

## **DRAFT COD AVOIDANCE PLAN “Our Lass II” 2008**

*Our Lass II* has prepared this Catch Plan with the intention of avoiding catching cod in excess of its permitted quota, whilst at the same time eliminating discarding as far as possible.

Avoidance is to be achieved through a fishing pattern that will avoid cod-rich areas and critical times of year and through the use of selective fishing gear.

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## VESSEL DESCRIPTION

Details	<i>Our Lass II</i>
Registration	WY 261
Home Port	Whitby
Type of Vessel	Whitefish/Nephrops Twin Rig Trawler
Area of Operation	North Sea :Norwegian & EU Sectors
Length	21.5m
Tonnage	201 tonnes
Engine Size	Caterpillar 3412c 485KW ID No. 3917

## SPECIES QUOTA ALLOCATIONS FOR 2008\*

Species	Pool Allocation	Privately Held Ring Fenced	Total Quota Available
Cod	32	70	102
Nephrops	72	60	132
Whiting	-	58	58
Haddock	75	100	175
Plaice	45	30	75
Saithe	56	132	188
Norway Other	30	50	80
Monkfish	17	6	23
Ling	17	2	19
Lemon Sole	-	-	-
Dover Sole	2	1	3
Hake	0.5	0.3	0.8
Turbot & Brill	7	1	8

\* Indicative figures, to be confirmed.

These quota allocations are certified by the East of England Fish Producer Organisation, (attached).

These figures represent annual quotas. Pool quotas are allocated on a bi-monthly basis for cod and a monthly basis for other species. These allocations may be adjusted to reflect up-take.

## FISHING INTENTIONS 2008

On the basis of these quota allocations, *Our Lass II* has drawn up the following Catch Plan based on five Management Periods.

**Management Period I**  
**1 January – 31 January**

	<b><i>Our Lass II</i></b>	<b>Approximate Cod Quota Up-Take %</b>
<b>Target Species</b>	Whiting	10 – 15%
<b>Area</b>	NE Coast	
<b>Gear</b>	80mm Demersal Trawl 90mm smp 6m from codend	

UK Regulations require:

South of 55°: target whiting :

single rig 80mm with smp of 90mm 6 – 9 m from codend, or twin rig 95mm with smp of 90 6 – 9 m from codend:

North of 55° target whiting ;

Single rig 100mm with smp of 90mm 6 – 9 m from codend. Or twin rig 100mm with smp of 90 6 – 9 m from the codend.

**Management Period II**  
**1 February – 30 June**

	<b><i>Our Lass I</i></b>	<b>Approximate Cod Quota Up-Take %</b>
<b>Target Species</b>	Pollock, Saithe	40 – 50% *
<b>Area</b>	Norwegian Sector	
<b>Gear</b>	120mm+ Demersal Trawl	

\* 10 – 15% of total catch comprises cod.

Should the vessel's cod quota become exhausted before the end of the Management Period, *Our Lass II*, would move out of the Norwegian sector and redeploy to the nephrops fishery.

**Management Period III**  
**1 July – 31 August**

	<b><i>Our Lass II</i></b>	<b>Approximate Cod Quota Up-Take %</b>
<b>Target Species</b>	Nephrops	5%
<b>Area</b>	North of England and Scotland	
<b>Gear</b>	95mm and 80mm Twin Rig Trawl	

It is possible that the nephrops fishery will start earlier, in June, off the North of England and Scotland. This fishery is also relatively “clean”, with catches of cod accounting for less than 5%.

***Management Period IV***  
***1 September – 30 November***

	<b><i>Our Lass II</i></b>	<b>Approximate Cod Quota Up-Take %</b>
<b>Target Species</b>	Nephrops	10 – 15%
<b>Area</b>	North of England and Scotland	
<b>Gear</b>	95mm and 80mm Twin Rig Trawl	

*Our Lass II* will continue fishing for nephrops but the fishing becomes increasingly mixed as the year progresses (covered by quota allocations). If quotas are exhausted the fishing target will become haddock.

***Management Period V***  
***1 December – 31 December***

	<b><i>Our Lass II</i></b>	<b>Approximate Cod Quota Up-Take %</b>
<b>Target Species</b>	Haddock	0%
<b>Area</b>	North of England and Scotland	(if using Eliminator) 10 – 15%
<b>Gear</b>	“The Eliminator”	if using normal gear

The Eliminator is a new net specifically designed to allow cod to escape whilst targeting haddock.

**UP-TAKE OF COD QUOTA ALLOCATION**

Over the year it is anticipated that the up-take of the cod quota allocation would be as follows:

	<b><i>Our Lass II</i></b>
<b>Management Period I</b>	10 – 15 %
<b>Management Period II</b>	40 – 50 %
<b>Management Period III</b>	5 %
<b>Management Period IV</b>	10 – 15 %
<b>Management Period V</b>	5 – 10 %

These potential up-take figures leave a margin for contingencies including leasing.

## CONTINGENCIES

In the event that there is variation between the projected up-take rate of quotas and the fishing conditions experienced, the Management Periods may be modified by any one, or a combination, of the following measures..

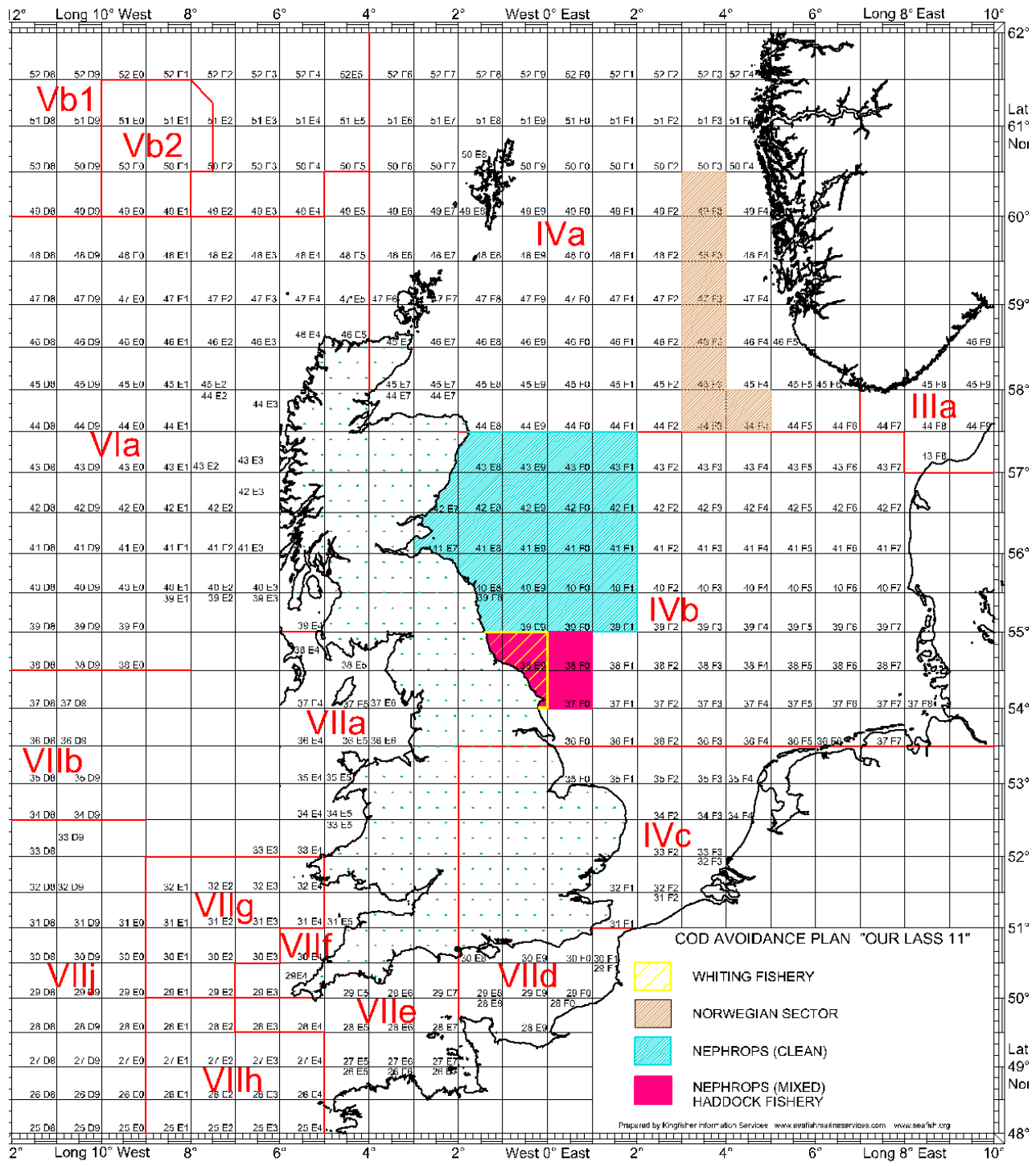
<b>Measures</b>	<b><i>Our Lass II</i></b>
<b>Change Target Species</b>	Yes
<b>Change Gear</b>	Yes
<b>Change Area</b>	Yes
<b>Buy-in Additional Quota</b>	Yes

## VERIFICATION

Verification measures incorporated into the Catch Plan.

	<b><i>Our Lass II</i></b>
<b>On board observers</b>	Yes
<b>Prior notification of landings</b>	Yes
<b>Sale of all fish through named auction centres</b>	Yes
<b>Full monitoring of landings (subject to Authorities' resources)</b>	Yes
<b>Additional random official inspection of vessels and their catches at sea</b>	Yes

<b>Signed:</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	



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