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NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION amending Regulation (EU) 2025/202 fixing for 2025 and 2026 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters (2nd amendment) - Commission services non-paper

Delegations will find attached a Commission services non-paper on the abovementioned subject.

COMMISSION SERVICES NON-PAPER

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It cannot in any circumstances be regarded as the official position of the Commission.

It is intended solely for those to whom it is addressed.

Updates to Commission proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2025/202 fixing for 2025 and 2026 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters [COM(2025) 257 final]

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

On 18 June 2025, Canada established for its fishing vessels a catch limit for cod (*Gadus morhua*) in Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (NAFO) divisions 2J, 3K and 3L (cod in divisions '2J3KL', 'NAFO Northern cod') for the period from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.

Subsequently, on 23 June 2025, NAFO established the total allowable catches (TAC) for cod in NAFO divisions 2J3KL for the period from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, and an allocation to other NAFO Contracting Parties, including an EU quota, to be fished in the NAFO Regulatory Area. That TAC and allocation are established at a level which results in the catch limit established by Canada corresponding to 95% of the TAC and the allocation to other NAFO Contracting Parties corresponding to 5% of the TAC. In addition, NAFO maintained the recovery measures for that stock for that period. It is therefore proposed to implement those measures in EU law.

AMENDMENTS TO THE RECITALS

Recital 7 is replaced by the following:

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- (7) On 18 June 2025, Canada adopted a catch limit for its vessels fishing for cod (*Gadus morhua*) in Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (NAFO) divisions 2J, 3K and 3L for the period from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026. Subsequently, on 23 June 2025, NAFO adopted a TAC for that stock and that period, and an allocation to other NAFO Contracting Parties corresponding to 5% of the TAC, including a Union quota, to be fished in the NAFO Regulatory Area. In addition, NAFO maintained the recovery measures for that stock for that period. Those measures should be implemented in Union law.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE ANNEX

In the Annex, point 6 is replaced by the following:

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- (6) In Annex IC, Table 1 is replaced by the following:

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Table 1			
Species:	Cod	Zone:	NAFO 2J3KL
	<i>Gadus morhua</i>		(COD/N2J3KL)
Bulgaria	0,003	(1)(2)	Analytical TAC
Germany	342,791	(1)(2)	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Estonia	61,101	(1)(2)	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Spain	316,941	(1)(2)	
France	49,333	(1)(2)	
Latvia	61,101	(1)(2)	
Lithuania	61,101	(1)(2)	
Poland	160,161	(1)(2)	
Portugal	494,898	(1)(2)	
Romania	4,57	(1)(2)	
Union	1 552	(1)(2)	
TAC	40 000	(1)(2)	
(1)	This quota shall apply from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.		
(2)	No directed fisheries are permitted under this quota between 00:00 UTC 15 April 2026 and 23:59 UTC 30 June 2026. During this period, this species shall only be taken as by-catch within the following limits: a maximum of 1 250 kg or 5 %, whichever is greater.		
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