

**NATIONAL NORTH SEA COD AVOIDANCE PLAN
CO-ORDINATES DEFINING “MUD” AREAS (NEPHROPS GROUNDS)**

Vessels may operate in the following defined areas with a gear size less than 120mm.

FLADEN	Longitude	-2.24	1.29	2.02	1.02	1.8	1.8	0.86	-0.94	-2.24
	Latitude	58.3	61	60.6	59.39	59.03	58	57.5	57.5	58.3

NOUP	Longitude	-4	-3.5	-3.5	-4	-4
	Latitude	59.62	59.62	59.14	59.14	59.62

MORAY FIRTH	Longitude	-3.85	-1.75	-1.5	-1.5	-3.85
	Latitude	58	58	57.85	57.65	57.65

DEVIL'S HOLE AND CENTRAL NORTH SEA	Longitude	2.2	2.2	0	0	2.2
	Latitude	55.88	57.62	57	55.88	55.88

FIRTH OF FORTH	Longitude	-3.28	-1.82	-1.82	-3.28	-3.28
	Latitude	56.4	56.4	55.8	55.8	56.4

MONTROSE	Longitude	-3	-2	-2	-3	-3
	Latitude	56.8	56.8	56.4	56.4	56.8

FARN DEEPS	Longitude	-1.72	-0.55	-0.55	-1.72	-1.72
	Latitude	55.65	55.64	54.55	54.55	55.65

BOTNEY CUT	Longitude	1.34	4.2	4.2	3.48	1.34
	Latitude	54.2	54.2	53.47	53.47	54.2

In all other areas (classed as 'fish' areas), vessels must use a minimum gear size of 120mm.