



Marine Notice No. 02 of 2026

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

Irish Anglerfish and Megrin Survey (IAMS) 2026 West, Southwest and South Coasts Legs I and II

1. Notice of Activity

The Department of Transport has been advised by the Marine Institute that the first and second legs of the annual Irish Anglerfish and Megrin Survey (IAMS) will be carried out from **16 February 2026 to 12 March 2026**, subject to weather and operational constraints. The survey will take place on the west, southwest and south coasts of Ireland and will be carried out by the Marine Institute in fulfilment of Ireland's Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) obligations.¹

2. Location of Activity

The IAMS is a demersal trawl survey consisting of approximately 110 otter trawls, each of 60 minutes' duration, in International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) areas 7b, 7c, 7g, 7h, 7j and 7k. A map of the survey areas is available in Appendix 1 to this Marine Notice, and the approximate location of these hauls is given in the table in Appendix 2. Fishing in the IAMS 2026 will take place within a 3 nautical mile (nmi) radius of these indicative positions.

3. Details of Vessel

The survey will be conducted by the "RV Celtic Explorer" (Callsign: EIGB). The vessel will display all appropriate lights and signals. The vessel will be towing a Jackson demersal trawl during 24-hour fishing operations. The vessel will use Ch 10 as a working channel for communications with fishing vessels and Ch 16 as a general safety channel.

4. Safety Information

The Marine Institute requests that commercial fishing and other marine operators keep a 3 nmi radius area around the tow 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 legislation² that may be encountered in the notified areas.

¹ Articles 9-17 of EU Regulation (EU) No 404/2011, available [here](#).

² For overview of current EU regulations, please consult the BIM Fisheries Management Chart 2022 [here](#).

5. Contact Details

Specifics of any fishing gear or other obstructions that are known and cannot be kept clear of these survey haul locations can be notified using the contact details below:

- **Aodhan Fitzgerald**, Marine Institute: 087 248 8765
- **Eoghan Kelly**, Marine Institute: 087 993 5128

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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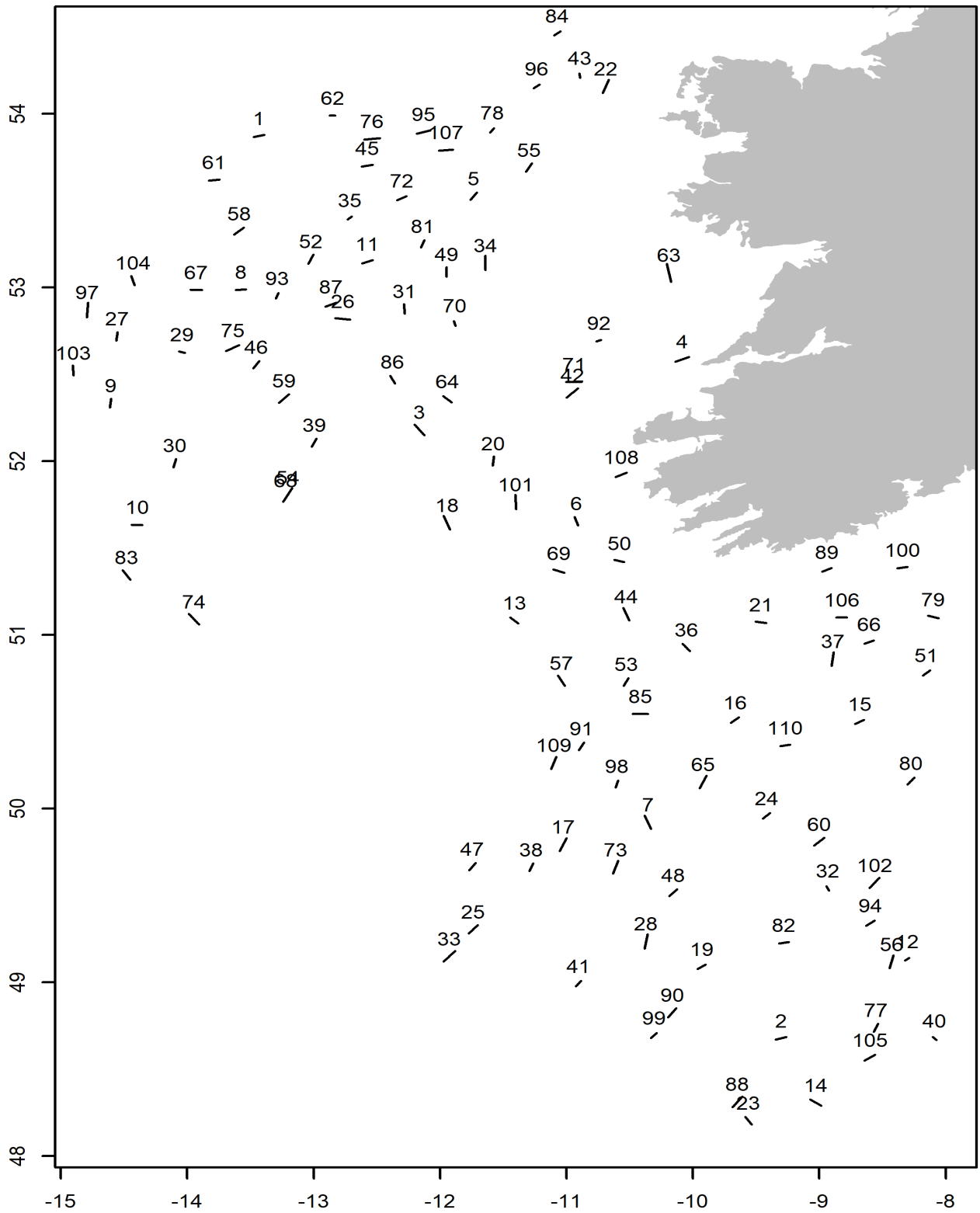
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Encl: Appendix 1: Map of IAMS 2026 Survey Stations
Appendix 2: Mid-point Co-ordinates IAMS 2026

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Appendix 1: Map of IAMS 2026 Survey Stations



Appendix 2: Mid-point Co-ordinates IAMS 2026

Station	Latitude	Longitude
1	53° 52.29' N	13° 25.95' W
2	48° 40.8' N	9° 17.25' W
3	52° 10.68' N	12° 9.659' W
4	52° 35.191' N	10° 4.981' W
5	53° 31.71' N	11° 43.831' W
6	51° 39.42' N	10° 55.44' W
7	49° 54.93' N	10° 21.03' W
8	52° 59.22' N	13° 34.32' W
9	52° 20.01' N	14° 36.42' W
10	51° 37.98' N	14° 23.85' W
11	53° 9' N	12° 34.23' W
12	49° 7.95' N	8° 18.39' W
13	51° 4.95' N	11° 24.809' W
14	48° 18.69' N	9° 2.4' W
15	50° 29.91' N	8° 40.891' W
16	50° 30.42' N	9° 40.141' W
17	49° 47.49' N	11° 1.681' W
18	51° 38.82' N	11° 56.849' W
19	49° 5.31' N	9° 55.861' W
20	52° 0.03' N	11° 34.74' W
21	51° 4.32' N	9° 27.72' W
22	54° 9.539' N	10° 41.311' W
23	48° 11.642' N	9° 33.143' W
24	49° 57.45' N	9° 25.051' W
25	49° 13.47' N	11° 24.87' W
26	52° 49.234' N	12° 45.686' W
27	52° 43.08' N	14° 33.33' W
28	49° 26.73' N	10° 43.08' W
29	52° 37.59' N	14° 2.52' W
30	51° 59.28' N	14° 5.91' W
31	52° 52.59' N	12° 16.92' W
32	49° 32.43' N	8° 56.069' W

33	48° 18.771' N	9° 38.734' W
34	52° 54.18' N	11° 30.059' W
35	53° 24.03' N	12° 42.931' W
36	50° 55.53' N	10° 2.999' W
37	50° 49.815' N	9° 11.335' W
38	49° 39.63' N	11° 16.8' W
39	52° 6.36' N	12° 59.761' W
40	48° 40.56' N	8° 5.31' W
41	48° 59.49' N	10° 54.3' W
42	52° 23.52' N	10° 57.271' W
43	54° 13.14' N	10° 53.64' W
44	51° 14.82' N	10° 36.33' W
45	53° 42.03' N	12° 34.53' W
46	52° 33.3' N	13° 27.181' W
47	49° 9.263' N	11° 55.22' W
48	49° 30.9' N	10° 9.301' W
49	53° 4.35' N	11° 57' W
50	51° 25.53' N	10° 34.98' W
51	50° 46.86' N	8° 9.091' W
52	53° 9.75' N	13° 1.321' W
53	50° 43.71' N	10° 31.711' W
54	51° 26.636' N	13° 36.91' W
55	53° 41.4' N	11° 17.911' W
56	48° 58.29' N	9° 10.515' W
57	50° 44.13' N	11° 2.4' W
58	53° 19.35' N	13° 35.58' W
59	52° 21.66' N	13° 13.981' W
60	49° 48.6' N	8° 59.911' W
61	53° 36.96' N	13° 47.94' W
62	53° 59.28' N	12° 51.03' W
63	53° 5.49' N	10° 11.61' W
64	52° 21.39' N	11° 56.519' W
65	49° 59.928' N	10° 6.616' W
66	50° 57.48' N	8° 36.36' W
67	52° 51.3' N	13° 52.449' W

68	51° 47.25' N	13° 13.201' W
69	51° 22.02' N	11° 3.69' W
70	52° 47.58' N	11° 53.1' W
71	52° 29.874' N	11° 19.743' W
72	53° 30.78' N	12° 18.181' W
73	49° 39.63' N	10° 36.78' W
74	50° 59.13' N	14° 14.94' W
75	52° 37.554' N	14° 2.354' W
76	53° 53.67' N	12° 7.86' W
77	48° 44.52' N	8° 33' W
78	53° 54.21' N	11° 35.34' W
79	51° 6.18' N	8° 6.15' W
80	50° 9.51' N	8° 16.531' W
81	53° 14.94' N	12° 7.98' W
82	49° 13.62' N	9° 16.8' W
83	50° 58.16' N	14° 34.074' W
84	54° 27.72' N	11° 4.41' W
85	50° 25.92' N	10° 23.011' W
86	52° 28.14' N	12° 22.589' W
87	53° 4.29' N	12° 39.691' W
88	48° 18.771' N	9° 38.734' W
89	51° 22.41' N	8° 56.491' W
90	48° 54.78' N	9° 56.071' W
91	50° 21.51' N	10° 52.891' W
92	52° 41.58' N	10° 44.7' W
93	52° 57.06' N	13° 17.34' W
94	49° 20.34' N	8° 35.731' W
95	54° 10.99' N	11° 22.696' W
96	54° 9.63' N	11° 13.621' W
97	53° 26.226' N	14° 16.356' W
98	50° 8.46' N	10° 36.09' W
99	48° 41.55' N	10° 18.51' W
100	51° 23.22' N	8° 20.64' W
101	51° 39.614' N	11° 23.833' W
102	49° 34.314' N	8° 33.927' W

103	52° 31.29' N	14° 54.12' W
104	53° 2.34' N	14° 25.86' W
105	48° 26.93' N	8° 54.226' W
106	51° 5.94' N	8° 49.41' W
107	53° 49.783' N	11° 47.388' W
108	51° 55.2' N	10° 34.171' W
109	50° 39.627' N	11° 5.762' W
110	50° 21.78' N	9° 16.2' W