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COUNCIL REGULATION (EU) 2024/...

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular
Article 43(3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) Council Regulation (EU) 2024/257¹ fixes for 2024, 2025 and 2026 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters. Those fishing opportunities, including certain measures functionally linked thereto, should be amended to take into account the publication of scientific advice, as well as the outcomes of consultations with third countries and regional fisheries management organisations (RFMOs) meetings.
- (2) Regulation (EU) 2024/257 provisionally set at zero the total allowable catches (TAC) for anchovy (*Engraulis encrasicolus*) in International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) subareas 9 and 10 and Union waters of Committee for Eastern Central Atlantic Fisheries (CECAF) division 34.1.1 for the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025, pending the publication by ICES of its scientific advice for anchovy in ICES division 9a for that period. To allow fishing to continue until the TAC for that stock for the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 is set, a provisional TAC at the level of 4 997 tonnes for the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 September 2024 should be set. That level corresponds to Member States' catches of that stock in the third quarter of 2023.

¹ Council Regulation (EU) 2024/257 of 10 January 2024 fixing for 2024, 2025 and 2026 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters, and amending Regulation (EU) 2023/194 (OJ L, 2024/257, 11.1.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/257/oj>).

- (3) On 28 March 2024, the Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF) published its opinion on the socio-economic impact of setting the TAC for pollack (*Pollachius pollachius*) in ICES divisions 8a, 8b, 8d and 8e for 2024 at the level advised by ICES and indicating the level of that TAC required to avoid the phenomenon of ‘choke species’². Therefore, the definitive TAC for 2024 should be set, replacing the provisional TAC set by Regulation (EU) 2024/257 for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2024. Pursuant to Article 5(3) of Regulation (EU) 2019/472 of the European Parliament and of the Council³, that TAC should be set at a level of 959 tonnes, which, according to that opinion of the STECF, will allow the fleets to continue operating until the fourth quarter of the year and therefore reduce: (i) the phenomenon of ‘choke species’ and a premature closure of the relevant fisheries; and (ii) associated socio-economic impacts on the fisheries sector.

² ‘Choke species’ is a species with a lack of quota that can cause one or more fishing vessels to stop fishing even if they still have quota for other species.

³ Regulation (EU) 2019/472 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 March 2019 establishing a multiannual plan for stocks fished in the Western Waters and adjacent waters, and for fisheries exploiting those stocks, amending Regulations (EU) 2016/1139 and (EU) 2018/973, and repealing Council Regulations (EC) No 811/2004, (EC) No 2166/2005, (EC) No 388/2006, (EC) No 509/2007 and (EC) No 1300/2008 (OJ L 83, 25.3.2019, p. 1).

- (4) On 18 and 19 June 2024, the Union and Norway held consultations on: (i) the level of the overall fishing opportunities for Northern prawn in ICES divisions 3a and 4a east for the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025; and (ii) the level of the TAC for Northern prawn in ICES division 3a. The outcome of those consultations was documented in an Agreed Record signed on 19 June 2024. The TAC for Northern prawn in ICES division 3a should therefore be set at the level agreed with Norway. The Union and Norway also considered transfers of Northern prawn in Norwegian waters of the North Sea south of 62°N from Norway to the Union, in addition to the level set out in Table 2 of the Agreed Record of fisheries consultations between the Union and Norway for 2024, signed on 8 December 2023. The Member States quotas for Northern prawn in Greenland waters of ICES subareas 5 and 14 should be amended accordingly.

- (5) Between 23 May and 4 June 2024, the Union, the United Kingdom and Norway held consultations on: (i) the level of the overall fishing opportunities for sprat (*Sprattus sprattus*) in Union and United Kingdom waters of ICES subarea 4 and division 2a and in Union and Norwegian waters of ICES division 3a for the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025; and (ii) the levels of the TACs for sprat in those areas. The outcome of those consultations was documented in an Agreed Record signed on 11 June 2024. The TACs for sprat and associated by-catches for the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 in: (i) Union and United Kingdom waters of ICES subarea 4 and division 2a; and (ii) Union and Norwegian waters of ICES division 3a, should therefore be set at the levels agreed with the United Kingdom and Norway.
- (6) Between 14 and 24 May 2024, the Union and the United Kingdom held consultations pursuant to Article 498(2), (4) and (6) of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of the other part⁴ (the ‘Agreement’) on the level of the TAC for sprat in ICES divisions 7d and 7e for the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025. The outcome of those consultations was documented in a Written Record signed on 30 May 2024. The TAC for sprat and associated by-catches in ICES divisions 7d and 7e for that period should therefore be set at the level agreed with the United Kingdom.

⁴ OJ L 149, 30.4.2021, p. 10.

- (7) The Union and the United Kingdom agreed, in paragraph (m) of the EU-UK Written Record of fisheries consultations between the United Kingdom and the European Union for 2024, to submit a joint request to ICES to publish a revised advice based on the outcome of the benchmark and to amend the TAC for common sole (*Solea solea*) in the Irish Sea (SOL/07A.) in line with that revised advice. On 13 June 2024 the Union and the United Kingdom held consultations pursuant to Article 498(5) of the Agreement with the aim of agreeing on an amended TAC for common sole (*Solea solea*) in ICES division 7a for 2024. The outcome of those consultations was documented in a Written Record signed on 17 June 2024. It is therefore appropriate to amend the level of that TAC and set it at the level agreed with the United Kingdom.
- (8) To allow fishing to start on 1 July 2024, the Union quota for redfish (*Sebastes* spp.) in international waters of ICES subareas 1 and 2 should be set for 2024. That Union quota should be set at the level of 6 000 tonnes, i.e. at the same level as for 2023, pending the availability of scientific advice and to allow to maintenance at historic level of the Union fishing activities for the stock in international waters.

- (9) At its 2024 annual meeting, the North Pacific Fisheries Commission (NPFC) amended measures for chub mackerel (*Scomber japonicus*) in the NPFC Convention area and, for the first time, established catch limits for that stock available to all NPFC Contracting Parties, including the Union, for trawlers and purse seiners respectively for the period from 1 June 2024 to 31 May 2025. In addition, the NPFC established an additional amount of that stock for the Union for that same period. It also established associated effort limits. Moreover, the NPFC established measures functionally linked to those catch limits and to that additional amount, without which: (i) those catch limits for all NPFC Contracting Parties could not have been established; and (ii) the fishing opportunities for chub mackerel in the NPFC Convention area would have to be reduced to protect the non-target species. Those fishing opportunities and functionally linked measures should be implemented in Union law. Regarding the catch limits and the additional amount for the Union, as Member States have not fished for that stock in the past, those fishing opportunities should be allocated at Union level.

- (10) Regulation (EU) 2024/897 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁵ inter alia amends Article 33 of Regulation (EU) 2017/2107 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁶ by inserting a new provision which prohibits Union vessels from harming shortfin mako sharks caught in the Atlantic Ocean north of 5°N, and requires Union vessels to release promptly such shortfin mako sharks into the sea, while giving due consideration to the safety of crew members. To avoid overlapping provisions on the same subject matter, it is appropriate to delete Article 27(6) of Regulation (EU) 2024/257.

⁵ Regulation (EU) 2024/897 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 March 2024 amending Regulation (EU) 2017/2107 laying down management, conservation and control measures applicable in the Convention area of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) and Regulation (EU) 2023/2053 establishing a multiannual management plan for bluefin tuna in the eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean (OJ L, 2024/897, 19.3.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/897/oj>).

⁶ Regulation (EU) 2017/2107 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 November 2017 laying down management, conservation and control measures applicable in the Convention area of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), and amending Council Regulations (EC) No 1936/2001, (EC) No 1984/2003 and (EC) No 520/2007 (OJ L 315, 30.11.2017, p. 1).

- (11) Articles 32 and 34 to 36 of Regulation (EU) 2017/2107 already prohibit Union vessels from retaining on board, transshipping or landing any part or whole carcass of bigeye thresher sharks (*Alopias superciliosus*), oceanic whitetip sharks (*Carcharhinus longimanus*), hammerhead sharks of the Sphyrnidae family and silky sharks (*Carcharhinus falciformis*), caught in association with fisheries in the ICCAT Convention area, and require prompt release of unharmed specimens back into the sea. To avoid overlapping provisions on the same subject matter, it is appropriate to delete Article 27(1) and (3) to (5) of Regulation (EU) 2024/257.
- (12) Pursuant to Article 8 of Regulation (EU) 2023/2053 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁷, certain Member States submitted to the Commission revised annual fishing and capacity management plans with requests to carry-over 5 % of their annual quota of bluefin tuna (*Thunnus thynnus*) in the Atlantic Ocean, east of 45°W, and the Mediterranean from 2023 to 2024. Based on those plans, on 23 May 2024 the Commission submitted to the ICCAT Secretariat a revised Union annual plan for 2024 for approval by ICCAT. On 24 May 2024, ICCAT approved that plan. In order to ensure consistency with the revised Union annual plan approved by ICCAT, the TAC for bluefin tuna in the Atlantic Ocean, east of 45°W, and the Mediterranean for 2024 should therefore be amended accordingly.

⁷ Regulation (EU) 2023/2053 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 September 2023 establishing a multiannual management plan for bluefin tuna in the eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean, amending Regulations (EC) No 1936/2001, (EU) 2017/2107, and (EU) 2019/833 and repealing Regulation (EU) 2016/1627 (OJ L 238, 27.9.2023, p. 1).

- (13) Pursuant to Article 15(7) of Regulation (EU) 2023/2053, certain Member States submitted to the Commission revised farming management plans for bluefin tuna in the ICCAT Convention area. Based on those revised plans, on 23 May 2024 the Commission submitted to the ICCAT Secretariat a revised Union annual plan for 2024 for approval by ICCAT. On 24 May 2024, ICCAT approved that plan. The Union's maximum farming input and capacity should therefore be amended in line with that plan. That is without prejudice to Member States' right to prepare and submit their farming management plans for the next years according to Article 15(3) and (4) of Regulation (EU) 2023/2053.
- (14) Article 20(1) and certain TAC tables in Annexes IA, Part B, and IK to Regulation (EU) 2024/257, and Article 18(1) and Annex IA, Part D, to Council Regulation (EU) 2023/194⁸ contain certain errors as regards fishing opportunities levels, species, application areas and reporting codes. It is therefore appropriate to correct those provisions accordingly.
- (15) Regulations (EU) 2023/194 and (EU) 2024/257 should therefore be amended accordingly.

⁸ Council Regulation (EU) 2023/194 of 30 January 2023 fixing for 2023 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters, as well as fixing for 2023 and 2024 such fishing opportunities for certain deep-sea fish stocks (OJ L 28, 31.1.2023, p. 1).

- (16) Certain provisions of this Regulation amending provisions of Regulation (EU) 2024/257 concerning fishing opportunities for toothfishes (*Dissostichus* spp.) in the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA) area should apply from 1 December 2023, in line with the application period of the amended provisions. In addition, the provisions of this Regulation amending provisions of Regulations (EU) 2023/194 and (EU) 2024/257 concerning: (i) pollack in ICES divisions 8a, 8b, 8d and 8e; (ii) bluefin tuna in the Atlantic Ocean, east of 45°W, and the Mediterranean; and (iii) other provisions subject to corrections of errors, should apply from 1 January 2024, in line with the application period of the provisions concerned. Such retroactive application does not affect the principles of legal certainty and protection of legitimate expectations, as the level or area of application of the fishing opportunities or farming limits are increased.
- (17) Given the urgency of avoiding interruptions to fishing activities, this Regulation should enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1
Amendments to Regulation (EU) 2024/257

Regulation (EU) 2024/257 is amended as follows:

(1) in Article 1(2), the following point is added:

‘(d) fishing opportunities for the period from 1 June 2024 to 31 May 2025 in the North Pacific Fisheries Commission (NPFC) Convention area.’;

(2) in Article 4, the following point is inserted:

‘(ra) “NPFC Convention area” means the geographical area defined in the Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean*.’

* OJ L 55, 28.2.2022, p. 14. The Union acceded to the Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean by means of Council Decision (EU) 2022/314 of 15 February 2022 on the accession of the European Union to the Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean (OJ L 55, 28.2.2022, p. 12);’;

(3) the following Article is inserted:

‘Article 12a

Measures on pollack in ICES divisions 8a, 8b, 8d and 8e

A minimum conservation reference size of 42 cm shall apply for the catches of pollack in ICES divisions 8a, 8b, 8d and 8e.’;

(4) in Article 20(1), points (c) to (f) are deleted;

(5) Article 27 is replaced by the following:

‘Article 27

Sharks

In addition to the prohibitions established in Articles 32 to 36 of Regulation (EU) 2017/2107, it shall also be prohibited to engage in directed fishery for species of thresher sharks of the *Alopias* genus.’;

(6) the following Section is inserted:

‘SECTION 11A

NPFC CONVENTION AREA

Article 48a

Chub mackerel fishery

1. For Union fishing vessels fishing in the NPFC Convention area, flag Member States shall transmit the following aggregated data to the Commission by the following dates:
 - (a) monthly catches under the catch limits for chub mackerel (*Scomber japonicus*) for all NPFC Contracting Parties for trawlers and purse seiners respectively, as set out in Annex IM when utilisation of those catch limits is below 60 %, by the seventh day of the following month; and
 - (b) weekly catches of chub mackerel under those catch limits when utilisation of those catch limits is above 60 % and below 95 %, by Tuesday of the following week.

The Commission shall compile and promptly transmit that information to the NPFC Executive Secretary.

2. Within two days from the issue date of notifications of the NPFC Executive Secretary that the utilisation of those catch limits has reached 95 %, the Commission shall close the fisheries under those catch limits.
3. The Commission shall compile and transmit annual catches of chub mackerel in the NPFC Convention area to the NPFC Executive Secretary by the end of February of the following year.
4. This Article shall apply in addition to the reporting obligations on fishing opportunities set out in Article 33 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009*.

Article 48b

Protection of sharks in the NPFC Convention area

1. Union fishing vessels fishing in the NPFC Convention area shall not fish for, retain on board, tranship or land sharks in the NPFC Convention area.
2. When accidentally caught, specimens of the species referred to in paragraph 1 shall not be harmed and shall be promptly released.

Article 48c

Protection of anadromous fish in the NPFC Convention area

1. Union fishing vessels fishing in the NPFC Convention area shall not fish for, retain on board, tranship or land Chum salmon (*Oncorhynchus keta*), Coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*), Pink salmon (*Oncorhynchus gorbuscha*), Sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*), Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), Cherry salmon (*Oncorhynchus masou*) and Steelhead trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*).
2. When accidentally caught, specimens of the species referred to in paragraph 1 shall not be harmed and shall be promptly released.

* Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 of 20 November 2009 establishing a Union control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the common fisheries policy, amending Regulations (EC) No 847/96, (EC) No 2371/2002, (EC) No 811/2004, (EC) No 768/2005, (EC) No 2115/2005, (EC) No 2166/2005, (EC) No 388/2006, (EC) No 509/2007, (EC) No 676/2007, (EC) No 1098/2007, (EC) No 1300/2008, (EC) No 1342/2008 and repealing Regulations (EEC) No 2847/93, (EC) No 1627/94 and (EC) No 1966/2006 (OJ L 343, 22.12.2009, p. 1).’;

- (7) in Article 55(1), point (d) is deleted;

(8) in Article 59, the third paragraph is amended as follows:

(a) the following point is inserted after point (a):

‘(aa) Article 12a shall apply from 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024 or until the date on which a delegated act adopted in accordance with Article 15(2) of Regulation (EU) 2019/1241 and amending Annex VII, Part A, of that Regulation regarding the minimum conservation reference size for pollack in ICES divisions 8a, 8b, 8d and 8e becomes applicable, whichever is earlier;’;

(b) the following point is inserted after point (g):

‘(ga) Section 11a shall apply from 1 June 2024 to 31 May 2025 or until the date on which a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down measures applicable in the area covered by the Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean becomes applicable, whichever is earlier;’;

(c) the following point is inserted after point (j):

‘(ja) Annexes IM and Xa shall apply from 1 June 2024 to 31 May 2025;’;

- (9) Annexes IA, IB, ID, IK and VI are amended in accordance with Annex I, part I, to this Regulation;
- (10) Annexes IM and Xa are inserted in accordance with Annex I, parts II and III, to this Regulation.

Article 2

Amendments to Regulation (EU) 2023/194

Regulation (EU) 2023/194 is amended as follows:

- (1) in Article 18(1), point (p) is replaced by the following:
- ‘(p) deep-sea species listed in Annex IA, Part D, in Union, United Kingdom and international waters of ICES zones: 1; 2, except UK waters of division 2a; 5 to 10; 12 and 14, and CECAF areas 34.1.1, 34.1.2 and 34.2. In addition, in Union and United Kingdom waters of ICES division 2a and subarea 4, where specified in that Annex.’;
- (2) in Article 55(1), point (k) is replaced by the following:
- ‘(k) deep-sea sharks listed in Annex IA, Part D, in Union waters of ICES subareas 6 to 10 and CECAF areas 34.1.1, 34.1.2 and 34.2. In addition, in Union waters of ICES subarea 4, where specified in that Annex.’;
- (3) Annex IA is amended in accordance with Annex II to this Regulation.

Article 3
Entry into force and application

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 1 December 2023. However, Article 2 shall apply from 1 January 2024.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at ..., ...

For the Council
The President

ANNEX I

I. Annexes IA, IB, ID, IK and VI to Regulation (EU) 2024/257 are amended as follows:

(1) in Annex IA, Part A, Table 2 is replaced by the following:

Table 2			
Species:	Anchovy <i>Engraulis encrasicolus</i>		Zone: 9 and 10; Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1 (ANE/9/3411)
Spain	2 390 ⁽¹⁾		Analytical TAC
Portugal	2 607 ⁽¹⁾		
Union	4 997 ⁽¹⁾		
TAC	4 997 ⁽¹⁾		
⁽¹⁾ This quota may only be fished from 1 July 2024 to 30 September 2024.			

(2) in Annex IA, Part A, Table 17 is replaced by the following:

Table 17			
Species:	Pollack <i>Pollachius pollachius</i>		Zone: 8a, 8b, 8d and 8e (POL/8ABDE.)
Spain	163	⁽¹⁾	Analytical TAC
France	796	⁽¹⁾	
Union	959	⁽¹⁾	
TAC	959	⁽¹⁾	
⁽¹⁾	Of which up to 500 tonnes may be taken in directed fisheries. The remaining 459 tonnes may exclusively be taken as by-catch, which shall be reported separately (POL/*8ABDE-BC) and no directed fisheries are permitted. For the 500 tonnes, the following shall apply:		
	Spain	85	
	France	415	
	Union	500	

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(3) in Annex IA, Part B, Table 77 is replaced by the following:

Table 77			
Species:	Northern prawn <i>Pandalus borealis</i>		Zone: 3a (PRA/03A.)
Denmark	1 107	⁽¹⁾	Analytical TAC Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Sweden	596	⁽¹⁾	
Union	1 703	⁽¹⁾	
TAC	3 190	⁽¹⁾	
⁽¹⁾	This quota may only be fished from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.		

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(4) in Annex IA, Part B, Table 103 is replaced by the following:

Table 103			
Species:	Mackerel <i>Scomber scombrus</i>		Zone: 3a; United Kingdom, Union waters of 2a, 3b, 3c, 3d and 4; Norwegian waters 2a and 4a (MAC/2A34-N.)
Belgium	476	(1)(2)	Analytical TAC
Denmark	27 882	(1)(2)(4)	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
Germany	496	(1)(2)	
France	1 498	(1)(2)	
Netherlands	1 508	(1)(2)	
Sweden	4 569	(1)(2)(3)	
Union	36 429	(1)(2)	
TAC	739 386		

(1) Special condition: within the limits of those quotas, no more than the quantities given below may be taken in the following zones:

	3a (MAC/*03A.)	United Kingdom and Union waters of 3a, 4b and 4c (MAC/*3A4BC)	4b (MAC/*04B.)	4c (MAC/*04C.)	United Kingdom and international waters of 2a, 5b, 6, 7, 8d, 8e, 12 and 14 (MAC/*2AX14)
Belgium	0	0	0	0	286
Denmark	0	4 130	0	0	9 774
Germany	0	0	0	0	298
France	0	490	0	0	899
Netherlands	0	490	0	0	905
Sweden	0	0	390	10	2 741
Union	0	5 110	390	10	14 903

- (2) Within the limits of those quotas, and in agreement with the relevant coastal State, no more than the quantities given below may also be taken in the following two zones:

	Norwegian waters of 2a and 4a (MAC/*02A4AN-)	Faroese waters (MAC/*FRO1)
Belgium	0	To be established
Denmark	0	To be established
Germany	0	To be established
France	0	To be established
Netherlands	0	To be established
Sweden	0	To be established
Union	0	To be established

- (3) Special condition: including the following tonnage to be taken in Norwegian waters of 2a and 4a (MAC/*2A4AN):

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When fishing under this special condition, by-catches of cod, haddock, pollack, whiting and saithe are to be counted against the quotas for those species.

- (4) Within the limits of this quota, the following transfers are made by Denmark to be fished in United Kingdom and Union waters of 6, 7, 8d; Union waters of 8a, 8b and 8e; international waters of 12 and 14; and United Kingdom and international waters of 2a and 5b (MAC/*2A14):

Germany	531
Spain	1
Estonia	4
France	354
Ireland	1 769
Latvia	3
Lithuania	3
Netherlands	774
Poland	37

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(5) in Annex IA, Part B, Table 108 is replaced by the following:

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Table 108			
Species:	Common sole <i>Solea solea</i>	Zone:	7a (SOL/07A.)
Belgium	280	Analytical TAC	
France	4		
Ireland	95		
Netherlands	89		
Union	468		
United Kingdom	145		
TAC	625		

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(6) in Annex IA, Part B, Table 113 is replaced by the following:

Table 113			
Species:	Sprat and associated by-catches <i>Sprattus sprattus</i>		Zone: 3a (SPR/03A.)
Denmark	9 236	(1)(2)(3)	Analytical TAC
Germany	19	(1)(2)(3)	
Sweden	3 495	(1)(2)(3)	
Union	12 750	(1)(2)(3)	
TAC	13 784	(2)	
(1)	Up to 5 % of the quota may consist of by-catches of whiting and haddock (OTH/*03A.). By-catches of whiting and haddock counted against the quota pursuant to this provision and by-catches of species counted against the quota pursuant to Article 15(8) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 shall, together, not exceed 9 % of the quota.		
(2)	This quota may only be fished from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.		
(3)	Transfers of this quota may be effected to United Kingdom and Union waters of 2a and 4. However, such transfers shall be notified in advance to the Commission and to the United Kingdom.		

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(7) in Annex IA, Part B, Table 114 is replaced by the following:

Table 114			
Species:	Sprat and associated by-catches <i>Sprattus sprattus</i>	Zone:	United Kingdom and Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a (SPR/2AC4-C)
Belgium	696	(1)(2)	Analytical TAC
Denmark	55 072	(1)(2)	
Germany	696	(1)(2)	
France	696	(1)(2)	
Netherlands	696	(1)(2)	
Sweden	1 330	(1)(2)(3)	
Union	59 186	(1)(2)	
Norway	0	(1)	
Faroe Islands	0	(1)(4)	
United Kingdom	2 351	(1)	
TAC	61 537	(1)	
(1)	This quota may only be fished from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.		
(2)	Up to 2 % of the quota may consist of by-catches of whiting (OTH/*2AC4C). By-catches of whiting counted against the quota pursuant to this provision and by-catches of species counted against the quota pursuant to Article 15(8) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 shall, together, not exceed 9 % of the quota.		
(3)	Including sandeels.		
(4)	May contain up to 4 % of by-catch of herring.		

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(8) in Annex IA, Part B, Table 115 is replaced by the following:

Table 115	
Species: Sprat <i>Sprattus sprattus</i>	Zone: 7d and 7e (SPR/7DE.)
Belgium	9 ⁽¹⁾
Denmark	620 ⁽¹⁾
Germany	9 ⁽¹⁾
France	134 ⁽¹⁾
Netherlands	134 ⁽¹⁾
Union	906 ⁽¹⁾
United Kingdom	4344 ⁽¹⁾
TAC	5250 ⁽¹⁾
⁽¹⁾ This quota may only be fished from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.	

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(9) in Annex IA, Part B, Table 123 is replaced by the following:

Table 123	
Species: Industrial fish	Zone: Norwegian waters of 4 (I/F/04-N.)
Sweden	800 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾
Union	800
TAC	Not relevant
⁽¹⁾ By-catches of cod, haddock, pollack, whiting and saithe to be counted against the quotas for those species.	
⁽²⁾ Special condition: of which no more than the following amount of horse mackerel (JAX/*04-N.):	
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(10) in Annex IB, Table 13 is replaced by the following:

Table 13			
Species:	Northern prawn <i>Pandalus borealis</i>	Zone:	Greenland waters of 5 and 14 (PRA/514GRN)
Denmark	1 725	Analytical TAC	
France	1 725	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Union	3 450	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Norway	1 700		
Faroe Islands	0		
TAC	Not relevant		

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(11) in Annex IB, Table 23 is replaced by the following:

Table 23			
Species:	Redfish <i>Sebastes spp.</i>	Zone:	International waters of 1 and 2 (RED/1/2INT)
Union	6 000 ⁽¹⁾	Analytical TAC	
		Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
TAC	Not relevant	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	

⁽¹⁾ May only be fished from 1 July to 31 December. Fishing vessels shall limit their by-catches of redfish in other fisheries to a maximum of 1 % of the total catch retained on board.

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(12) in Annex ID, Table 12 is replaced by the following:

Table 12				
Species:	Bluefin tuna <i>Thunnus thynnus</i>		Zone:	Atlantic Ocean, east of 45°W, and Mediterranean (BFT/AE45WM)
Cyprus	188,48	(4)	Analytical TAC	
Greece	357,49		Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Spain	6 904,70	(2)(4)	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
France	6 807,40	(2)(3)(4)		
Croatia	1 101,24	(6)		
Italy	5 440,04	(4)(5)		
Malta	438,06	(4)		
Portugal	643,03			
Other Member States	79,60	(1)		
Union	21 960,05	(2)(3)(4)(5)		
TAC	40 570,00	(1)		

(1) Except Cyprus, Greece, Spain, France, Croatia, Italy, Malta and Portugal, and exclusively as by-catch. Catches to be counted against this shared quota shall be reported separately (BFT/AE45WM_AMS).

(2) Special condition: within this TAC, the following catch limits and allocation between Member States shall apply to catches of bluefin tuna between 8 kg/75 cm and 30 kg/115 cm by the vessels referred to in point 1 of Annex VI (BFT/*8301):

Spain	1 049,60
France	487,60
Union	1 537,20

- (3) Special condition: within this TAC, the following catch limits and allocation between Member States shall apply to catches of bluefin tuna weighing no less than 6,4 kg or measuring no less than 70 cm by the vessels referred to in point 1 of Annex VI (BFT/*641):

France	100,00
Union	100,00

- (4) Special condition: within this TAC, the following catch limits and allocations between Member States shall apply to catches of bluefin tuna between 8 kg/75 cm and 30 kg/115 cm by the vessels referred to in point 2 of Annex VI (BFT/*8302):

Spain	138,09
France	136,15
Italy	108,80
Cyprus	3,77
Malta	8,76
Union	395,57

- (5) Special condition: within this TAC, the following catch limits and allocations between Member States shall apply to catches of bluefin tuna between 8 kg/75 cm and 30 kg/115 cm by the vessels referred to in point 3 of Annex VI (BFT/*643):

Italy	108,80
Union	108,80

- (6) Special condition: within this TAC, the following catch limits and allocations between Member States shall apply to catches of bluefin tuna between 8 kg/75 cm and 30 kg/115 cm by the vessels referred to in point 3 of Annex VI for farming purposes (BFT/*8303F):

Croatia	991,12
Union	991,12

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(13) in Annex IK, Table 1, footnote 1 is replaced by the following:

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- (i) Area bounded:
- to the south, by latitude 36°00'S,
 - to the east, by longitude 49°00'E,
 - to the west, by longitude 40°00'E,
 - to the north, by the adjacent exclusive economic zones.

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(14) in Annex IK, Table 2, footnote 1 is replaced by the following:

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- (i) Area bounded:
- to the north, by latitude 44°00'S when west of 44°09'E and by latitude 43°30'S when east of 44°09'E,
 - to the south, by latitude 45°00'S,
 - to the west and east by the adjacent exclusive economic zones.

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(15) in Annex IK, Table 3, footnote 1 is replaced by the following:

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- (i) Area bounded by the following coordinates:

Point	Latitude	Longitude
1	52°50'00"S	80°00'00"E
2	55°00'00"S	80°00'00"E
3	55°00'00"S	85°00'00"E
4	52°50'00"S	85°00'00"E

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(16) in Annex VI, point 4 is replaced by the following:

- ‘4. Maximum number of fishing vessels of each Member State that may be authorised to fish for, retain on board, tranship, transport or land bluefin tuna in the eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean.

Table A

	Number of fishing vessels ⁽¹⁾							
	Greece ⁽²⁾	Spain	France	Croatia	Italy	Cyprus ⁽³⁾	Malta ⁽⁴⁾	Portugal
Purse seiners ⁽⁵⁾	0	7	22	18	21	1	2	0
Longliners	0	38	23	0	40	17	63	0
Baitboats	0	66	8	0	0	0	0	0
Handline	0	1	47	24	0	0	0	0
Trawlers	0	0	56	0	0	0	0	0
Small-scale coastal	64	696	89	20	0	0	0	0
Other artisanal ⁽⁶⁾	41	0	60	0	142	0	240	76
<p>(1) The numbers in this table may be further increased, provided that the Union's international obligations are complied with.</p> <p>(2) One medium-size purse seiner has been replaced by no more than 10 longline vessels, or by one small purse seiner and three other artisanal vessels.</p> <p>(3) One medium-size purse seiner may be replaced by no more than 10 longline vessels, or by one small purse seiner and no more than three longline vessels.</p> <p>(4) One medium-size purse seiner may be replaced by no more than 10 longline vessels.</p> <p>(5) The individual numbers of purse seiners in this table are the result of transfers between Member States and do not constitute historical rights for the future.</p> <p>(6) Polyvalent vessels, using multi-gear equipment (longline, handline, trolling line).</p>								

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(17) in Annex VI, point 6 is replaced by the following:

- ‘6. Maximum bluefin tuna farming capacity and fattening capacity for each Member State and maximum input of wild-caught bluefin tuna that each Member State may allocate to its farms in the Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean

Table A

Maximum tuna farming capacity and fattening capacity		
	Number of farms	Capacity (in tonnes)
Greece	0	0
Spain	6	14 752,70
Croatia	4	7 092,00
Italy	2	1 160,00
Cyprus	0	0
Malta	5	17 213,00
Portugal	2	740,00

Table B

Maximum input of wild-caught bluefin tuna (in tonnes)	
Greece	0
Spain	8 744,10
Croatia	2 945,60
Italy	610,00
Cyprus	0
Malta	12 295,00
Portugal	517,00

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II. The following Annex is inserted after Annex II:

‘ANNEX IM

NPFC CONVENTION AREA

Table 1	
Species: Chub mackerel <i>(Scomber japonicus)</i>	Zone: NPFC Convention area
Union	6 000 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾ Precautionary TAC
NPFC Contracting Parties, including Union	94 000 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
TAC	Not relevant

(1) Special condition: Under this catch limit no more than the quantities given below may be taken by the following vessels:

Trawlers* (MAS/NPFC-TR)	Purse seiners* (MAS/NPFC-PS)
14 000	80 000

* The fisheries under those catch limits will be closed by NPFC Contracting Parties, including for the Union by the Commission, within two days from the issue date of the notice of the NPFC Executive Secretary that the utilisation of those catch limits has reached 95 %.

- (2) Only one trawler flying the flag of a Member State shall be authorised to fish for chub mackerel at any time. That applies without prejudice to any allocation of future fishing opportunities by the Union in the NPFC Convention area, in particular to the Member State authorised to fish in the period from 1 June 2024 to 31 May 2025.
- (3) Union fishing vessels over 10 000 gross tonnage shall not be authorised to fish for chub mackerel.
- (4) Catches under this quota shall be reported separately (MAS/NPFC-EU).

III. The following Annex is inserted after Annex X:

‘ANNEX Xa

NPFC CONVENTION AREA

Maximum number of Union fishing vessels authorised to undertake bottom fishing in the NPFC Convention area:

Union	0
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ANNEX II

Annex IA to Regulation (EU) 2023/194 is amended as follows:

Part D is replaced by the following:

‘PART D Deep-sea species

(1) Deep-sea sharks

Scientific name	Alpha-3 code	Common name
<i>Apristurus</i> spp.	API	Deep-sea catsharks
<i>Centrophorus</i> spp. ¹	CWO	Gulper sharks
<i>Centroscyllium fabricii</i>	CFB	Black dogfish
<i>Centroscymnus coelolepis</i> ²	CYO	Portuguese dogfish
<i>Centroscymnus crepidater</i>	CYP	Longnose velvet dogfish
<i>Chlamydoselachus anguineus</i>	HXC	Frilled shark
<i>Dalatias licha</i> ³	SCK	Kitefin shark
<i>Deania calcea</i> ⁴	DCA	Birdbeak dogfish
<i>Etmopterus princeps</i>	ETR	Great lanternshark
<i>Etmopterus spinax</i>	ETX	Velvet belly
<i>Galeus melastomus</i>	SHO	Blackmouth dogfish
<i>Galeus murinus</i>	GAM	Mouse catshark
<i>Hexanchus griseus</i>	SBL	Bluntnose six-gill shark
<i>Oxynotus paradoxus</i>	OXN	Sailfin roughshark (Sharpback shark)
<i>Scymnodon ringens</i>	SYR	Knifetooth dogfish
<i>Somniosus microcephalus</i>	GSK	Greenland shark

¹ Shall also apply to leafscale gulper shark (*Centrophorus squamosus*) in Union and United Kingdom waters of ICES division 2a and subarea 4.

² Shall also apply in Union and United Kingdom waters of ICES division 2a and subarea 4.

³ Shall also apply in Union and United Kingdom waters of ICES division 2a and subarea 4.

⁴ Shall also apply in Union and United Kingdom waters of ICES division 2a and subarea 4.

(2) Deep-sea rays (*Rajiformes*)

Scientific name	Alpha-3 code	Common name
<i>Raja fyllae</i>	RJY	Round skate
<i>Raja hyperborea</i>	RJG	Arctic skate
<i>Raja nidarosiensis</i>	JAD	Norwegian skate

(3) Deep-sea *Chimaeras*

Scientific name	Alpha-3 code	Common name
<i>Chimaera monstrosa</i>	CMO	Rabbit fish
<i>Chimaera opalescens</i>	WCH	Opal chimaera
<i>Harriotta haeckeli</i>	HCH	Smallspine spookfish
<i>Harriotta raleighana</i>	HCR	Narrownose chimaera
<i>Hydrolagus affinis</i>	CYA	Small-eyed rabbitfish
<i>Hydrolagus lusitanicus</i>	KXA	Portuguese rabbitfish
<i>Hydrolagus mirabilis</i>	CYH	Large-eyed rabbit fish (ratfish)
<i>Hydrolagus pallidus</i>	CYZ	Pale chimaera
<i>Rhinochimaera atlantica</i>	RCT	Straightnose rabbitfish

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