### Mesh Size Ranges, Catch Composition & Technical Conservation Measures for Demersal Trawlers in ICES Areas 6 and 7

**NEPHROPS (Scyllium) & ESCALLOPS (Eques)**

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### Technical Conservation Measures

- **Gear Size:**
  - Maximum total length of trawl (excluding projection) is 250 m.
  - Minimum tail mesh size is 37 mm.
  - Mesh size other than the tail mesh is at least 20 mm.

- **Catch Composition:**
  - Minimum specified catch for NEPHROPS (Scyllium) is 90% of the total catch by weight.
  - Minimum specified catch for ESCALLOPS (Eques) is 90% of the total catch by weight.

- **Release Requirements:**
  - All released individuals must be at least 120 mm in length.
  - All released individuals must be at least 50 kg in weight.

### Other Key Measures

- **Trawl Gear Restrictions:**
  - Gear may be used only within 12 nm of the coast, except for herring and mackerel.
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- **Fishing Effort Restrictions:**
  - Fished for a period of 16 weeks around Britain, Isle of Man.
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### Notes

- **Note 1:** The catch must consist of at least 90% of any species marked with the symbol /160mm.
- **Note 2:** The catch retained on board must consist of at least 90% of any species marked with the symbol /160mm.

### References

- Council Regulation (EU) 850/98