

Fishery	Proposed Mesh Size	Proposed Square Mesh Panel	Agree? If not proposal
Nephrops(trawl) i.e. where vessels retain >35% trawl permissible to use 70-79mm mesh at present	80mm cod end 5mm single twine 120 mesh in circumference with a lifting bag	3m 110mm square mesh panel 9 to 12m from the cod line	
Mixed Finfish (trawl) i.e. vessels who target mixed demersal species (Annex 1) where cod and haddock do not exceed 30% and use of 80-99mm permissible	90mm cod end 5mm single twine 100 mesh in circumference with a lifting bag	3m 110mm square mesh panel 9 to 12m from the cod line	
Whitefish (trawl and seine) i.e. where catches of haddock and cod exceed 30% 100mm used	100mm cod end 4mm double twine 100 mesh in circumference with a lifting bag	3m 100mm square mesh panel 9 to 12m from the cod line	
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Dear Member,

Above is a summary of the proposal received from DAFF in relation to increasing mesh sizes as a means of reducing discards in the **Celtic Sea**. I would be obliged if you would kindly examine the proposal relevant to you and revert to advise if same is acceptable or not. In the event the proposal is not a feasible one for your fishery you might kindly indicate what you would consider to be a workable proposal which would result in discards of **haddock** and **whiting** in the **Celtic Sea** being reduced.

I would be obliged if you could kindly respond at your earliest convenience. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

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