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Date: 15 July 2026
Subject: Notification of Real Time Closure (RTC), RTC_NL_3_2026

Dear Sir/Madam,

We have received a report of the Netherlands Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority (NVWA). This report has consequences for fisheries in the North Sea. In this letter, we inform you what these consequences are.

Referentie
RVO-VIR / HVS202600043839
Besluitnummer: 2600019295

Notification for the closure of an area (RTC) in Dutch waters

We close an area, Real Time Closure (RTC), in the Dutch waters of the North Sea for exceeding the catch trigger level of whiting. This area will be closed for all fisheries except for fisheries with the following fishing gear:

- Pelagic trawls, purse seines, driftnets and jiggers targeting herring, mackerel, and horse mackerel;
- Pots;
- Scallop dredges;
- Gillnets.

Findings of the last haul inspection on 14 July 2026

On 14 July 2026 at 06:50 UTC, a last haul inspection has taken place at position 53°36.84 N 3°09.75 E. The results show that the total share of juvenile whiting was 86,31%. This share exceeds the 10% catch trigger level for juveniles.

Duration of closure

The area (RTC_NL_3_2026, see image and coordinates on the next page) is closed for a period of 21 days, starting on 16 July 2026 at 00:00 UTC, until 5 August 2026 at 23:59 UTC. After that, the RTC will end automatically.

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Referentie
RVO-VIR / HVS202600043839

1. **53°40.369 N 3°3.808 E**
2. **53°33.293 N 3°3.808 E**
3. **53°33.293 N 3°15.708 E**
4. **53°40.369 N 3°15.708 E**

And back to position 1



For further questions, you can contact us at vr@rvo.nl. Or call us at: +31 88 042 42 42.

On behalf of the State Secretary for Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security and Nature :

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