



Marine Notice No. 48 of 2026

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

Irish Groundfish Survey (IGFS) 2026

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 **3 October and 18 November 2026**, 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, VIIb, VIIg and VIIj. 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 2026 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

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

¹ Articles 9-17 of EU Regulation 404/2011, available at https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2011/404/oj/eng.

For an overview of regulations, see

https://bim.ie/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/BIM-FMC26FN2_22.04.pdf

provided for each area using contact details also provided. Operators of commercial fishing operations taking place within 3 nmi of the survey points are advised to notify the Marine Institute.

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
25	54° 34.59' N	8° 22.21' W	14	VlaCoast
100	55° 18.62' N	6° 54.22' W	COD2	VlaCoast
103	55° 31.28' N	7° 3.37' W	33	VlaCoast
109	55° 21.98' N	8° 12.81' W	9	VlaCoast
116	55° 34.67' N	7° 58.83' W	MB26	VlaCoast
192	56° 23.12' N	6° 46.96' W	SC583	VlaCoast
195	55° 54.8' N	6° 40.49' W	SC573	VlaCoast
221	55° 36.99' N	7° 33.33' W	FG114	VlaCoast
222	55° 14.31' N	7° 35.05' W	FG115	VlaCoast
224	56° 3.12' N	7° 0.64' W	FG116	VlaCoast
225	56° 11.66' N	6° 45.83' W	FG117	VlaCoast
256	55° 30.13' N	7° 23.38' W	FG100	VlaCoast
308	55° 47.17' N	7° 8.13' W	GD4	VlaCoast
335	56° 18.72' N	7° 3.03' W	FG192	VlaCoast
341	54° 52.07' N	8° 41.74' W	MM8	VlaCoast
18	55° 40.65' N	7° 12.68' W	31	VlaCoast
23	54° 32.81' N	8° 50.58' W	MB9	VlaCoast
24	54° 31.1' N	8° 33.38' W	15	VlaCoast
101	55° 22.08' N	6° 51.75' W	COD1	VlaCoast
102	55° 23.49' N	7° 1.47' W	COD3	VlaCoast
104	55° 36.8' N	7° 19.14' W	32	VlaCoast
141	54° 51.84' N	8° 48.27' W	MB44	VlaCoast
142	54° 34.52' N	8° 44.16' W	MB45	VlaCoast
389	54° 50.81' N	8° 37.64' W	MM6	VlaCoast
400	55° 43.63' N	7° 18.06' W	MM10	VlaCoast
107	55° 49.19' N	8° 21.22' W	MMMA3	VlaDeep
114	56° 2.09' N	8° 2.83' W	MB24	VlaDeep
138	55° 48.38' N	8° 59.54' W	SC544	VlaDeep
215	55° 5.61' N	10° 3.4' W	FG108	VlaDeep
229	56° 9.01' N	8° 47.35' W	FG118	VlaDeep
230	56° 0.73' N	8° 23.9' W	FG119	VlaDeep
336	55° 51.94' N	7° 56.52' W	FG95	VlaDeep
372	54° 50.83' N	10° 18.13' W	GD11	VlaDeep
374	56° 23.34' N	7° 47.89' W	FG94	VlaDeep
390	56° 11.93' N	8° 16.16' W	GD19	VlaDeep
397	56° 21.05' N	8° 29.07' W	GD17	VlaDeep
3	54° 47.33' N	9° 37.18' W	26	VlaMedium
9	55° 35.89' N	9° 9.87' W	R213	VlaMedium
21	55° 22.1' N	8° 29.06' W	12	VlaMedium
108	55° 38.01' N	8° 17.9' W	8	VlaMedium
112	54° 35.81' N	9° 16.68' W	18	VlaMedium
117	55° 5.92' N	9° 0.43' W	MAR4	VlaMedium

139	55° 7.18' N	9° 22.11' W	SC546	VlaMedium
143	54° 33.53' N	9° 33.86' W	SC552	VlaMedium
196	55° 17.36' N	6° 30.4' W	FG98	VlaMedium
260	54° 56.99' N	9° 42.23' W	FG102	VlaMedium
334	56° 3.42' N	7° 25.85' W	FG143	VlaMedium
340	54° 39.87' N	8° 55.49' W	MM3	VlaMedium
368	55° 18.66' N	9° 7.56' W	GD9	VlaMedium
392	55° 49.04' N	7° 38.42' W	MM11	VlaMedium
393	55° 27.71' N	8° 53.69' W	MM15	VlaMedium
14	56° 12.89' N	7° 16.59' W	93	VlaMedium
22	54° 35.35' N	8° 54.91' W	SC555	VlaMedium
28	54° 30.1' N	9° 41.75' W	MB11	VlaMedium
137	55° 21.18' N	6° 19.04' W	FG45	VlaMedium
257	56° 14.43' N	7° 10.34' W	FG142	VlaMedium
307	55° 34.45' N	6° 43.29' W	MAR5	VlaMedium
369	54° 33.11' N	8° 55.33' W	GD10	VlaMedium
401	54° 38.63' N	9° 0.88' W	MM4	VlaMedium
404	55° 20.31' N	6° 36.57' W	GD7	VlaMedium
228	56° 28.16' N	9° 4.23' W	FG106	VlaSlope
271	54° 35.79' N	10° 35.57' W	FG149	VlaSlope
310	53° 50.46' N	10° 0.89' W	FG83	VIIbCoast
355	52° 57.89' N	9° 29.96' W	FG207	VIIbCoast
388	53° 11.66' N	9° 35.51' W	FG217	VIIbCoast
402	53° 10.83' N	9° 17.64' W	BH1	VIIbCoast
403	52° 57' N	9° 47.28' W	BH1	VIIbCoast
33	53° 5.05' N	10° 57.69' W	MB12	VIIbDeep
34	53° 12.4' N	11° 15.41' W	89	VIIbDeep
35	53° 17.21' N	10° 57.57' W	MB13	VIIbDeep
36	52° 52.74' N	11° 3.14' W	50	VIIbDeep
37	52° 44.74' N	11° 30.21' W	90	VIIbDeep
110	54° 9.42' N	10° 41.43' W	21	VIIbDeep
123	52° 54.57' N	11° 30.52' W	FG214	VIIbDeep
183	53° 46.11' N	10° 44.3' W	FG81	VIIbDeep
231	53° 0.9' N	11° 14.07' W	FG120	VIIbDeep
232	52° 48.62' N	11° 49.94' W	FG121	VIIbDeep
396	53° 8.05' N	11° 38.46' W	FG224	VIIbDeep
410	53° 39.22' N	11° 14.84' W	FG225	VIIbDeep
184	53° 53.31' N	10° 34.24' W	FG82	VIIbDeep
31	53° 9.86' N	10° 43.16' W	52	VIIbMedium
180	53° 18.19' N	10° 15.32' W	FG75	VIIbMedium
181	52° 54.58' N	10° 24.92' W	53	VIIbMedium
185	53° 42.27' N	10° 21.77' W	FG80	VIIbMedium
233	52° 40.78' N	10° 34.26' W	FG122	VIIbMedium
354	52° 54.94' N	9° 54.05' W	FG206	VIIbMedium
365	54° 29.19' N	9° 51.69' W	FG218	VIIbMedium
387	54° 26.74' N	10° 10.51' W	23A	VIIbMedium
27	54° 28.79' N	9° 27.16' W	MB10	VIIbMedium
30	54° 17.66' N	10° 20.67' W	22	VIIbMedium

41	52° 57.4' N	9° 57.16' W	MB15	VIIbMedium
46	52° 32.21' N	10° 19.65' W	70	VIIbMedium
47	52° 34.87' N	10° 5.63' W	MB17	VIIbMedium
113	53° 5.13' N	10° 11.57' W	56A	VIIbMedium
328	54° 28.39' N	9° 38.61' W	MM2	VIIbMedium
147	53° 34.16' N	11° 33.98' W	PO24	VIIbSlope
182	53° 56.04' N	11° 11.66' W	FG76	VIIbSlope
187	54° 8.97' N	11° 15.14' W	FG87	VIIbSlope
208	53° 7.66' N	12° 19.33' W	PO189	VIIbSlope
210	52° 42.95' N	12° 3.73' W	PO39	VIIbSlope
212	53° 57.28' N	11° 31.19' W	FG99	VIIbSlope
261	53° 37.14' N	11° 53.62' W	PO16	VIIbSlope
303	52° 31.8' N	11° 57.02' W	FG172	VIIbSlope
332	53° 45.12' N	11° 41.22' W	PO12	VIIbSlope
411	53° 21.89' N	11° 52.37' W	FG174	VIIbSlope
420	54° 22.06' N	11° 0.05' W	FG88	VIIbSlope

173	50° 32.38' N	10° 55.19' W	FG62	VIIjSlope
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° 23.03' W	FG56	VIIjCoast
382	51° 39.88' N	9° 38.21' W	FG223	VIIjCoast
48	52° 11.02' N	11° 20.98' W	FG1	VIIjDeep
51	52° 1.33' N	10° 56.02' W	38	VIIjDeep
57	51° 38.69' N	10° 49.13' W	42	VIIjDeep
58	51° 36.58' N	11° 6.64' W	FG3	VIIjDeep
59	51° 28.31' N	10° 48.61' W	FG4	VIIjDeep
63	50° 43.02' N	10° 43.66' W	82	VIIjDeep
122	50° 21.7' N	10° 34' W	FG30	VIIjDeep
175	51° 2.01' N	10° 14.02' W	FG66	VIIjDeep
241	51° 18.86' N	10° 21.38' W	FG128	VIIjDeep
242	51° 6.94' N	10° 31.49' W	FG129	VIIjDeep
243	50° 45.41' N	10° 16.77' W	FG130	VIIjDeep
284	50° 50.07' N	9° 33.69' W	FG163	VIIjDeep
321	50° 8.12' N	9° 40.6' W	CC425	VIIjDeep
322	50° 27.78' N	9° 21.41' W	CC431	VIIjDeep
351	51° 14.41' N	10° 44.06' W	FG203	VIIjDeep
361	50° 8.86' N	10° 35.87' 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° 4.32' N	10° 53.87' W	CC502	VIIjDeep
408	50° 53.32' N	10° 50.14' W	CC506	VIIjDeep
126	51° 7.02' N	9° 15.53' W	FG34	VIIjMedium
127	50° 30.69' N	9° 39.69' W	MB29	VIIjMedium
169	51° 20.53' N	9° 48.41' W	FG58	VIIjMedium
252	51° 58.14' N	10° 39.59' W	MB51	VIIjMedium
291	50° 54.58' N	9° 18.02' W	FG169	VIIjMedium
344	51° 4.24' N	9° 45.02' W	FG200	VIIjMedium

350	51° 16.59' N	9° 13.73' W	FG199	VIIjMedium
394	50° 27.13' N	10° 1.5' W	DS2	VIIjMedium
179	51° 59.42' N	11° 48.18' W	FG74	VIIjSlope
235	52° 7.88' N	11° 36.44' W	FG70	VIIjSlope
236	50° 53' N	11° 7.08' W	FG124	VIIjSlope
237	51° 6.36' N	11° 24.69' W	FG125	VIIjSlope
238	51° 23.19' N	11° 27.72' W	FG126	VIIjSlope
239	51° 45.5' N	11° 24.08' W	FG73	VIIjSlope
394	50° 27.13' N	10° 1.5' W	DS2	VIIjMedium
399	50° 4.32' N	10° 53.87' W	CC502	VIIjDeep
408	50° 53.32' N	10° 50.14' W	CC506	VIIjDeep
79	51° 37.56' N	8° 15.28' W	53A	VIIgCoast
92	51° 35.4' N	6° 29.62' W	110	VIIgCoast
95	52° 2.06' N	7° 22.97' W	42A	VIIgCoast
96	51° 59.61' N	6° 45.26' W	33A	VIIgCoast
97	51° 49.43' N	6° 29.6' W	69	VIIgCoast
98	52° 0.69' N	6° 14' W	FG25	VIIgCoast
131	51° 15.52' N	5° 30.54' W	44	VIIgCoast
132	51° 28.4' N	5° 30.99' W	MB32	VIIgCoast
156	51° 49.16' N	7° 4.44' W	FG46	VIIgCoast
295	51° 41.73' N	8° 0.75' W	CN205	VIIgCoast
296	51° 37.76' N	7° 25.26' W	CN204	VIIgCoast
297	51° 47.28' N	6° 42.09' W	CN207	VIIgCoast
346	51° 30.03' N	7° 12.28' W	FG201	VIIgCoast
357	51° 36.64' N	7° 0.7' W	FG208	VIIgCoast
358	51° 29.16' N	7° 31.53' W	FG176	VIIgCoast
71	50° 51.74' N	8° 53.64' W	FG11	VIIgMedium
72	50° 36.89' N	8° 53.68' W	CC306	VIIgMedium
73	50° 34.4' N	8° 36.28' W	FG12	VIIgMedium
74	50° 42.96' N	8° 28.81' W	62A	VIIgMedium
75	50° 45.01' N	8° 13' W	FG13	VIIgMedium
80	51° 26.73' N	8° 31.99' W	FG183	VIIgMedium
82	51° 11.69' N	8° 33.32' W	CC310	VIIgMedium
86	51° 10.08' N	7° 25.78' W	FG23	VIIgMedium
90	51° 13.75' N	6° 20.04' W	112	VIIgMedium
91	51° 24.03' N	6° 22' W	111	VIIgMedium
93	51° 36.24' N	6° 11.83' W	FG139	VIIgMedium
94	51° 44.58' N	5° 52.84' W	40	VIIgMedium
128	50° 53.69' N	7° 46.14' W	FG35	VIIgMedium
129	50° 37.84' N	7° 36.63' W	MB30	VIIgMedium
130	51° 21' N	7° 46' W	FG37	VIIgMedium
134	51° 21.92' N	6° 41.66' W	FG40	VIIgMedium
160	51° 12.18' N	6° 37.08' W	FG39	VIIgMedium
164	50° 42.79' N	7° 51.87' W	FG53	VIIgMedium
245	50° 31.55' N	8° 2.82' W	FG133	VIIgMedium
246	51° 30.28' N	5° 48.11' W	FG136	VIIgMedium
249	51° 1.63' N	8° 5.81' W	FG140	VIIgMedium
288	51° 29.61' N	8° 7.24' W	FG17A	VIIgMedium

290	51° 17.63' N	7° 12.85' W	FG168	VIIgMedium
298	51° 27.68' N	6° 7.67' W	CN308	VIIgMedium
318	51° 8.61' N	8° 9.03' W	FG184	VIIgMedium
320	51° 10.88' N	8° 52.66' W	FG180	VIIgMedium
323	51° 25.33' N	5° 46.83' W	CN307	VIIgMedium
329	51° 19.8' N	6° 54.53' W	FG187	VIIgMedium
349	51° 22.94' N	8° 48.58' W	FG198	VIIgMedium
356	50° 53.63' N	8° 28.35' W	VMS1	VIIgMedium
371	51° 2.15' N	7° 36.93' W	FG36A	VIIgMedium
407	51° 3.45' N	6° 27.63' W	CN302	VIIgMedium
407	51° 3.45' N	6° 27.63' W	CN302	VIIgMedium

Appendix 2: IGFS Coordinates Chart

