



Brexit and the Sea of Opportunity

The First Practical Steps

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The Four Fundamentals

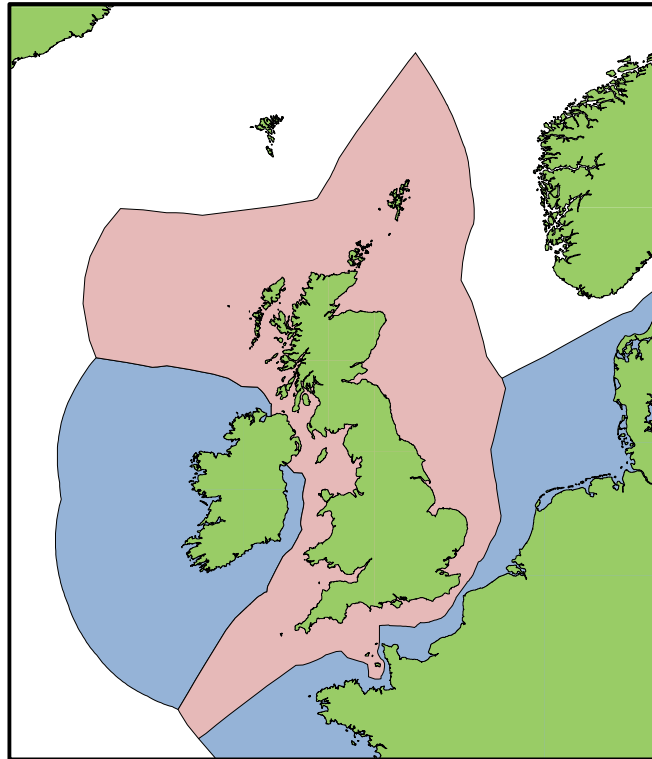
- A radical change in governance - what the law says
– UNCLOS
- Catching in the UK EEZ – what and by whom?
- Zonal attachment in the UK EEZ
- UK shares in the UK EEZ



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The UK EEZ



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The Spatial Distribution of Commercial Fish Stocks of Interest to Scotland in UK Waters



A report prepared by the University of Aberdeen for the Scottish Fishermen's Federation
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Analysis of spatial distribution of 17 stocks of interest to Scotland.

Fishery Independent ICES Coordinated Trawl Surveys (2011-2015)

Comparisons made between percentage of fish stocks within the UK's EEZ (spatial percentage), and the percentage TAC allocated to the UK.

For most stocks, the percentage of TAC allocated to the UK is much lower than the average percentage of the spatial distribution in the UK.

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Summary Table

Comparison of the UK's quota allocation (%TAC) of stocks of importance to Scotland with the spatial percentage, expressed as the **average percentage** of the stock in UK waters over 5 years.

Region	Species	UK quota (% TAC)	Average percentage in UK EEZ (%) over 5 years	Difference from average
North Sea	Herring (mature)	15	88	-73
	Hake	18	60	-42
	Saithe	8	46	-38
	Cod	39	60	-21
	Whiting	62	79	-17
	Haddock	65	80	-15
	Anglerfish	73	61	12
	Herring (immature)	-	10	
West of Scotland	Hake	18	79	-61
	Saithe	46	84	-38
	Cod	60	93	-33
	Herring	60	87	-27
	Whiting	57	83	-26
	Haddock	76	87	-11
	Anglerfish VIa & VIb	31	68	-37
Other	Mackerel	23	36	-13
	Rockall Haddock	78	56	22

Brexit Aim and Objectives

- Realising the Sea of Opportunity - Quota shares of commercial fish stocks aligned with zonal attachment
- Objectives for the immediate future:
 - Control of access – most powerful lever
 - Approach to 2018 negotiations round
 - Full responsibilities in the 2019 CS negotiations

Control of Access

- The most powerful factor in increased fishing opportunity in line with zonal attachment
- Brexit must not involve any concession of access to our waters for the EU fleet in return for other things. “Water and markets don’t mix”

Approach to 2018 Negotiations Round

- 2018 CS negotiations and December Council – UK act like a Coastal State
- Consider access concessions Apr – Dec 2019 *but only if the UK fleet's quota and access requirements for 2019 are met first*

Full Coastal State Rights and Responsibilities

- During 2019 negotiations – secure substantially better fishing opportunities for 2020, and again in future years

The Bottom Line

- The Aim – secure the Sea of Opportunity prize – this will facilitate all other positive developments



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