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- Additional comments from Spain

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Delegations will find in the Annex additional written comments from Spain on the above-mentioned document.

**SPAIN**

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Y ALIMENTACION

SECRETARIA GENERAL DE PESCA  
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**COMMENTS OF SPAIN ON COMMISSION NON PAPER WITH PROPOSAL OF  
REGULATION ABOUT FISHING POSSIBILITIES FOR 2022****(Document COM 13793/21 2021)**

Spain wants to make some comments about the TAC proposal for Norway lobster in ICES 9a (NEP/9/3411). We disagree with the ban of captures in FU 26 and 27. Spanish fleet have been developing the last years some campaigns with observers on board in FU 26 with the aim to get information that could improve the knowledge and assessment model of the stock. So it is necessary at least 2 or 3 tonnes of quota for keeping the implementation of these campaigns.

Regarding the limit of captures in FU 30, most of the captures in FU 30 are made by Spanish fleet, so limiting the captures to be taken within this FU to 50 tonnes, with a decrease of 15 tonnes in respect to this year 2021, can be quite sensitive for the trawler fleet in Gulf of Cadiz that is very dependent on this fishery. Thus we are evaluating the social and economic impact that the proposal could have.

Madrid, 23th November 2021