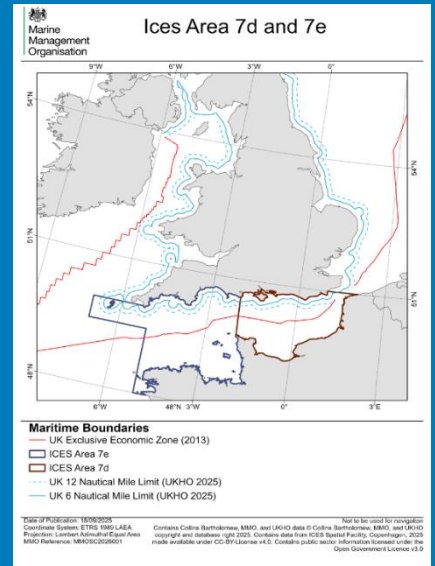




King scallop dredge fishery closure in ICES division 7d and 7e 2026



Proposals were drafted following consultation with the Scallop Industry Consultation Group and UK Fisheries Administrations (UKFAs). A consultation ran from 10th – 30th November 2025 to gather views from stakeholders. Further information on the consultation is available [here](#). In exercise of its obligations under the Joint Fisheries Statement, MMO have determined the most appropriate closure decision to balance the environmental needs of the spawning stocks, with the socio-economic impacts expressed by stakeholders, is to apply a 3-month closure period.

UKFAs have agreed to introduce the following closure in English waters for the king scallop dredge fishery:

- ICES division 7d for UK and EU vessels over 10 m in length from 1 July to 30 September 2026.
- ICES division 7e for UK and EU vessels over 12 m in length from 1 July to 30 September 2026.

The closure will apply to both UK and EU dredge vessels.

The closure will be enacted through a licence variation. Further information on a summary of responses received and reasoning behind the decision is available [here](#).

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