

**Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources**  
**An Roinn Cumarsáide, Mára agus Acmhainní Nádurtha**

**Fisheries Management Notice No. 6 of 2006**

(Blue Whiting Closure Notice)

I, John Browne, Minister of State at the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 12 of the Sea-Fisheries and Maritime Jurisdiction Act 2006 and the Marine (Delegation of Ministerial Functions) (No. 2) Order 2006, hereby issue the following notice:

1. This Notice may be cited as Fisheries Management Notice No. 6 of 2006.
2. This Notice comes into force on 14 April 2006.
3. In this Notice:

“blue whiting ” means *Micromesistius poutassou*;

“specified area” means waters falling within ICES sub-areas I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIIIa, VIIIb, VIIIc, VIIIe, XII and XIV (EC and international waters) as described in Communication (85/C347/05) from the Commission of the European Communities on the description of the ICES sub-areas and divisions used for the purposes of fishing statistics and regulations in the North East Atlantic<sup>1</sup>;

“the specified period” means the period from 14 April 2006 until this Notice is revoked by a later Notice.

4. (a) The master of an Irish sea-fishing boat shall not engage in or cause or permit any person on board to engage in fishing for blue whiting in the specified area during the specified period.
- (b) An Irish sea-fishing boat, or a person on board that boat, fishing in the specified area during the specified period, is prohibited from having or retaining on board or landing blue whiting caught in the specified area.

GIVEN under my Hand,

13 April 2006, at 10:00 hours

**John Browne**

**Minister of State at the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources**

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<sup>1</sup> O.J. C347 of 31/12/1985

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation)

This Notice prohibits fishing for, having or retaining on board, or landing blue whiting by Irish sea-fishing boats in ICES Divisions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIIIa, VIIIb, VIIIc, VIIIe, XII and XIV (EC and international waters) with effect from 14 April 2006.

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