channel 16** throughout the project.

The Marine Institute would request that commercial fishing and other marine operators to keep a 3 nautical mile area around the tow points clear of any gear or apparatus during the survey period outlined above. While there is no statutory provision for the loss of gear at sea, the Marine Institute will make every effort to avoid gear adequately marked according to legislation¹ that may be encountered in the notified areas.

In the event that an operator has static gear or other obstructions within 3 nautical miles of the points listed below it is the responsibility of the owner to notify the survey managers or vessel directly. This should be communicated by identifying specifically which "Station" is of concern using the Appendix and contact details provided. It is **not** required to provide positional details of commercial operations beyond 4 nautical miles of the survey points provided.

Specifics of any fishing gear or other obstructions that are known and cannot be kept clear of these survey haul locations can be notified using the contact details below.

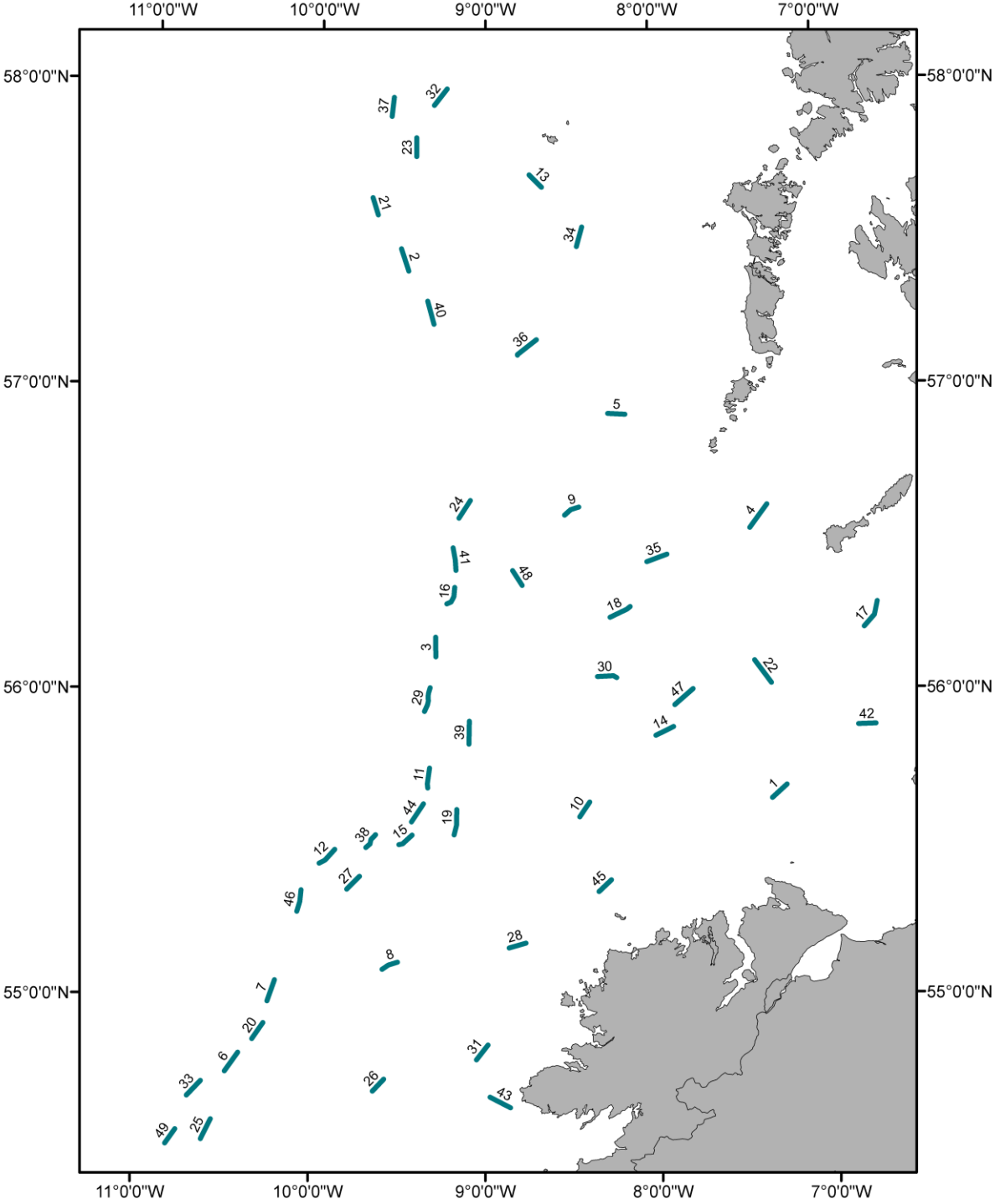
Please contact:

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¹ Articles 9-17 of EU [Regulation 404/2011](#). For overview of regulations:

<http://www.bim.ie/media/bim/content/downloads/Fish-Man-Cht-2017.pdf>

Figure 1: Map of IAMS 2017 survey stations labelled with station numbers.



IGFS Survey Stations are located by the following coordinates (WGS 84):

Station	Length (nmi)	Decimal Latitude	Latitude	Decimal Longitude	Longitude
1	3.9	55.6702	55°40'12"N	-7.2925	7°17'32"W
2	4.6	57.4204	57°25'13"N	-9.4869	9°29'12"W
3	3.9	56.1526	56°9'9"N	-9.2915	9°17'29"W
4	5.7	56.5729	56°34'22"N	-7.3805	7°22'49"W
5	3.4	56.9144	56°54'51"N	-8.2161	8°12'57"W
6	4.5	54.7859	54°47'9"N	-10.4429	10°26'34"W
7	4.4	55.0219	55°1'18"N	-10.2245	10°13'28"W
8	3.4	55.1104	55°6'37"N	-9.5477	9°32'51"W
9	3.3	56.6025	56°36'8"N	-8.4893	8°29'21"W
10	3.5	55.619	55°37'8"N	-8.4242	8°25'27"W
11	4	55.7231	55°43'23"N	-9.3322	9°19'55"W
12	4.2	55.4592	55°27'33"N	-9.9123	9°54'44"W
13	3.5	57.679	57°40'44"N	-8.6949	8°41'41"W
14	3.9	55.8735	55°52'24"N	-7.9548	7°57'17"W
15	3.3	55.5162	55°30'58"N	-9.4601	9°27'36"W
16	3.9	56.3106	56°18'38"N	-9.1923	9°11'32"W
17	5.8	56.2329	56°13'58"N	-6.7206	6°43'14"W
18	4.5	56.264	56°15'50"N	-8.2063	8°12'22"W
19	5.1	55.5768	55°34'36"N	-9.1661	9°9'57"W
20	3.9	54.8891	54°53'20"N	-10.2968	10°17'48"W
21	3.5	57.5953	57°35'43"N	-9.6687	9°40'7"W
22	5.5	56.0637	56°3'49"N	-7.3735	7°22'24"W
23	3.7	57.7897	57°47'22"N	-9.4208	9°25'14"W
24	4.1	56.6039	56°36'14"N	-9.1229	9°7'22"W
25	4.4	54.5639	54°33'50"N	-10.5794	10°34'45"W
26	3.3	54.7153	54°42'55"N	-9.6079	9°36'28"W
27	3.5	55.3779	55°22'40"N	-9.7616	9°45'41"W
28	3.5	55.1743	55°10'27"N	-8.8156	8°48'56"W
29	4.9	55.9779	55°58'40"N	-9.3341	9°20'2"W
30	3.9	56.0557	56°3'20"N	-8.2867	8°17'12"W
31	3.7	54.8239	54°49'26"N	-9.0179	9°1'4"W
32	4.1	57.9538	57°57'13"N	-9.2748	9°16'29"W
33	4	54.6973	54°41'50"N	-10.6529	10°39'10"W
34	4	57.4956	57°29'44"N	-8.4305	8°25'49"W
35	4.2	56.4408	56°26'26"N	-7.9854	7°59'7"W
36	4.9	57.135	57°8'5"N	-8.7509	8°45'3"W
37	3.8	57.9214	57°55'17"N	-9.5664	9°33'59"W
38	3.3	55.5146	55°30'52"N	-9.6634	9°39'48"W
39	4.5	55.8722	55°52'19"N	-9.0944	9°5'39"W
40	4.7	57.2479	57°14'52"N	-9.3294	9°19'45"W

41	4.5	56.4415	56°26'29"N	-9.1793	9°10'45"W
42	3.4	55.8831	55°52'59"N	-6.7735	6°46'24"W
43	4.5	54.6601	54°39'36"N	-8.9154	8°54'55"W
44	4.3	55.6086	55°36'30"N	-9.3926	9°23'33"W
45	3.4	55.3687	55°22'7"N	-8.31	8°0'11"W
46	4.3	55.3158	55°18'56"N	-10.0668	10°4'0"W
47	4.8	55.9851	55°59'6"N	-7.8387	7°50'19"W
48	3.5	56.3791	56°22'44"N	-8.811	8°4'51"W
49	3.4	54.5376	54°32'15"N	-10.7799	10°46'47"W

All mariners are reminded of their responsibilities under the International Collision Regulations and are reminded of [Marine Notice No. 17 of 2007](#), which gives general advice in relation to the activities of vessels engaged in survey work for hydrographic, seismic, fishing research and underwater operations.

The International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) are implemented in Irish law by the *Merchant Shipping (Collision Regulations) (Ships and Water Craft on the Water) Order 2012* [S.I. No. 507 of 2012], and the *Signals of Distress (Ships) Rules 2012* [S.I. No.170 of 2012]. [See Marine Notice No. 06 of 2013](#). These Statutory Instruments may be purchased by mail order from Government Publications, Office of Public Works, 52 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2. Tel: (01) 6476834/1890213434. They are also available online at: www.irishstatutebook.ie.

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