



Marine Notice No. 05 of 2026

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

Southern Coast of Ireland Beam Trawl Survey

1. Notice of Activity

The Department of Transport has been advised that a beam trawl survey will be undertaken on the Southern Coast of Ireland on behalf of the Centre for Environment Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (CEFAS), an executive agency of the United Kingdom's Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. The survey is anticipated to take place between **23 February 2026** and **30 March 2026**, subject to weather and operational constraints.

2. Location of Activity

The beam trawl survey will take place at various locations in the Celtic Sea and the Irish Sea which are set out in the table below. A map of the survey area, including station locations, is available in the Appendix to this Marine Notice.

Table: Station Positions

Prime Station	Shoot Latitude	Shoot Longitude
<i>Beam Trawl Stations</i>		
STBSN1	51° 36.331' N	7° 13.211' W
STBSN2	51° 53.96' N	6° 5.97' W
STBSN7	52° 7.725' N	6° 51.955' W
STBSN9	51° 47.948' N	6° 34.22' W
STBSN10	51° 59.202' N	6° 25.147' W
STBSN15	51° 51.662' N	7° 19.306' W
STBSN16	51° 41.229' N	7° 22.299' W
STBSN20	51° 41.297' N	6° 38.373' W
STESN1	50° 46.701' N	8° 12.819' W
STESN2	50° 43.255' N	7° 15.597' W
STESN4	50° 15.585' N	8° 16.457' W

STESN6	49° 59.632' N	8° 36.061' W
STESN9	50° 31.545' N	8° 45.668' W
STESN11	50° 39.015' N	8° 22.805' W
STESN12	50° 17.87' N	8° 40.215' W
STESN14	50° 58.656' N	8° 14.447' W
STESN15	50° 51.188' N	7° 28.878' W
STESN18	50° 38.58' N	7° 46.533' W
STESN19	50° 48.568' N	8° 26.771' W
STFSN1	50° 47.536' N	7° 10.498' W
STFSN2	51° 24.726' N	6° 55.343' W
STFSN4	51° 10.944' N	7° 6.588' W
STFSN10	51° 10.627' N	7° 49.523' W
STFSN12	51° 35.143' N	6° 29.36' W
STFSN16	51° 17.132' N	7° 58.866' W
STFSN18	51° 25.416' N	6° 35.253' W
STGSN2	49° 50.683' N	9° 20.737' W
STGSN3	51° 3.153' N	9° 2.758' W
STGSN4	50° 21.472' N	9° 7.881' W
STGSN5	50° 7.615' N	9° 5.231' W
STGSN6	49° 53.781' N	8° 36.727' W
STGSN7	51° 12.889' N	9° 30.355' W
STGSN8	51° 31.531' N	8° 24.785' W
STGSN9	50° 50.403' N	9° 30.35' W
STGSN10	50° 43.416' N	9° 10.623' W
STGSN12	49° 38.214' N	9° 21.869' W
STGSN13	51° 8.241' N	8° 18.499' W
STGSN16	51° 8.08' N	8° 44.936' W
STGSN17	50° 2.506' N	8° 46.824' W
STGSN18	51° 15.827' N	9° 24.981' W
STGSN19	50° 59.018' N	8° 37.789' W
STNSN13	48° 48.451' N	9° 48.559' W
STNSN20	48° 59.675' N	9° 28.101' W
<i>Otter Trawl Stations</i>		
NW13	50° 57.589' N	7° 36.64' W
BC1	52° 1.01' N	6° 45.5' W
BC2	51° 15.16' N	7° 22.45' W
BC3	51° 36.56' N	7° 44.53' W
BC4	51° 47.07' N	6° 43.12' W
BC7	52° 20.789' N	5° 52.86' W
BC17	51° 22.8' N	6° 52.2' W

3. Details of Vessel

The survey will be conducted by the “**RV Cefas Endeavour**” (Call Sign: **VQHF3**). The

vessel will display appropriate lights and signals. The vessel will be towing either 2 x 4m beam trawls or an otter trawl during fishing operations.

Each fishing station will be towed by the vessel for a maximum of 30 minutes at a speed of ~4 knots.

4. Contact Details

Enquiries regarding the contents of this marine notice, and any other relevant matters, should be directed to:

- Vessel Operator: dxt@awsml.co.uk
- Marine Operations: marineoperations@cefas.gov.uk
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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: Map of Survey Area

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