

Proposal by the European Community for a recommendation to close certain areas in the Regulatory Area in order to protect deep-water corals.

In order to protect deep-water corals, no fishing activities shall be permitted:

On the Hatton Bank within the area delimited by the following co-ordinates:

59 26 N, 14 30 W
59 12 N, 15 08 W
59 01 N, 17 00 W
58 50 N, 17 38 W
58 30 N, 17 52 W
58 30 N, 18 45 W
58 47 N, 18 37 W
59 05 N, 17 32 W
59 16 N, 17 20 W
59 22 N, 16 50 W
59 21 N, 15 40 W

On the Rockall Bank in the parts of the following areas that fall within the NEAFC Regulatory Area:

North west Rockall

57 00 N, 14 53 W
57 37 N, 14 42 W
57 55 N, 14 24 W
58 15 N, 13 50 W
57 57 N, 13 09 W
57 50 N, 13 14 W
57 57 N, 13 45 W
57 49 N, 14 06 W
57 29 N, 14 19 W
57 22 N, 14 19 W
57 00 N, 14 34 W

Logachev Mounds

55 17 N, 16 10 W
55 34 N, 15 07 W
55 50 N, 15 15 W
55 33 N, 16 16 W

South Rockall

56 00 N, 16 00 W
56 16 N, 16 00 W
56 18 N, 15 03 W
56 30 N, 15 00 W
56 30 N, 14 26 W
56 20 N, 14 29 W
56 00 N, 15 00 W

West Rockall Mounds

57 20 N, 16 30 W
57 05 N, 15 58 W
56 21 N, 17 17 W
56 40 N, 17 50 W

South West Rockall

56 16 N, 15 46 W
56 30 N, 15 33 W
56 23 N, 15 46 W
56 44 N, 15 00 W
56 30 N, 15 00 W
56 17 N, 15 03 W

The boundaries of these areas may be adjusted in the light of more precise evidence on the distribution of deep water corals.

In order to detect any diversion of fishing effort to other, previously unknown areas of deep-water corals, vessels that operated in these areas during the last three years shall be subject to observer coverage.