



Marine Notice No. 62 of 2025

Notice to all Shipowners, Fishing Vessel Owners, Agents, Shipmasters, Skippers, Fishers, Yachtsmen and Seafarers

Irish Groundfish Survey (IGFS) 2025

1. Notice of Activity

The Department of Transport has been advised that the annual Irish Groundfish Survey (IGFS) will be carried out by the Marine Institute off the Atlantic coastline of Ireland between **30 October and 15 December 2025**, subject to operational and weather constraints.

The IGFS is a demersal trawl survey consisting of approximately 170 finishing hauls of 30 minutes duration each in International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) areas VIa, VIb, VIg and VIj. The approximate locations of the shooting position of these hauls are set out in the tables in Appendix 1 and a map indicating each position is available in Appendix 2 to this Marine Notice. Fishing in the 2025 survey will take place within a 2 nautical mile (nmi) radius of these indicative positions.

2. Details of Vessels

The survey will be conducted by the “**R.V. Celtic Explorer**” (Call Sign: **EIGB**). The vessel will display appropriate lights and signals. The vessel will deploy a high headline GOV 36/47 demersal trawl during fishing operations.

3. Notification

The Marine Institute requests that commercial fishing and other marine operators keep a 2nmi area around the tow mid-points clear of any gear or apparatus during the survey period outlined above. While there is no statutory provision for the loss of gear at sea, the Marine Institute will make every effort to avoid gear **adequately marked according to legislation**¹ that may be encountered at the notified locations. In the event that an operator has static gear or other obstructions within 2nmi of the points listed below, it is the responsibility of the owner or the vessel to notify the Marine Institute. This should be communicated by identifying specifically which “Prime Station” is of concern using the Map and Table provided for each area using contact details also provided. It is **not** required to provide position details of any commercial operations beyond 3 nmi of the survey points provided.

¹ Articles 9-17 of EU Regulation 404-2011. Available at - <http://eur-lex.europa.eu>

For overview of regulations:

<http://www.bim.ie/media/bim/content/downloads/BIM%20Fisheries%20Management%20Chart%202015.pdf>

4. Contact Details

Enquiries regarding the contents of this Marine Notice, or any other relevant matters, should be directed to:

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All mariners are reminded of their responsibilities under the International Collision Regulations and of [Marine Notice No. 17 of 2007](#), which gives general advice in relation to the activities of vessels engaged in survey work for hydrographic, seismic, fishing research and underwater operations.

The International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) are implemented in Irish law by the *Merchant Shipping (Collision Regulations) (Ships and Water Craft on the Water) Order 2012* (S.I. No. 507 of 2012) and the *Signals of Distress (Ships) Rules 2012* (S.I. No.170 of 2012). [See Marine Notice No. 06 of 2013](#). These Statutory Instruments may be purchased by mail order from Government Publications, Office of Public Works, Mountshannon Road, Dublin, D08 XA06 Tel: (046) 9423100. They are also available online at: www.irishstatutebook.ie.

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Appendix 1: IGFS Coordinates Table
Appendix 2: IGFS Coordinates Chart

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Appendix 1: IGFS Coordinates Table

Station Id ¹	Latitude	Longitude	PrimeStation	Stratum
13	56° 11.81' N	7° 46.78' W	MB2	VlaCoast
19	55° 13.27' N	7° 55.77' W	10	VlaCoast
20	55° 31.37' N	7° 45.28' W	MB7	VlaCoast
25	54° 34.59' N	8° 22.21' W	14	VlaCoast
100	55° 18.64' N	6° 54.27' W	COD2	VlaCoast
104	55° 36.84' N	7° 19.16' W	32	VlaCoast
142	54° 34.52' N	8° 44.16' W	MB45	VlaCoast
192	56° 23.11' N	6° 46.96' W	SC583	VlaCoast
194	55° 51.59' N	7° 4.16' W	31A	VlaCoast
195	55° 54.8' N	6° 40.49' W	SC573	VlaCoast
222	55° 14.29' N	7° 35.05' W	FG115	VlaCoast
223	55° 27.57' N	7° 1.6' W	MB46	VlaCoast
224	56° 3.12' N	7° 0.68' W	FG116	VlaCoast
225	56° 11.69' N	6° 45.83' W	FG117	VlaCoast
335	56° 18.72' N	7° 3.02' W	FG192	VlaCoast
341	54° 52.07' N	8° 41.74' W	MM8	VlaCoast
23	54° 32.81' N	8° 50.58' W	MB9	VlaCoast
24	54° 31.11' N	8° 33.39' W	15	VlaCoast
101	55° 22.08' N	6° 51.75' W	COD1	VlaCoast
102	55° 23.5' N	7° 1.34' W	COD3	VlaCoast
103	55° 31.28' N	7° 3.37' W	33	VlaCoast
141	54° 51.83' N	8° 48.33' W	MB44	VlaCoast
10	55° 25.45' N	9° 15.21' W	R210	VlaDeep
15	56° 0.71' N	8° 11.49' W	MB3	VlaDeep
107	55° 49.19' N	8° 21.22' W	MMMA3	VlaDeep
138	55° 48.38' N	8° 59.54' W	SC544	VlaDeep
190	55° 55.22' N	7° 57.43' W	FG96	VlaDeep
215	55° 5.57' N	10° 3.43' W	FG108	VlaDeep
229	56° 9.02' N	8° 47.33' W	FG118	VlaDeep
258	56° 20.26' N	7° 36.32' W	FG144	VlaDeep
390	56° 11.93' N	8° 16.16' W	GD19	VlaDeep
397	56° 21.11' N	8° 28.84' W	GD17	VlaDeep
405	55° 56.37' N	7° 39.17' W	28A	VlaDeep
3	54° 47.32' N	9° 37.19' W	26	VlaMedium
4	54° 59.04' N	9° 24.59' W	27	VlaMedium
9	55° 35.84' N	9° 9.87' W	R213	VlaMedium
108	55° 38.01' N	8° 17.9' W	8	VlaMedium
137	55° 21.21' N	6° 19.03' W	FG45	VlaMedium
140	55° 17.71' N	8° 28.55' W	MB41	VlaMedium
214	54° 46.28' N	10° 5' W	FG101	VlaMedium
260	54° 56.94' N	9° 42.22' W	FG102	VlaMedium

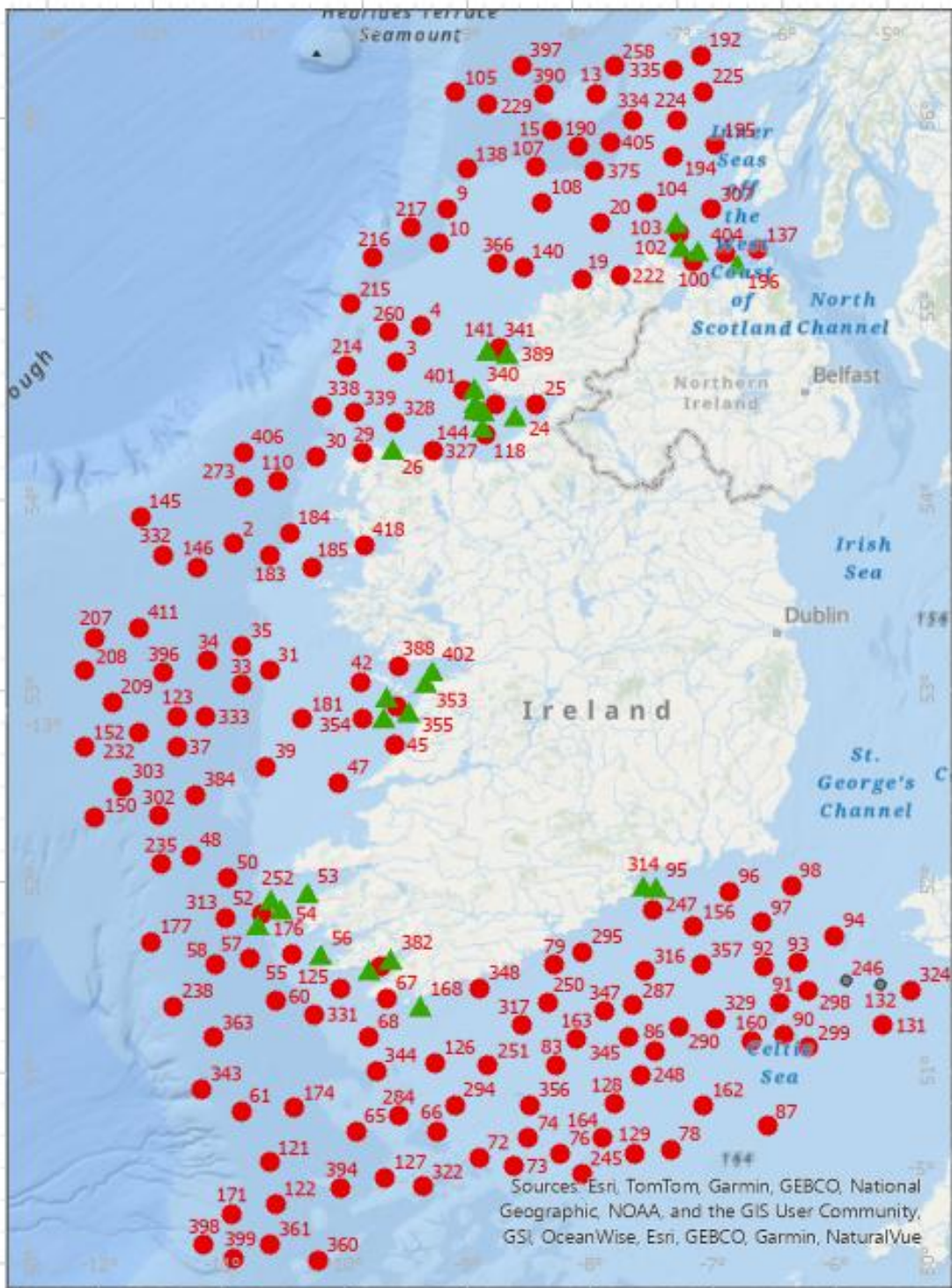
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307	55° 34.45' N	6° 43.29' W	Mar-05	VlaMedium
334	56° 3.42' N	7° 25.85' W	FG143	VlaMedium
338	54° 33.48' N	10° 17.54' W	FG150	VlaMedium
339	54° 31.35' N	9° 59.94' W	FG193	VlaMedium
366	55° 18.72' N	8° 42.17' W	11	VlaMedium
375	55° 47.46' N	7° 47.67' W	GD6	VlaMedium
401	54° 38.69' N	9° 0.89' W	MM4	VlaMedium
404	55° 20.28' N	6° 36.64' W	GD7	VlaMedium
22	54° 35.35' N	8° 54.91' W	SC555	VlaMedium
196	55° 17.38' N	6° 30.36' W	FG98	VlaMedium
105	56° 12.54' N	9° 5.71' W	94	VlaSlope
216	55° 20.37' N	9° 51' W	FG109	VlaSlope
217	55° 29.95' N	9° 30.5' W	FG110	VlaSlope
29	54° 18.95' N	9° 55.2' W	25	VIIbCoast
42	53° 6.7' N	9° 54.78' W	58	VIIbCoast
45	52° 46.97' N	9° 37.11' W	66	VIIbCoast
118	54° 24.65' N	8° 49.91' W	MB27	VIIbCoast
304	52° 59.06' N	9° 36.43' W	FG173	VIIbCoast
327	54° 19.55' N	9° 17.79' W	MM1	VIIbCoast
388	53° 11.66' N	9° 35.59' W	FG217	VIIbCoast
418	53° 49.94' N	9° 54.44' W	FG84	VIIbCoast
26	54° 20.66' N	9° 39.52' W	20	VIIbCoast
40	52° 56.03' N	9° 42.87' W	60	VIIbCoast
43	53° 2.51' N	9° 41.43' W	59	VIIbCoast
144	54° 27.75' N	8° 51.16' W	SC554	VIIbCoast
402	53° 10.83' N	9° 17.64' W	BH1	VIIbCoast
2	53° 49.31' N	11° 3.71' W	MB1	VIIbDeep
33	53° 5.05' N	10° 57.68' W	MB12	VIIbDeep
34	53° 12.38' N	11° 15.47' W	89	VIIbDeep
35	53° 17.21' N	10° 57.57' W	MB13	VIIbDeep
37	52° 44.75' N	11° 30.21' W	90	VIIbDeep
110	54° 9.45' N	10° 41.42' W	21	VIIbDeep
123	52° 54.51' N	11° 30.47' W	FG214	VIIbDeep
183	53° 46.16' N	10° 44.31' W	FG81	VIIbDeep
184	53° 53.35' N	10° 34.28' W	FG82	VIIbDeep
232	52° 48.64' N	11° 49.93' W	FG121	VIIbDeep
333	52° 54.79' N	11° 15.8' W	FG191	VIIbDeep
396	53° 8.07' N	11° 38.46' W	FG224	VIIbDeep
30	54° 17.67' N	10° 20.65' W	22	VIIbMedium
31	53° 9.86' N	10° 43.16' W	52	VIIbMedium
39	52° 39.45' N	10° 43.55' W	48	VIIbMedium
47	52° 34.87' N	10° 5.63' W	MB17	VIIbMedium
181	52° 54.59' N	10° 24.91' W	53	VIIbMedium
185	53° 42.29' N	10° 21.74' W	FG80	VIIbMedium

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328	54° 28.37' N	9° 38.53' W	MM2	VIIbMedium
354	52° 54.9' N	9° 53.94' W	FG206	VIIbMedium
145	53° 57.03' N	11° 54.11' W	PO113	VIIbSlope
146	53° 41.65' N	11° 22.46' W	PO14	VIIbSlope
152	52° 43.45' N	12° 18.04' W	PO238	VIIbSlope
207	53° 18.4' N	12° 14.9' W	PO174	VIIbSlope
208	53° 7.73' N	12° 19.31' W	PO189	VIIbSlope
209	52° 58.12' N	12° 4.84' W	PO34	VIIbSlope
273	54° 7.29' N	10° 59.66' W	FG86	VIIbSlope
303	52° 31.83' N	11° 57.04' W	FG172	VIIbSlope
332	53° 45.19' N	11° 41.13' W	PO12	VIIbSlope
406	54° 18.37' N	11° 0.05' W	FG88	VIIbSlope
411	53° 22' N	11° 52.29' W	FG174	VIIbSlope
79	51° 37.55' N	8° 15.28' W	53A	VIIgCoast
92	51° 35.43' N	6° 29.72' W	110	VIIgCoast
96	51° 59.6' N	6° 45.29' W	33A	VIIgCoast
97	51° 49.45' N	6° 29.62' W	69	VIIgCoast
98	52° 0.69' N	6° 14' W	FG25	VIIgCoast
131	51° 15.52' N	5° 30.54' W	44	VIIgCoast
156	51° 49.2' N	7° 4.43' W	FG46	VIIgCoast
247	51° 54.69' N	7° 24.63' W	FG138	VIIgCoast
287	51° 24.99' N	7° 36.35' W	FG166	VIIgCoast
295	51° 41.7' N	8° 0.79' W	CN205	VIIgCoast
316	51° 35.2' N	7° 29.43' W	FG178	VIIgCoast
324	51° 26.24' N	5° 15.91' W	CN203	VIIgCoast
348	51° 30.32' N	8° 53.01' W	FG182	VIIgCoast
357	51° 36.64' N	7° 0.7' W	FG208	VIIgCoast
95	52° 2.06' N	7° 22.97' W	42A	VIIgCoast
72	50° 36.88' N	8° 53.67' W	CC306	VIIgMedium
73	50° 34.43' N	8° 36.26' W	FG12	VIIgMedium
74	50° 42.96' N	8° 28.8' W	62A	VIIgMedium
76	50° 37.97' N	8° 13.37' W	FG14	VIIgMedium
78	50° 38.86' N	7° 18.83' W	CC307	VIIgMedium
83	51° 5.99' N	8° 14.47' W	FG16	VIIgMedium
86	51° 10.1' N	7° 25.77' W	FG23	VIIgMedium
87	50° 45.18' N	6° 30.51' W	56	VIIgMedium
90	51° 13.75' N	6° 20.04' W	112	VIIgMedium
91	51° 24.03' N	6° 22' W	111	VIIgMedium
93	51° 36.23' N	6° 11.84' W	FG139	VIIgMedium
94	51° 44.58' N	5° 52.84' W	40	VIIgMedium
128	50° 53.7' N	7° 46.12' W	FG35	VIIgMedium
129	50° 37.84' N	7° 36.63' W	MB30	VIIgMedium
160	51° 12.18' N	6° 37.08' W	FG39	VIIgMedium
162	50° 52.44' N	7° 1.68' W	FG50	VIIgMedium

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163	51° 14.2' N	8° 4.78' W	FG52	VIIgMedium
164	50° 42.8' N	7° 51.85' W	FG53	VIIgMedium
245	50° 31.55' N	8° 2.81' W	FG133	VIIgMedium
248	51° 2.72' N	7° 32.55' W	FG36	VIIgMedium
250	51° 25.69' N	8° 18.59' W	FG134	VIIgMedium
251	51° 5.99' N	8° 48.68' W	FG141	VIIgMedium
290	51° 17.63' N	7° 12.83' W	FG168	VIIgMedium
298	51° 27.7' N	6° 7.66' W	CN308	VIIgMedium
299	51° 9.82' N	6° 8.41' W	CN304	VIIgMedium
317	51° 18.52' N	8° 32' W	FG185	VIIgMedium
344	51° 4.24' N	9° 45.02' W	FG200	VIIjMedium
345	51° 14.7' N	7° 38.15' W	FG197	VIIgMedium
347	51° 22.63' N	7° 50.44' W	FG37A	VIIgMedium
329	51° 19.78' N	6° 54.56' W	FG187	VIIgMedium
356	50° 53.6' N	8° 28.43' W	VMS1	VIIgMedium
67	51° 27.19' N	9° 39.65' W	FG9	VIIjCoast
125	51° 30.01' N	10° 3.71' W	FG33	VIIjCoast
352	51° 37.17' N	9° 43.13' W	FG205	VIIjCoast
53	52° 0.54' N	10° 20.96' W	71	VIIjCoast
56	51° 41.09' N	10° 13.73' W	FG2	VIIjCoast
168	51° 25.17' N	9° 23.04' W	FG56	VIIjCoast
48	52° 10.95' N	11° 20.94' W	FG1	VIIjDeep
50	52° 4.13' N	11° 1.5' W	MB53	VIIjDeep
57	51° 38.69' N	10° 49.13' W	42	VIIjDeep
58	51° 36.58' N	11° 6.64' W	FG3	VIIjDeep
60	51° 25.68' N	10° 35.74' W	41	VIIjDeep
61	50° 50.71' N	10° 52.06' W	FG6	VIIjDeep
65	50° 45.02' N	9° 54.83' W	84	VIIjDeep
66	50° 45.21' N	9° 14.67' W	85	VIIjDeep
121	50° 34.68' N	10° 37.43' W	FG63	VIIjDeep
122	50° 21.68' N	10° 34' W	FG30	VIIjDeep
174	50° 52.12' N	10° 25.45' W	FG65	VIIjDeep
284	50° 50.07' N	9° 33.72' W	FG163	VIIjDeep
302	52° 22.94' N	11° 38.43' W	FG171	VIIjDeep
313	51° 51.61' N	11° 2.35' W	FG67	VIIjDeep
322	50° 27.78' N	9° 21.41' W	CC431	VIIjDeep
360	50° 4.41' N	10° 12.48' W	CC424	VIIjDeep
361	50° 8.9' N	10° 35.85' W	FG212	VIIjDeep
363	51° 13.76' N	11° 6.84' W	FG209	VIIjDeep
384	52° 29.95' N	11° 19.78' W	FG213	VIIjDeep
399	50° 4.34' N	10° 53.9' W	CC502	VIIjDeep
176	51° 50.13' N	10° 45.85' W	FG68	VIIjDeep
52	51° 53.07' N	10° 43.84' W	36	VIIjMedium
55	51° 40.51' N	10° 28.48' W	43	VIIjMedium

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68	51° 14.86' N	9° 48.44' W	FG10	VIIjMedium
126	51° 7.03' N	9° 15.5' W	FG34	VIIjMedium
127	50° 30.67' N	9° 39.73' W	MB29	VIIjMedium
294	50° 53.51' N	9° 5.69' W	CC321	VIIjMedium
331	51° 21.82' N	10° 16.2' W	FG190	VIIjMedium
394	50° 27.03' N	10° 1.56' W	DS2	VIIjMedium
54	51° 55.25' N	10° 34.24' W	MB18	VIIjMedium
252	51° 58.14' N	10° 39.59' W	MB51	VIIjMedium
150	52° 21.44' N	12° 11.64' W	PO461	VIIjSlope
171	50° 18.36' N	10° 55.35' W	FG61	VIIjSlope
177	51° 43.11' N	11° 39.79' W	FG72	VIIjSlope
235	52° 7.88' N	11° 36.44' W	FG70	VIIjSlope
314	52° 2.54' N	7° 29.4' W	FG177	VIIgCoast
340	54° 39.87' N	8° 55.49' W	MM3	VlaMedium
353	53° 7.22' N	9° 21.18' W	MB52	VIIbCoast
355	52° 57.89' N	9° 29.96' W	FG207	VIIbCoast
369	54° 33.19' N	8° 55.49' W	GD10	VlaMedium
380	51° 36.39' N	9° 49.02' W	FG204	VIIjCoast
382	51° 39.91' N	9° 38.2' W	FG223	VIIjCoast
389	54° 50.81' N	8° 37.64' W	MM6	VlaCoast
238	51° 23.19' N	11° 27.72' W	FG126	VIIjSlope
343	50° 57.21' N	11° 11.93' W	FG196	VIIjSlope
398	50° 8.15' N	11° 8.49' W	FG60	VIIjSlope

Appendix 2: IGFS Coordinates Chart



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