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# COMMISSION SERVICES NON-PAPER

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## **UPDATES TO COMMISSION PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL REGULATION FIXING FOR 2022 THE FISHING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CERTAIN FISH STOCKS AND GROUPS OF FISH STOCKS APPLICABLE IN UNION WATERS AND FOR UNION FISHING VESSELS IN CERTAIN NON-UNION WATERS (COM(2021) 661)**

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## 1. EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

### A. Introduction

On 31 January 2020, the UK withdrew from the European Union on the basis of Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union. In the Withdrawal Agreement<sup>1</sup>, a transition period was decided that ended on 31 December 2020. Union law has therefore not been applicable to the UK since 1 January 2021.

As signatories to the Trade and Cooperation Agreement<sup>2</sup> (TCA), and considering their potentially differing policy considerations and orientations, both the EU and the UK exercised their respective roles by consulting the other party for the setting of fishing opportunities for shared stocks for 2022 pursuant to Article 498 TCA.

The Commission conducted consultations with the UK in accordance with Articles 498(2), 498(4)(a) to (d) and 498(6), with the objectives and principles set out in Articles 2, 3, 28 and 33 of the CFP Regulation<sup>3</sup> as well as Articles 4 and 5 of the Western Waters<sup>4</sup> and North Sea<sup>5</sup> multiannual plans (MAPs), and the Council Decision establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the Union in the consultations with the United Kingdom to agree on fishing opportunities for shared stocks for 2022<sup>6</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community (OJ L 29, 31.1.2020, p. 7).

<sup>2</sup> 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 part, *OJ L 149, 30.4.2021, p. 10–2539*.

<sup>3</sup> Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy, amending Council Regulations (EC) No 1954/2003 and (EC) No 1224/2009 and repealing Council Regulations (EC) No 2371/2002 and (EC) No 639/2004 and Council Decision 2004/585/EC, OJ L 354 of 28.12.2013, p. 22.

<sup>4</sup> 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 of 25.3.2019, p. 1.

<sup>5</sup> Regulation (EU) 2018/973 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2018 establishing a multiannual plan for demersal stocks in the North Sea and the fisheries exploiting those stocks, specifying details of the implementation of the landing obligation in the North Sea and repealing Council Regulations (EC) No 676/2007 and (EC) No 1342/2008, OJ L 179 of 16.7.2018, p. 1.

<sup>6</sup> Council Decision (EU) 2021/1875 of 22 October 2021 concerning the position to be adopted on behalf of the Union in the annual consultations with the United Kingdom to agree on total allowable catches, OJ L 378, 26.10.2021, p. 6–11.

In accordance with Article 494(3)(c) TCA, the Commission based itself on the best available scientific advice as provided by the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES). However, there are some by-catch stocks (cod Celtic Sea, cod West of Scotland, whiting Irish Sea) which are above ICES advice as regards upper MSY ranges. The justification for these stocks is set out below.

Consultations were conducted by the Commission in full coordination with the Council. The European Parliament was informed as appropriate.

Based on the Council Decision of 22 October 2021, the Council agreed the Union position for the annual consultations.

On 21 December 2021, the Union agreed with the UK on the setting of a large number of TACs for 2022 (stocks listed in Annex 35 TCA). The agreement in principle was laid down in the Written Record, which was endorsed by the Council on 21 December 2021 and signed on the same day by the Heads of Delegation of the UK and by the Commission representative on behalf of the Union, in accordance with Article 498(6) of the TCA and in line with Council of 22 October 2021.

It is therefore necessary to implement TACs corresponding to fishing opportunities agreed in the Written Record. Such fishing opportunities for 2022 will allow for the conduct of fishing activities in an environmentally sustainable way in the long-term, managed in ways consistent with the objectives of achieving economic, social and employment benefits and contributing to the availability of food supplies, including promotion of a level playing field for Union operators where stocks are shared with the UK.

## **B. General approach**

In line with Article 498 TCA, the TACs agreed with the UK and documented in the Written Record correspond to the Union quota shares agreed for the stocks listed in Annex 35 TCA and Annex 36 TCA. The Commission's general approach to the setting those TACs is based on the ICES advice for the year 2022, and is in line with the objectives set out in Article 494(1) and (2) TCA and principles referred to in Article 494(3) TCA.

In line with the core conservation objective of the Common Fisheries Policy as set out in Article 2(2) of the CFP Regulation and Article 3(1) of the Western Waters and North Sea MAPs, the Union agreed TACs with the UK for stocks with  $F_{MSY}$  advice (advice with levels of fishing opportunities expressing fishing pressure that delivers the maximum sustainable yield – 'MSY').

The consultations resulted in four TACs for stocks with MSY assessment and zero catch advice. For three demersal stocks, TACs have been agreed at by-catch levels (cod Celtic Sea, cod West of Scotland, whiting Irish Sea), and one (Herring Celtic Sea) has been set as a monitoring TAC following ICES indications for the level of such a TAC.

For the three demersal stocks, application of additional requirements under the Western Waters MAP has been ensured through the continued application of remedial (technical) measures functionally linked to the fishing opportunities for the target stocks in these mixed fisheries.

Cod Celtic Sea became a by-catch stock. A TAC was set at a level of 644 tonnes (-20%), leading to an increase in biomass of at least 82% and staying below the  $F_{MSY}$  upper value. No new remedial (technical) measures were agreed with the UK, and the Commission has adopted a Delegated Act with improved remedial measures for entry into force in 2022.

Cod West of Scotland is a by-catch stock under Western Waters MAP. A TAC was agreed, based on a rollover as requested by the UK, above ICES determined  $F_{MSY}$  and above upper  $F_{MSY}$  ICES advice rule. This will result in an increase of the stock size by 45%. This is related to Article 5.3 (and 4.1) Western Waters MAP. This is one of the two stocks for which the Council adapted the Union position on 6 December.

Whiting Irish Sea is a by-catch stock under Western Waters MAP. A TAC was agreed, based on a rollover, as requested by the UK above ICES determined  $F_{MSY}$  and above upper  $F_{MSY}$  ICES advice rule. This will result in an increase of the stock size by at least 23%. This is related to Article 5.3 (and 4.1) Western Waters MAP. This is one of the two stocks for which the Council adapted the mandate on 6 December.

The proposal lists 32 TACs for stocks with precautionary advice. The Union pursued agreement on these TACs, taking into account the corresponding ICES headline advice and the precautionary approach provided for in Article 2(2) of the CFP Regulation. While the majority of these TACs have been agreed in line with, or below the ICES advice levels, a number of TACs (Blue Ling [International 1,2; North Sea; Skagerrak], Plaice [7hjk], Northern Prawn [North Sea] and Spurdog [Western waters]) were agreed at levels that avoid choking situations and cater for the specificities in mixed fisheries, as referred to in Article 4(5) of the Western Waters and North Sea MAPs. A bycatch only footnote was added to the Northern Prawn (North Sea) TAC because the scientific advice suggests that this should not be a directed fishery. A monitoring TAC was agreed for herring West of Scotland (HER/5B6ANB) and the sister TAC herring West of Ireland (HER/6AS7BC), which will bring the biomass level to +21% in 2022.

For a very limited number of stocks (Rockall, West of Scotland, Irish Sea and Celtic Sea cod; Irish Sea whiting; Pollack 6 and 7), tuning of the EU position was needed in order to achieve an overall outcome that was considered necessary and desirable in terms of sustainability and socio-economic considerations, including the need to promote the level playing field.

In implementing the outcomes of the consultations with the UK into the EU legal framework, account should be taken of Articles 2, 3, 28 and 33 CFP and Articles 4 and 5 of the Western Waters and North Sea MAPs.

### **TACs that deviate by more than 20% from the previously established TAC level**

At the time of the adoption of the Western Waters and North Sea MAPs, the Commission made a statement that, where it proposes setting TACs that deviate by more than 20% from the previously established TAC level, these cases will be listed in the explanatory memorandum of the Commission proposal, providing, where appropriate, the underlying reasons for the TAC variations.

In the context of the shared stocks with the UK, the Commission thereby provides such explanations for the main variations of the TACs included in this proposal.

<b>TAC code</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>2021 TAC (t)</b>	<b>2022 TAC (t)<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>Percentage Change (rounded)</b>	<b>Justification</b>
ANF/2AC 4-C	Anglerfish (North Sea)	11,972	9,014	-25%	Following scientific advice, in agreement with the UK.
ARU/567.	Greater Silver Smelt (Western)	3,729	11,626	+212%	Following scientific advice, in agreement with the UK.  Due to revision of the assessment, this stock was upgraded to an analytical assessment (from category 3 to 1) and this led to a revised scientific advice for a higher TAC.
HAD/6B1 214	Haddock (Rockall)	8,375	5,825	-30%	Following scientific advice, in agreement with the UK.  Scientific advice advised a reduced TAC because of the decline in the abundance index and the application of the precautionary buffer.
JAX/4BC 7D	Horse Mackerel (Southern North Sea and Eastern Channel)	14,014	8,969	-36%	Following scientific advice, in agreement with the UK.
L/W/2AC 4-C	Lemon Sole and Witch (North Sea)	5,428	4,287	-21%	Following scientific advice, in agreement with the UK.

<sup>7</sup> As set out in the Written Record before TAC deductions resulting from exemptions under the Landing Obligation.

<b>TAC code</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>2021 TAC (t)</b>	<b>2022 TAC (t)<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>Percentage Change (rounded)</b>	<b>Justification</b>
NEP/2AC 4-C	Nephrops (North Sea)	19,077	24,268	+27%	Following scientific advice, in agreement with the UK.
NEP/5BC 6.	Nephrops (WoS)	14,945	11,862	-21%	Set by the UK.
NOP/2A3 A4.	Norway Pout (North Sea)	128,300	59,728	-53%	Following scientific advice, in agreement with the UK.
PLE/7DE.	Plaice (English Channel)	11,920	9,138	-23%	Following scientific advice, in agreement with the UK.
PLE/7HJK .	Plaice (7hjk)	67	114	+70%	Following scientific advice, in agreement with the UK.
PRA/2AC 4-C	Northern Prawn (North Sea)	660	990 (by-catch only)	+50%	Change to by-catch TAC to avoid choking, in agreement with the UK.
SOL/07D.	Sole (Eastern Channel)	3,248	2,380	-27%	Following scientific advice, in agreement with the UK.
SOL/24-C.	Sole (North Sea)	21,361	15,330	-28%	Following scientific advice, in agreement with the UK.
SOL/7HJ K.	Sole (7hjk)	280	213	-24%	Following scientific advice, in agreement with the UK.

TAC code	Name	2021 TAC (t)	2022 TAC (t) <sup>7</sup>	Percentage Change (rounded)	Justification
SPR/7DE.	Sprat (English Channel)	1 446	550 (from 1 January to 30 June)	-62%	Change of TAC year (to run from 1 July to 30 June in the following year). Therefore these fishing opportunities correspond to a special six-month TAC to cover the period from 1 January to 30 June 2022.
WHG/56-14	Whiting (West of Scotland)	937	1,800	+92%	Allow increase below new scientific advice, agreed with the UK.
WHG/7X7 A-C	Whiting (Celtic Sea)	10,259	4,452	-57%	Following scientific advice, in agreement with the UK.

### Inter-annual flexibility

The Commission agreed with the UK that the inter-annual flexibility will not apply to the following stocks: Blue ling in international waters of ICES 1 and 2 (BLI/12INT-), Blue ling North Sea (BLI/24-), Blue ling in Skagerrak (BLI/03/A-), Cod West of Scotland (COD/5BE6A), Cod Celtic Sea (COD/7XAD34), Dogfish West of Scotland (DGS/15X14), Herring HER/7G-K, and Whiting Irish Sea (WHG/07A).

### Discard exemptions

Where there are differences between the Union and the UK on the exemptions to the landing obligation, the UK confirmed making use of EU discard exemptions in 2022. The Union however, due the revised regime in UK waters as notified to the EU on 17 November 2021, and which modifications are yet under scrutiny, cannot inform at this stage of which of these new exemptions the EU fleets are going to be making use of while operating in UK waters.



## Quota exchanges

The Commission also sought to facilitate quota exchanges with the UK, in view of the establishment of a quota exchange mechanism by the Specialised Committee on Fisheries, as a contribution to the stabilisation of the fishing activities and to the facilitation of exchanges before the formal establishment of such a mechanism. It is appropriate to establish the procedure to carry out such exchanges.

### C. Other considerations

Northern seabass is a non-quota stock shared with the UK. With this non-paper, the Commission proposes to establish catch limitation measures for 2022 for this stock, as agreed in the framework of the bilateral consultations with the UK.

In its proposal, the Commission proposed to rollover for 2022 seasonal closures for sandeels fisheries using certain towed gear in ICES divisions 2a, 3a and ICES subarea 4 in order to protect spawning grounds and avoid catches of juveniles. Since the provisional TAC is now being replaced with a definitive TAC, the applicable closure period should also cover the period from 1 August to 31 December 2022, in addition to the period from 1 January to 31 March 2022.

## 2. AMENDMENTS TO ENACTING TERMS OF THE COMMISSION PROPOSAL COM(2021)661

Recital (46) is replaced by the following:

“In accordance with Article 498(2), (4) and (6) of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and the UK (TCA)<sup>8</sup>, the Commission has held bilateral consultations with the United Kingdom and established the level of fishing opportunities for the stocks listed in Annex 35, and tables A and B of Annex 36 of the TCA and associated conditions for the year 2022. These consultations were conducted between 4 November 2021 and 21 December 2021, on the basis of the Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the Union of 17 November 2021<sup>9</sup>. The outcome of the consultations was documented in a Written Record, signed by the Head of Delegations of both the Union and the UK and endorsed by the Council on 21 December 2021. It is therefore proposed to set the relevant fishing

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<sup>8</sup> 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 part, *OJ L 149*, 30.4.2021, p. 10.

<sup>9</sup> Council Decision (EU) 2021/1875 of 22 October 2021 concerning the position to be adopted on behalf of the Union in the annual consultations with the United Kingdom to agree on total allowable catches, *OJ L 378*, 26.10.2021, p. 6–11.

opportunities at the level agreed with the UK, together with the other provisions of the Written Record.

The following recitals are added:

- (46a) Under Article 494(2) of the TCA, the Union and the UK share the objective of exploiting shared stocks at rates intended to maintain and progressively restore populations of harvested species above biomass levels that can produce MSY. In accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013<sup>10</sup> and the Western Waters<sup>11</sup> and North Sea<sup>12</sup> MAPs, the target fishing mortality in line with the ranges of MSY ( $F_{MSY}$ ) was to be achieved as soon as possible, and on a progressive and incremental basis by 2020 for the stocks listed in Article 1(1) of that Regulation and is to be maintained thereafter within the ranges of  $F_{MSY}$ , in accordance with Article 4 of that Regulation.
- (46b) There are certain stocks for which ICES, while assessing them against MSY, has issued scientific advice for no catches. If TACs for those stocks are established at the level indicated in such scientific advice, the obligation to land all catches both in the Union and UK waters, including by-catches from those stocks, in mixed fisheries, would lead to the phenomenon of ‘choke species’. In order to balance the need for continuation of these mixed fisheries in view of the potentially severe socio-economic implications on complete interruption of that fishery, and the need to achieve a good biological status for those stocks, and taking into account the difficulty of fishing all stocks in a mixed fishery at MSY at the same time, the Union and the UK agreed that it is appropriate to establish specific TACs for by-catches for those stocks. The level of those TACs should be such that mortality for those stocks is decreased and that it provides incentives for improvements in selectivity and avoidance. The levels of the fishing opportunities for these stocks should be established in line with the Written Record in order both to ensure a level playing

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<sup>10</sup> Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy, amending Council Regulations (EC) No 1954/2003 and (EC) No 1224/2009 and repealing Council Regulations (EC) No 2371/2002 and (EC) No 639/2004 and Council Decision 2004/585/EC, OJ L 354 of 28.12.2013, p. 22.

<sup>11</sup> 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 of 25.3.2019, p. 1.

<sup>12</sup> Regulation (EU) 2018/973 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2018 establishing a multiannual plan for demersal stocks in the North Sea and the fisheries exploiting those stocks, specifying details of the implementation of the landing obligation in the North Sea and repealing Council Regulations (EC) No 676/2007 and (EC) No 1342/2008, OJ L 179 of 16.7.2018, p. 1.

field for Union operators and to provide for the significant recovery of the biomass of these stocks at the same time.

- (46c) While the Union and the UK did not reach agreement on functionally-linked technical measures, both agreed that such measures are necessary, and the UK will adopt such measures in order to contribute to the recovery of the stocks concerned. In the current absence of agreement, it is necessary for the Union to continue with the application of existing functionally-linked technical measures by allowing for the setting the TACs of target species at levels proposed in this Regulation without jeopardising the state of the unavoidable bycatch stocks in Union waters.
- (46d) Given that the biomass of the stocks of BLI/12INT-, BLI/24-, BLI/03/A-, COD/5BE6A, COD/7XAD34, HER/7G-K, and WHG/07A is below Blim and that only by-catch and scientific fisheries are permitted, the Union and the UK agreed in the Written Record that it is necessary that Member States not apply Article 15(9) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 in respect of these stocks for transfers from 2021 to 2022, so that catches in 2022 will not exceed the TAC established for those stocks. The same applies for DGS/15X14, which is a prohibited species.
- (46e) The Union and the UK agreed on continuation of the approach developed for the conservation of the northern seabass, notably ensuring that the overall fishing pressure remains based on the scientific advice provided by ICES. European seabass in the Celtic Sea, Channel, Irish Sea and southern North Sea (ICES divisions 4b, 4c, 7a, and 7d to 7h) remains below MSY Btrigger and is just above Blim. While fishing mortality has decreased, ICES scientific advice on the fishing pressure continues to highlight concerns. The importance of agreed measures to ensure aligned conditions and opportunities for commercial fishing by the UK and for the Union fleets is key for seabass as a shared stock. It is also necessary to maintain the existing catch limitation measures applicable to recreational fishing. The Union and the UK also agreed to prioritise the improvement of the ICES assessment tool for seabass to allow for forecast calculations on the basis of MSY models.
- (46f) In order to protect certain species from being fished, the UK and the Union agreed in the Written Record to maintain the existing lists of prohibited species.
- (46f) The Union sought with the UK to find the highest possible level of convergence in the application of the landing obligation, including *de minimis* and survivability exemptions, to ensure the conservation objectives and the level playing field.
- (46g) Pursuant to Article 498 of the TCA, the Union and the UK explored the possibility to set up a mechanism for voluntary in-year transfers of fishing opportunities to take place each year and that the details for such a mechanism should be defined by the Specialised Committee on Fisheries. In order to allow Member States to transfer or exchange fishing opportunities with the UK pending the adoption by the Specialised

Committee on Fisheries of these details, it is appropriate to establish the procedure to carry out such exchanges.

Article 6a is deleted.

The following Articles are replaced as follows:

*“Article 8*

*Quota-exchange mechanism for TACs for unavoidable by-catches with regard to the landing obligation*

1. In order to take into account the landing obligation and to make quotas for certain by-catches available to Member States without a quota, the quota-exchange mechanism set out in this Article shall apply to the TACs identified in Annex IA.
2. 6 % of each quota from the TACs of cod in the Celtic Sea, cod in the West of Scotland, whiting in the Irish Sea and plaice in ICES divisions 7h, 7j and 7k, and 3 % of each quota from the TAC for West of Scotland whiting, allocated to each Member State, shall be made available for a pool for quota exchanges, which shall open as of 1 January 2022. Member States without quota shall have exclusive access to the quota pool until 31 July 2022.
3. The quantities drawn from the pool may not be exchanged or transferred to the following year. Any unused quantities shall be returned, after 31 July 2022, to those Member States that have initially contributed to the pool for quota exchanges.
4. The quotas provided in return shall be preferably taken from a list of TACs identified by each Member State contributing to the pool as listed in the Appendix to Annex IA.
5. Those quotas shall be of equivalent commercial value by using a market exchange rate or other mutually acceptable exchange rates. In absence of alternatives, the equivalent economic value in accordance to the average Union prices of the previous year, as provided by the European Market Observatory for Fisheries and Aquaculture Products, shall be used.
6. In cases where the quota-exchange mechanism set out in this Article does not allow Member States to cover their unavoidable by-catches to a similar extent, Member States shall endeavour to agree on quota exchanges pursuant to Article 16(8) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, ensuring that quotas exchanged are of equivalent commercial value.”

*“Article 9a*

*Measures on European seabass fisheries in ICES divisions 4b and 4c and ICES subarea 7*

1. It shall be prohibited for Union fishing vessels, as well as for any commercial fisheries from shore, to fish for European seabass in ICES divisions 4b and 4c, and in ICES subarea 7. It shall be prohibited to retain, tranship, relocate or land European seabass caught in that area.
2. The prohibition set out in paragraph 1 shall not apply to by-catches of seabass in shore-based commercial netting activities. This exemption applies to historic numbers of beach nets set at pre-2017 levels. Shore-based commercial netting activities shall not target seabass and only unavoidable by-catches of seabass may be landed.
3. By way of derogation from paragraph 1, in January 2022 and from 1 April to 31 December 2022, Union fishing vessels in ICES divisions 4b, 4c, 7d, 7e, 7f and 7h may fish for European seabass, and retain, tranship, relocate or land European seabass caught in that area with the following gear and within the following limits:
  - (a) using demersal trawls<sup>13</sup>, for unavoidable by-catches not exceeding 760 kilogrammes per month and 5 % of the weight of the total catches of marine organisms on board caught by that vessel per fishing trip;
  - (b) using seines<sup>14</sup>, for unavoidable by-catches not exceeding 760 kilogrammes per month and 5 % of the weight of the total catches of marine organisms on board caught by that vessel per fishing trip;
  - (c) using hooks and lines<sup>15</sup>, not exceeding 5,95 tonnes per vessel;
  - (d) using fixed gillnets<sup>16</sup>, for unavoidable by-catches not exceeding 1,5 tonnes per vessel.

The derogations set out in the first subparagraph shall apply to Union fishing vessels that have recorded catches of European seabass over the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 September 2016: in point (c) with recorded catches using hooks and lines, and in point (d) with recorded catches using fixed gillnets. In the case of a replacement of a Union fishing vessel, Member States may allow the derogation to apply to another fishing vessel, provided that the number of Union fishing vessels subject to the derogation and their overall fishing capacity do not increase.

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<sup>13</sup> All types of demersal trawls (OTB, OTT, PTB, TBB, TBN, TBS and TB).

<sup>14</sup> All types of seines (SSC, SDN, SPR, SV, SB and SX).

<sup>15</sup> All long lines or pole and line or rod and line fisheries (LHP, LHM, LLD, LL, LTL, LX and LLS).

<sup>16</sup> All fixed gillnets and traps (GTR, GNS, GNC, FYK, FPN and FIX).

4. The catch limits set out in paragraph 3(a) to (d) shall not be transferable between vessels and, where a monthly limit applies, from one month to another. For Union fishing vessels using more than one gear in a single calendar month, the lowest catch limit set out in paragraph 3 for either gear shall apply.
5. Member States shall report to the Commission all catches of European seabass per type of gear no later than 15 days after the end of each month.
6. In recreational fisheries, including from shore, in ICES divisions 4b, 4c, 6a, 7a to 7k:
  - (a) from 1 January to 28 February 2022 and from 1 December to 31 December 2022, only catch-and-release fishing with a rod or a handline for European seabass shall be allowed. During that period, it shall be prohibited to retain, relocate, tranship or land European seabass caught in that area;
  - (b) from 1 March to 30 November 2022, not more than two specimens of European seabass may be caught and retained per fisherman per day; the minimum size of European seabass retained shall be 42 cm.

Point (b) of the first subparagraph shall not apply to fixed nets, which shall not be used to catch or retain European seabass during the period referred to in that point.
7. Paragraph 6 shall be without prejudice to more stringent national measures on recreational fisheries.”

*“Article 11a  
Closed fishing seasons for sandeels*

Commercial fishing for sandeels with demersal trawl, seine or similar towed gears with a mesh size of less than 16 mm shall be prohibited in ICES divisions 2a, 3a and ICES subarea 4 from 1 January to 31 March 2022 and from 1 August to 31 December 2022.”

### 3. AMENDMENTS TO ANNEX IA OF THE COMMISSION PROPOSAL

In Annex IA, the relevant fishing opportunities tables are replaced by the following:

Species:	Greater silver smelt	Zone:	United Kingdom and international waters of 1 and 2
	<i>Argentina silus</i>		(ARU/1/2.)
Germany	16	Precautionary TAC	
France	5		
Netherlands	13		
Union	34		
United Kingdom	25		
TAC	59		
Species:	Greater silver smelt	Zone:	United Kingdom and Union waters of 4; Union waters of 3a
	<i>Argentina silus</i>		(ARU/3A4-C)
Denmark	717	Precautionary TAC	
Germany	7		
France	5		
Ireland	5		
Netherlands	34		
Sweden	28		
Union	796		
United Kingdom	13		
TAC	809		
Species:	Greater silver smelt	Zone:	6 and 7; United Kingdom and international waters of 5
	<i>Argentina silus</i>		(ARU/567.)
Germany	886	Precautionary TAC	

France	19
Ireland	821
Netherlands	9 250
Union	10 976
United Kingdom	650
TAC	11 626

Species: Tusk <i>Brosme brosme</i>	Zone: United Kingdom and international waters of 1, 2 and 14 (USK/1214EI)
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Germany	6 <sup>(1)</sup>	Precautionary TAC
France	6 <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
Others	4 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	
Union	16 <sup>(1)</sup>	
United Kingdom	6 <sup>(1)</sup>	
TAC	22	

<sup>(1)</sup> Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries are permitted under this quota.

<sup>(2)</sup> Catches to be counted against this shared quota shall be reported separately (USK/1214EI\_AMS).

Species: Tusk <i>Brosme brosme</i>	Zone: United Kingdom and Union waters of 4 (USK/04-C.)
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Denmark	62	Precautionary TAC
Germany	19 <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
France	43 <sup>(1)</sup>	
Sweden	6 <sup>(1)</sup>	
Others	6 <sup>(2)</sup>	
Union	136 <sup>(1)</sup>	
United Kingdom	92 <sup>(1)</sup>	
TAC	228	

<sup>(1)</sup> Special condition: of which up to 25% may be fished in United Kingdom, Union and international waters of 6a north of 58°30'N (USK/\*6AN58).



(2) Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries are permitted under this quota. Catches to be counted against this shared quota shall be reported separately (USK/04-C\_AMS).

Species:	Tusk	Zone:	6 and 7; United Kingdom and international waters of 5
	<i>Brosme brosme</i>		(USK/567EI.)
Germany	59	(1)	Precautionary TAC
Spain	208	(1)	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
France	2 465	(1)	
Ireland	238	(1)	
Others	59	(2)	
Union	3 029	(1)	
Norway	0	(3)(4)(5)	
United Kingdom	1 265	(1)	
TAC	4 294		

(1) Special condition: of which up to 10 % may be fished in United Kingdom and Union waters of 4 (USK/\*04-C.).

(2) The unallocated "Others" quota for Member States without shares is exclusively for by-catches. Catches to be counted against this shared quota shall be reported separately (USK/567EI\_AMS).

(3) Special condition: of which an incidental catch of other species of 25 % per vessel, at any moment, is authorised in 5b, 6 and 7. However, this percentage may be exceeded in the first 24 hours following the beginning of the fishing on a specific ground. The total incidental catch of other species in 5b, 6 and 7 shall not exceed the amount below in tonnes (OTH/\*5B67-). By-catch of cod under this provision in area 6a may not be more than 5 %.

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(4) Including ling. The following quotas for Norway shall only be fished with long-lines in 5b, 6 and 7:

Ling (LIN/*5B67-)	0
Tusk (USK/*5B67-)	0

(5) The tusk and ling quotas for Norway are interchangeable up to the following amount, in tonnes:

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Species:	Boarfishes	Zone:	6, 7 and 8
	<i>Caproidae</i>		(BOR/678-)
Denmark	5 592		Precautionary TAC
Ireland	15 749		

Union	21 341
United Kingdom	1 450
TAC	22 791

Species: Herring <i>Clupea harengus</i>	Zone: 6b and 6aN; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b(1) (HER/5B6ANB)
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Germany	347 <sup>(2)</sup>	Precautionary TAC
France	66 <sup>(2)</sup>	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Ireland	470 <sup>(2)</sup>	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Netherlands	347 <sup>(2)</sup>	
Union	1 230 <sup>(2)</sup>	
United Kingdom	2 250 <sup>(2)</sup>	
TAC	3 480	

- <sup>(1)</sup> Reference is to the herring stock in the part of ICES zone 6a which lies east of the meridian of longitude 7°W and north of the parallel of latitude 55°N, or west of the meridian of longitude 7°W and north of the parallel of latitude 56°N, excluding the Clyde.
- <sup>(2)</sup> It shall be prohibited to target any herring in the part of the ICES zones subject to this TAC that lies between 56°N and 57°30' N, with the exception of a six nautical mile belt measured from the baseline of the United Kingdom's territorial sea.

Species: Herring <i>Clupea harengus</i>	Zone: 6aS(1), 7b, 7c (HER/6AS7BC)
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Ireland	1 236	Precautionary TAC
Netherlands	124	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Union	1 360	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
TAC	1 360	

- <sup>(1)</sup> Reference is to the herring stock in 6a south of 56°00' N and west of 07°00' W.

Species: Herring	Zone: 7a(1)
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<i>Clupea harengus</i>		(HER/07A/MM)
Ireland	719	Analytical TAC
Union	719	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
United Kingdom	7 736	
TAC	8 455	

- (1) This zone is reduced by the area bounded:
- to the north by latitude 52°30' N,
  - to the south by latitude 52°00' N,
  - to the west by the coast of Ireland,
  - to the east by the coast of the United Kingdom.

Species:	Herring <i>Clupea harengus</i>	Zone:	7e and 7f (HER/7EF.)
France	465	Precautionary TAC	
Union	465		
United Kingdom	465		
TAC	930		

Species:	Herring <i>Clupea harengus</i>	Zone:	7a south of 52°30'N; 7g(1), 7h(1), 7j(1) and 7k(1) (HER/7G-K.)
Germany	10 <sup>(3)</sup>	Analytical TAC	
France	54 <sup>(3)</sup>		
Ireland	750 <sup>(3)</sup>		
Netherlands	54 <sup>(3)</sup>		
Union	868 <sup>(3)</sup>		
United Kingdom	1 <sup>(2)</sup>		
TAC	869 <sup>(3)</sup>		

- (1) This zone is increased by the area bounded:
- to the north by latitude 52°30' N,

- to the south by latitude 52°00' N,
- to the west by the coast of Ireland,
- to the east by the coast of the United Kingdom.

- (2) This quota may only be allocated to vessels participating in the sentinel fishery to allow fisheries-based data collection for this stock as assessed by ICES. United Kingdom Fisheries Administrations shall communicate the names of the vessels to the Marine Management Organisation before allowing any catches.
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Species:	Cod	Zone:	6b; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b west of 12°00' W and of 12 and 14
	<i>Gadus morhua</i>		(COD/5W6-14)
Belgium	0	(1)	Precautionary TAC
Germany	1	(1)	
France	8	(1)	
Ireland	14	(1)	
Union	23	(1)	
United Kingdom	51	(1)	
TAC	74	(1)	
(1) Exclusively for by-catches of cod in fisheries for other species. No directed fisheries for cod are permitted under this TAC.			

Species:	Cod	Zone:	6a; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b east of 12°00' W
	<i>Gadus morhua</i>		(COD/5BE6A)
Belgium	2	(1)	Analytical TAC
Germany	11	(1)	Article 8 of this Regulation applies
France	117	(1)	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Ireland	220	(1)	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Union	349	(1)	
United Kingdom	930	(1)	
TAC	1 279	(1)	
(1) Exclusively for by-catches of cod in fisheries for other species. No directed fisheries for cod are permitted under this quota.			

Species: Cod <i>Gadus morhua</i>		Zone: 7a (COD/07A.)
Belgium	3 <sup>(1)</sup>	Precautionary TAC
France	104 <sup>(1)</sup>	
Ireland	1 <sup>(1)</sup>	
Netherlands	1 <sup>(1)</sup>	
Union	115 <sup>(1)</sup>	
United Kingdom	91 <sup>(1)</sup>	
TAC	206 <sup>(1)</sup>	
<sup>(1)</sup> Exclusively for by-catches of cod in fisheries for other species. No directed fisheries are permitted under this quota.		

Species: Cod <i>Gadus morhua</i>		Zone: 7b, 7c, 7e-k, 8, 9 and 10; Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1 (COD/7XAD34)
Belgium	14 <sup>(1)</sup>	Analytical TAC
France	231 <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 8 of this Regulation applies
Ireland	338 <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Netherlands	0 <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Union	583 <sup>(1)</sup>	
United Kingdom	61 <sup>(1)</sup>	
TAC	644 <sup>(1)</sup>	
<sup>(1)</sup> Exclusively for by-catches of cod in fisheries for other species. No directed fisheries for cod are permitted under this quota.		

Species:	Megrims	Zone:	United Kingdom and Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a (LEZ/2AC4-C)
	<i>Lepidorhombus spp.</i>		
Belgium	8 <sup>(1)</sup>	Analytical TAC	
Denmark	7 <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies	
Germany	7 <sup>(1)</sup>		
France	45 <sup>(1)</sup>		
Netherlands	36 <sup>(1)</sup>		
Union	103 <sup>(1)</sup>		
United Kingdom	2 660 <sup>(1)</sup>		
TAC	2 763		

<sup>(1)</sup> Special condition: of which up to 20 % may be fished in United Kingdom, Union and international waters of 6a north of 58°30'N (LEZ/\*6AN58).

Species:	Megrims	Zone:	6; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14 (LEZ/56-14)
	<i>Lepidorhombus spp.</i>		
Spain	550 <sup>(1)</sup>	Analytical TAC	
France	2 146 <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies	
Ireland	627 <sup>(1)</sup>		
Union	3 323 <sup>(1)</sup>		
United Kingdom	2 258 <sup>(1)</sup>		
TAC	5 581		

<sup>(1)</sup> Special condition: of which up to 25 % may be fished in: United Kingdom and Union waters of 2a and 4 (LEZ/\*2AC4C).

Species:	Megrim <i>Lepidorhombus spp.</i>	Zone: 7 (LEZ/07.)
Belgium	461 <sup>(1)</sup>	Analytical TAC
Spain	5 124 <sup>(2)</sup>	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
France	6 219 <sup>(2)</sup>	
Ireland	2 827 <sup>(2)</sup>	
Union	14 631	
United Kingdom	3 660 <sup>(2)</sup>	
TAC	18 916	
<sup>(1)</sup> 10 % of this quota may be used in United Kingdom, Union and international waters of 8a, 8b, 8d and 8e (LEZ/*8ABDE) for by-catches in directed fisheries for sole.		
<sup>(2)</sup> 35 % of this quota may be fished in United Kingdom, Union and international waters of 8a, 8b, 8d and 8e (LEZ/*8ABDE).		
Species:	Megrim <i>Lepidorhombus spp.</i>	Zone: 8a, 8b, 8d and 8e (LEZ/8ABDE.)
Spain	1 035	Analytical TAC
France	835	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
Union	1 870	
TAC	1 870	



Species:	Anglerfishes	Zone:	United Kingdom and Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a (ANF/2AC4-C)
<i>Lophiidae</i>			
Belgium	221	(1)(2)	Precautionary TAC
Denmark	488	(1)(2)	
Germany	238	(1)(2)	
France	45	(1)(2)	
Netherlands	167	(1)(2)	
Sweden	6	(1)(2)	
Union	1 165	(1)(2)	
United Kingdom	7 849	(1)(2)	
TAC	9 014		

(1) Special condition: of which up to 30% may be fished in United Kingdom, Union and international waters of 6a north of 58°30'N (ANF/\*6AN58).

(2) Special condition: of which up to 10 % may be fished in United Kingdom waters of 6a south of 58°30'N; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b; International waters of 12 and 14 (ANF/\*56-14).

Species:	Anglerfishes		Zone:	6; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14
	<i>Lophiidae</i>			(ANF/56-14)
Belgium	158	(1)	Precautionary TAC	
Germany	180	(1)		
Spain	169	(1)		
France	1 944	(1)		
Ireland	439	(1)		
Netherlands	152	(1)		
Union	3 042	(1)		
United Kingdom	2 060	(1)		
TAC	5 102			

(1) Special condition: of which up to 20 % may be fished in: United Kingdom and Union waters of 2a and 4 (ANF/\*2AC4C).

Species:	Anglerfishes	Zone:	7
	<i>Lophiidae</i>		(ANF/07.)
Belgium	3 629	(1)	Analytical TAC
Germany	405	(1)	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
Spain	1 442	(1)	
France	23 291	(1)	
Ireland	2 977	(1)	
Netherlands	470	(1)	
Union	32 214	(1)	
United Kingdom	8 959	(1)	
TAC	41 173		
(1) Special condition: of which up to 10 % may be fished in United Kingdom, Union and international waters of 8a, 8b, 8d and 8e (ANF/*8ABDE).			

Species:	Anglerfishes	Zone:	8a, 8b, 8d and 8e
	<i>Lophiidae</i>		(ANF/8ABDE.)
Spain	1 681		Analytical TAC
France	9 351		Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
Union	11 032		
TAC	11 032		

Species: Haddock	Zone: United Kingdom, Union and international waters of 6b; international waters 12 and 14
<i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>	(HAD/6B1214)

Belgium	11	Analytical TAC
Germany	13	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
France	541	
Ireland	386	
Union	951	
United Kingdom	4 874	
TAC	5 825	

Species: Haddock	Zone: 6a; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b
<i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>	(HAD/5BC6A.)

Belgium	11 <sup>(1)</sup>	Analytical TAC
Germany	13 <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
France	553 <sup>(1)</sup>	
Ireland	394 <sup>(1)</sup>	
Union	971 <sup>(1)</sup>	
United Kingdom	4 035 <sup>(1)</sup>	
TAC	5 006	

<sup>(1)</sup> Special condition: of which up to 25 % may be fished in United Kingdom and Union waters of 2a and 4 (HAD/\*2AC4).

Species:	Haddock	Zone:	7b-k, 8, 9 and 10; Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1 (HAD/7X7A34)
	<i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>		

Belgium	146	Analytical TAC
France	8 762	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
Ireland	2 920	
Union	11 828	
United Kingdom	2 550	
TAC	15 000	

Species:	Haddock	Zone:	7a
	<i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>		(HAD/07A.)

Belgium	43	Analytical TAC
France	196	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
Ireland	1 171	
Union	1 410	
United Kingdom	1 628	
TAC	3 038	

Species:	Whiting	Zone:	6; United Kingdom and International waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14
	<i>Merlangius merlangus</i>		(WHG/56-14)
Germany	5	(1)	Analytical TAC
France	94	(1)	Article 8 of this Regulation applies
Ireland	561	(1)	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Union	660	(1)	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
United Kingdom	1 140	(1)	
TAC	1 800	(1)	
(1) Exclusively for by-catches of whiting in fisheries for other species. No directed fisheries for whiting are permitted under this quota.			

Species:	Whiting	Zone:	7a
	<i>Merlangius merlangus</i>		(WHG/07A.)
Belgium	2	(1)	Analytical TAC
France	22	(1)	Article 8 of this Regulation applies
Ireland	274	(1)	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Netherlands	1	(1)	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Union	299	(1)	
United Kingdom	422	(1)	
TAC	721	(1)	
(1) Exclusively for by-catches of whiting in fisheries for other species. No directed fisheries for whiting are permitted under this quota.			

Species:	Whiting <i>Merlangius merlangus</i>	Zone: 7b, 7c, 7d, 7e, 7f, 7g, 7h, 7j and 7k (WHG/7X7A-C)
Belgium	79	Analytical TAC
France	4 960	
Ireland	3 972	
Netherlands	41	
Union	9 052	
United Kingdom	1 188	
TAC	10 696	
Species:	Hake <i>Merluccius merluccius</i>	Zone: 3a (HKE/03A.)
Denmark	2 192 <sup>(1)</sup>	Analytical TAC
Sweden	187 <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
Union	2 379	
TAC	2 379	
<sup>(1)</sup> 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 UK.		

Species: Hake		Zone: United Kingdom and Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a (HKE/2AC4-C)
<i>Merluccius merluccius</i>		
Belgium	27 (1)(2)	Analytical TAC
Denmark	1 110 (1)(2)	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
Germany	127 (1)(2)	
France	245 (1)(2)	
Netherlands	64 (1)(2)	
Union	1 573 (1)(2)	
United Kingdom	1 181 (1)(2)	
TAC	2 754	

(1) Not more than 10 % of this quota may be used for by-catch in 3a (HKE/\*03A.).

(2) Special condition: of which up to 6 % may be fished in United Kingdom, Union and international waters of 6a north of 58°30'N (HKE/\*6AN58).



Species:	Hake	Zone:	6 and 7; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b;
	<i>Merluccius merluccius</i>		international waters of 12 and 14 (HKE/571214)

Belgium	397	<sup>(1)</sup>	Analytical TAC
Spain	12 735	<sup>(1)</sup>	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
France	19 666	<sup>(1)</sup>	
Ireland	2 383	<sup>(1)</sup>	
Netherlands	256	<sup>(1)</sup>	
Union	35 437	<sup>(1)</sup>	
United Kingdom	8 831	<sup>(1)</sup>	
TAC	44 268		

<sup>(1)</sup> Special condition: 100 % may be fished in United Kingdom, Union and international waters of 2a and 4. However, such transfers shall be notified retrospectively annually to the other Party. Member States shall notify in advance to the Commission.

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

8a, 8b, 8d and 8e (HKE/\*8ABDE)

Belgium	53
Spain	2 105
France	2 105
Ireland	263
Netherlands	26
Union	4 552
United Kingdom	1 184

Species:	Hake	Zone:	8a, 8b, 8d and 8e
	<i>Merluccius merluccius</i>		(HKE/8ABDE.)

Belgium	13 <sup>(1)</sup>	Analytical TAC
Spain	9 085	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
France	20 401	
Netherlands	26 <sup>(1)</sup>	
Union	29 525	
TAC	29 525	

<sup>(1)</sup> 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 UK.

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

6 and 7; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14 (HKE/\*57-14)

Belgium	3
Spain	2 631
France	4 737
Netherlands	8
Union	7 379

Species:	Lemon sole and witch flounder	Zone:	United Kingdom and Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a (L/W/2AC4-C)
	<i>Microstomus kitt</i> and <i>Glyptocephalus cynoglossus</i>		
Belgium	212	Precautionary TAC	
Denmark	582		
Germany	75		
France	160		
Netherlands	485		
Sweden	7		
Union	1 521		
United Kingdom	2 766		
TAC	4 287		

Species: Blue ling <i>Molva dypterygia</i>		Zone: 6 and 7; United Kingdom and international waters of 5 (BLI/5B67-)
Germany	109	Analytical TAC
Estonia	16	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
Spain	342	
France	7 795	
Ireland	30	
Lithuania	7	
Poland	3	
Others	30 <sup>(1)</sup>	
Union	8 332	
Norway	0 <sup>(2)</sup>	
Faroe Islands	0 <sup>(3)</sup>	
United Kingdom	2 527	
TAC	10 859	
<p><sup>(1)</sup> The unallocated “Others” quota for Member States without shares is exclusively for by-catches. Catches to be counted against this shared quota shall be reported separately (BLI/5B67_AMS).</p> <p><sup>(2)</sup> To be fished in Union waters of 4, 6 and 7 (BLI/*24X7C).</p> <p><sup>(3)</sup> By-catches of roundnose grenadier and black scabbardfish to be counted against this quota. To be fished in Union waters of 6a north of 56° 30'N and 6b. This provision shall not apply for catches subject to the landing obligation.</p>		

Species:	Blue ling	Zone:	International waters of 12
	<i>Molva dypterygia</i>		(BLI/12INT-)
Estonia	0	(1)	Precautionary TAC
Spain	73	(1)	
France	2	(1)	
Lithuania	1	(1)	
Others	0	(1)(2)	
Union	76	(1)	
United Kingdom	1	(1)	
TAC	77	(1)	
(1)	Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries are permitted under this quota.		
(2)	The unallocated “Others” quota for Member States without shares is exclusively for by-catches. Catches to be counted against this shared quota shall be reported separately (BLI/12INT_AMS).		

Species:	Blue ling	Zone:	United Kingdom and international waters of 2; United Kingdom and Union waters of 4
	<i>Molva dypterygia</i>		(BLI/24-)

Denmark	2	Precautionary TAC
Germany	2	
Ireland	2	
France	12	
Others	2 <sup>(1)</sup>	
Union	20	
United Kingdom	7	
TAC	27	

(1) The unallocated “Others” quota for Member States without shares is exclusively for by-catches. Catches to be counted against this shared quota shall be reported separately (BLI/24\_AMS).

Species:	Blue ling	Zone:	Union waters of 3a
	<i>Molva dypterygia</i>		(BLI/03A-)

Denmark	1,5	Precautionary TAC
Germany	1	
Sweden	1,5	
Union	4	
TAC	4	

Species:	Ling	Zone:	United Kingdom and international waters of 1 and 2
	<i>Molva molva</i>		(LIN/1/2.)
Denmark	9	Precautionary TAC	
Germany	9		
France	9		
Others	3 <sup>(1)</sup>		
Union	30		
United Kingdom	8		
TAC	38		
(1)	Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries are permitted under this quota. Catches to be counted against this shared quota shall be reported separately (LIN/1/2_AMS).		

Species:	Ling	Zone:	Union waters of 3a
	<i>Molva molva</i>		(LIN/03A-C.)
Belgium	11	Precautionary TAC	
Denmark	79		
Germany	11		
Sweden	32		
Union	133		
United Kingdom	11		
TAC	144		

Species:     Ling		Zone:	United Kingdom and Union waters of 4
<i>Molva molva</i>			(LIN/04-C.)
Belgium	18	(1)(2)	Precautionary TAC
Denmark	277	(1)(2)	
Germany	171	(1)(2)	
France	154	(1)	
Netherlands	6	(1)	
Sweden	12	(1)(2)	
Union	638	(1)	
United Kingdom	2 473	(1)(2)	
TAC	3 127		
(1)     Special condition: of which up to 20 % may be fished in United Kingdom, Union and international waters of 6a north of 58°30'N (LIN/*6AN58).			
(2)     Special condition: of which up to 25 % but no more than 75t may be fished in: Union waters of 3a (LIN/*03A-C).			



Species:	Ling	Zone:	United Kingdom and international waters of 5
	<i>Molva molva</i>		(LIN/05EI.)

Belgium	8	Precautionary TAC
Denmark	6	
Germany	6	
France	6	
Union	26	
United Kingdom	6	
TAC	32	

Species:	Ling	Zone:	6, 7, 8, 9 and 10; international waters of 12 and 14
	<i>Molva molva</i>		(LIN/6X14.)

Belgium	54	<sup>(1)</sup>	Precautionary TAC
Denmark	10	<sup>(1)</sup>	
Germany	196	<sup>(1)</sup>	
Ireland	1 059	<sup>(1)</sup>	
Spain	3 965	<sup>(1)</sup>	
France	4 226	<sup>(1)</sup>	
Portugal	10	<sup>(1)</sup>	
Union	9 520	<sup>(1)</sup>	
Norway	0	<sup>(2)(3)(3)</sup>	
Faroe Islands	0	<sup>(5)(6)</sup>	
United Kingdom	5 532	<sup>(1)</sup>	
TAC	15 052		

<sup>(1)</sup> Special condition: of which up to 40 % may be fished in: United Kingdom and Union waters of 4 (LIN/\*04-C.).

<sup>(2)</sup> Special condition: of which an incidental catch of other species of 25 % per vessel, at any moment, is authorised in 5b, 6 and 7. However, this percentage may be exceeded in the first 24 hours following the beginning of the fishing on a specific

ground. The total incidental catch of other species in 5b, 6 and 7 shall not exceed the amount below in tonnes (OTH/\*6X14.). By-catch of cod under this provision in area 6a may not be more than 5 %.

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- (3) Including tusk. The quotas for Norway shall only be fished with long-lines in 5b, 6 and 7, and they amount to:

Ling (LIN/*5B67-)	0
Tusk (USK/*5B67-)	0

- (4) The ling and tusk quotas for Norway are interchangeable up to the following amount, in tonnes:

0

- (5) Including tusk. To be fished in 6b and 6a north of 56°30' N (LIN/\*6BAN.).

- (6) Special condition: of which an incidental catch of other species of 20 % per vessel, at any moment, is authorised in 6a and 6b. However, this percentage may be exceeded in the first 24 hours following the beginning of the fishing on a specific ground. The total incidental catch of other species in 6a and 6b shall not exceed the following amount in tonnes (OTH/\*6AB.): 0

Species:	Norway lobster	Zone:	United Kingdom and Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a (NEP/2AC4-C)
	<i>Nephrops norvegicus</i>		
Belgium	1 269	Analytical TAC	
Denmark	1 269	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies	
Germany	19		
France	37		
Netherlands	653		
Union	3 247		
United Kingdom	21 021		
TAC	24 268		

Species:	Norway lobster	Zone:	6; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b
	<i>Nephrops norvegicus</i>		(NEP/5BC6.)

Spain	24	Analytical TAC
France	96	
Ireland	160	
Union	280	
United Kingdom	11 582	
TAC	11 862	

Species:	Norway lobster	Zone:	7
	<i>Nephrops norvegicus</i>		(NEP/07.)

Spain	924 <sup>(1)</sup>	Analytical TAC
France	3 746 <sup>(1)</sup>	
Ireland	5 682 <sup>(1)</sup>	
Union	10 352 <sup>(1)</sup>	
United Kingdom	6 686 <sup>(1)</sup>	
TAC	17 038 <sup>(1)</sup>	

<sup>(1)</sup> Special condition: within the limits of the abovementioned quotas, no more than the quantities given below may be taken in the following zone:

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Spain	846
France	530
Ireland	1 016
Union	2 392
United Kingdom	412

Species:	Northern prawn	Zone:	United Kingdom and Union waters of 4;
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<i>Pandalus borealis</i>		United Kingdom waters of 2a (PRA/2AC4-C)
Denmark	735	Precautionary TAC
Netherlands	7	
Sweden	30	
Union	772	
United Kingdom	218	
TAC	990	
<sup>(1)</sup> Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for Northern prawn are permitted under this quota.		
Species:    Plaice  <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>		Zone:            6; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b;  international waters of 12 and 14  (PLE/56-14)
France	10	Precautionary TAC
Ireland	248	
Union	258	
United Kingdom	400	
TAC	658	

Species:	Plaice	Zone:	7a
	<i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>		(PLE/07A.)
Belgium	60	Analytical TAC	
France	26	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies	
Ireland	1 031		
Netherlands	19		
Union	1 136		
United Kingdom	1 404		
TAC	2 747		
Species:	Plaice	Zone:	7d and 7e
	<i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>		(PLE/7DE.)
Belgium	1 310	Analytical TAC	
France	4 366	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies	
Union	5 676		
United Kingdom	2 717		
TAC	9 138		

Species:	Plaice	Zone:	7f and 7g
	<i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>		(PLE/7FG.)
Belgium	333	Precautionary TAC	
France	600	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies	
Ireland	237		
Union	1 170		
United Kingdom	441		
TAC	1 735		
Species:	Plaice	Zone:	7h, 7j and 7k
	<i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>		(PLE/7HJK.)
Belgium	7 <sup>(1)</sup>	Precautionary TAC	
France	14 <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 8 of this Regulation applies	
Ireland	47 <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Netherlands	27 <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Union	95 <sup>(1)</sup>		
United Kingdom	19 <sup>(1)</sup>		
TAC	114 <sup>(1)</sup>		
<sup>(1)</sup> Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for plaice are permitted under this TAC.			

Species:	Pollack	Zone:	6; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14
	<i>Pollachius pollachius</i>		(POL/56-14)
Spain	2	Precautionary TAC	
France	75		
Ireland	22		
Union	99		
United Kingdom	57		
TAC	156		
Species:	Pollack	Zone:	7
	<i>Pollachius pollachius</i>		(POL/07.)
Belgium	233 <sup>(1)</sup>	Precautionary TAC	
Spain	14 <sup>(1)</sup>		
France	5 372 <sup>(1)</sup>		
Ireland	572 <sup>(1)</sup>		
Union	6 191 <sup>(1)</sup>		
United Kingdom	1 821 <sup>(1)</sup>		
TAC	8 012		
(1)	Special condition: of which up to 2 % may be fished in United-Kingdom, Union and international waters of 8a, 8b, 8d and 8e (POL/*8ABDE).		

Species:	Saithe <i>Pollachius virens</i>	Zone:	7, 8, 9 and 10; Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1 (POK/7/3411)
Belgium	3	Precautionary TAC	
France	750		
Ireland	1 404		
Union	2 157		
United Kingdom	384		
TAC	2 541		
Species:	Turbot and brill <i>Scophthalmus maximus</i> and <i>Scophthalmus rhombus</i>	Zone:	United Kingdom and Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a (T/B/2AC4-C)
Belgium	375	Precautionary TAC	
Denmark	802	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies	
Germany	205		
France	97		
Netherlands	2 842		
Sweden	6		
Union	4 327		
United Kingdom	1 022		
TAC	5 487		



Species: Skates and rays		Zone: Union and United Kingdom waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a  (SRX/2AC4-C)
<i>Rajiformes</i>		
Belgium	272 (1)(2)(3)(4)	Precautionary TAC
Denmark	11 (1)(2)(3)	
Germany	13 (1)(2)(3)	
France	43 (1)(2)(3)(4)	
Netherlands	232 (1)(2)(3)(4)	
Union	570 (1)(3)	
United Kingdom	1 194 (1)(2)(3)(4)	
TAC	1 764 (3)	
<p>(1) Catches of blonde ray (<i>Raja brachyura</i>) in United Kingdom and Union waters of 4 (RJH/04-C.), cuckoo ray (<i>Leucoraja naevus</i>) (RJN/2AC4-C), thornback ray (<i>Raja clavata</i>) (RJC/2AC4-C) and spotted ray (<i>Raja montagui</i>) (RJM/2AC4-C) shall be reported separately.</p> <p>(2) By-catch quota. These species shall not comprise more than 25 % by live weight of the catch retained on board per fishing trip. This condition applies only to vessels over 15 metres' length overall. This provision shall not apply for catches subject to the landing obligation as set out in Article 15(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 and UK retained Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013.</p> <p>(3) Shall not apply to blonde ray (<i>Raja brachyura</i>) in United Kingdom waters of 2a and small-eyed ray (<i>Raja microocellata</i>) in United Kingdom and Union waters of 2a and 4. When accidentally caught, these species shall not be harmed. Specimens shall be promptly released. Fishermen shall be encouraged to develop and use techniques and equipment to facilitate the rapid and safe release of the species.</p> <p>(4) Special condition: of which up to 10 % may be fished in 7d (SRX/*07D2.), without prejudice to the prohibitions set out in Articles 14 and 51 of this Regulation and in UK law for the areas specified therein. Catches of blonde ray (<i>Raja brachyura</i>) (RJH/*07D2.), cuckoo ray (<i>Leucoraja naevus</i>) (RJN/*07D2.), thornback ray (<i>Raja clavata</i>) (RJC/*07D2.) and spotted ray (<i>Raja montagui</i>) (RJM/*07D2.) shall be reported separately. This special condition shall not apply to small-eyed ray (<i>Raja microocellata</i>) and undulate ray (<i>Raja undulata</i>).</p>		

Species:	Skates and rays	Zone:	Union waters of 3a
	<i>Rajiformes</i>		(SRX/03A-C.)
Denmark	37	(1)	Precautionary TAC
Sweden	11	(1)	
Union	48	(1)	
TAC	48		
(1)	Catches of cuckoo ray ( <i>Leucoraja naevus</i> ) (RJN/03A-C.), blonde ray ( <i>Raja brachyura</i> ) (RJH/03A-C.) and spotted ray ( <i>Raja montagui</i> ) (RJM/03A-C.) shall be reported separately.		

Species:	Skates and rays	Zone:	United Kingdom and Union waters of 6a, 6b, 7a-c and 7e-k
	<i>Rajiformes</i>		(SRX/67AKXD)
Belgium	814	(1)(2)(3)(4)	Precautionary TAC
Estonia	5	(1)(2)(3)(4)	
France	3 656	(1)(2)(3)(4)	
Germany	11	(1)(2)(3)(4)	
Ireland	1 177	(1)(2)(3)(4)	
Lithuania	19	(1)(2)(3)(4)	
Netherlands	3	(1)(2)(3)(4)	
Portugal	20	(1)(2)(3)(4)	
Spain	984	(1)(2)(3)(4)	
Union	6 689	(1)(2)(3)(4)	
United Kingdom	2 793	(1)(2)(3)(4)	
TAC	9 482	(3)(4)	
(1)	Catches of cuckoo ray ( <i>Leucoraja naevus</i> ) (RJN/67AKXD), thornback ray ( <i>Raja clavata</i> ) (RJC/67AKXD), blonde ray ( <i>Raja brachyura</i> ) (RJH/67AKXD), spotted ray ( <i>Raja montagui</i> ) (RJM/67AKXD), sandy ray ( <i>Raja circularis</i> ) (RJI/67AKXD) and shagreen ray ( <i>Raja fullonica</i> ) (RJJ/67AKXD) shall be reported separately		
(2)	Special condition: of which up to 5 % may be fished in 7d (SRX/*07D.), without prejudice to the prohibitions set out in Articles 14 and 51 of this Regulation for the areas specified therein. Catches of cuckoo ray ( <i>Leucoraja naevus</i> ) (RJN/*07D.), thornback ray ( <i>Raja clavata</i> ) (RJC/*07D.), blonde ray ( <i>Raja brachyura</i> ) (RJH/*07D.), spotted ray ( <i>Raja</i>		

montagui) (RJM/\*07D.), sandy ray (*Raja circularis*) (RJI/\*07D.) and shagreen ray (*Raja fullonica*) (RJF/\*07D.) shall be reported separately. This special condition shall not apply to small-eyed ray (*Raja microocellata*) and undulate ray (*Raja undulata*).

- (3) Shall not apply to small-eyed ray (*Raja microocellata*), except in 7f and 7g. When accidentally caught, this species shall not be harmed. Specimens shall be promptly released. Fishermen shall be encouraged to develop and use techniques and equipment to facilitate the rapid and safe release of the species. Within the limits of the abovementioned quotas, no more than the quantities of small-eyed ray in areas 7f and 7g (RJE/7FG.) provided below may be taken:

Species:	Small-eyed ray <i>Raja microocellata</i>	Zone:	7f and 7g (RJE/7FG.)
Belgium	8	Precautionary TAC	
Estonia	0		
France	36		
Germany	0		
Ireland	12		
Lithuania	0		
Netherlands	0		
Portugal	0		
Spain	10		
Union	66		
United Kingdom	57		
TAC	123		

Special condition: of which up to 5 % may be fished in 7d and reported under the following code: (RJE/\*07D.). This special condition is without prejudice to the prohibitions set out in Articles 14 and 51 of this Regulation and relevant prohibitions in UK law for the areas specified therein.

- (4) Shall not apply to undulate ray (*Raja undulata*).

Species:	Skates and rays	Zone:	7d
	<i>Rajiformes</i>		(SRX/07D.)
Belgium	134	(1)(2)(3)(4)	Precautionary TAC
France	1 123	(1)(2)(3)(4)	
Netherlands	7	(1)(2)(3)(4)	
Union	1 264	(1)(2)(3)(4)	
United Kingdom	233	(1)(2)(3)(4)	
TAC	1 497	(4)	
(1)	Catches of cuckoo ray ( <i>Leucoraja naevus</i> ) (RJN/07D.), thornback ray ( <i>Raja clavata</i> ) (RJC/07D.), blonde ray ( <i>Raja brachyura</i> ) (RJH/07D.), spotted ray ( <i>Raja montagui</i> ) (RJM/07D.) and small-eyed ray ( <i>Raja microocellata</i> ) (RJE/07D.) shall be reported separately.		
(2)	Special condition: of which up to 5 % may be fished in 6a, 6b, 7a-c and 7e-k (SRX/*67AKD). Catches of cuckoo ray ( <i>Leucoraja naevus</i> ) (RJN/*67AKD), thornback ray ( <i>Raja clavata</i> ) (RJC/*67AKD), blonde ray ( <i>Raja brachyura</i> ) (RJH/*67AKD) and spotted ray ( <i>Raja montagui</i> ) (RJM/*67AKD) shall be reported separately. This special condition shall not apply to small-eyed ray ( <i>Raja microocellata</i> ) and to undulate ray ( <i>Raja undulata</i> ).		
(3)	Special condition: of which up to 10 % may be fished in United Kingdom and Union waters of 2a and 4 (SRX/*2AC4C). Catches of blonde ray ( <i>Raja brachyura</i> ) in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4 (RJH/*04-C.), cuckoo ray ( <i>Leucoraja naevus</i> ) (RJN/*2AC4C), thornback ray ( <i>Raja clavata</i> ) (RJC/*2AC4C) and spotted ray ( <i>Raja montagui</i> ) (RJM/*2AC4C) shall be reported separately. This special condition shall not apply to small-eyed ray ( <i>Raja microocellata</i> ).		
(4)	Shall not apply to undulate ray ( <i>Raja undulata</i> ).		

Species:	Undulate ray <i>Raja undulata</i>	Zone:	7d and 7e (RJu/7DE.)
		Precautionary TAC	
	Belgium	19	<sup>(1)</sup>
	Estonia	0	<sup>(1)</sup>
	France	94	<sup>(1)</sup>
	Germany	0	<sup>(1)</sup>
	Ireland	25	<sup>(1)</sup>
	Lithuania	0	<sup>(1)</sup>
	Netherlands	0	<sup>(1)</sup>
	Portugal	0	<sup>(1)</sup>
	Spain	21	<sup>(1)</sup>
	Union	159	<sup>(1)</sup>
	United Kingdom	75	<sup>(1)</sup>
	TAC	234	<sup>(1)</sup>
<sup>(1)</sup>	This species shall not be targeted in the areas covered by this TAC and may only be landed whole or gutted. This is without prejudice to the prohibitions set out in Articles 14 and 51 of this Regulation for the areas specified therein.		

Species:	Skates and rays	Zone:	Union waters of 8 and 9
	<i>Rajiformes</i>		(SRX/89-C.)
Belgium	10	(1)(2)	Precautionary TAC
France	1 949	(1)(2)	
Portugal	1 580	(1)(2)	
Spain	1 590	(1)(2)	
Union	5 129	(1)(2)	
United Kingdom	pm	(1)(2)	
TAC	pm	(2)	

(1) Catches of cuckoo ray (*Leucoraja naevus*) (RJN/89-C.), blonde ray (*Raja brachyura*) (RJH/89-C.) and thornback ray (*Raja clavata*) (RJC/89-C.) shall be reported separately.

(2) Shall not apply to undulate ray (*Raja undulata*). This species shall not be targeted in the areas covered by this TAC. In cases where it is not subject to the landing obligation, by-catch of undulate ray in subareas 8 and 9 may only be landed whole or gutted. The catches shall remain under the quotas shown in the table below. The above provisions are without prejudice to the prohibitions set out in Articles 14 and 51 of this Regulation for the areas specified therein. By-catches of undulate ray shall be reported separately under the codes indicated in the tables below. Within the limits of the abovementioned quotas, no more than the quantities of undulate ray given below may be taken:

Species:	Undulate ray	Zone:	Union waters of 8
	<i>Raja undulata</i>		(RJU/8-C.)
Belgium	0		Precautionary TAC
France	13		
Portugal	10		
Spain	10		
Union	33		
United Kingdom	pm		
TAC	pm		

Species:	Undulate ray <i>Raja undulata</i>	Zone:	Union waters of 9 (RJU/9-C.)
Belgium	0	Precautionary TAC	
France	20		
Portugal	15		
Spain	15		
Union	50		
United Kingdom	pm		
TAC	pm		

Species:	Greenland halibut <i>Reinhardtius hippoglossoides</i>	Zone:	6; United Kingdom and Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b (GHL/2A-C46)
Denmark	29	Analytical TAC	
Germany	51		
Estonia	29		
Spain	29		
France	478		
Ireland	29		
Lithuania	29		
Poland	29		
Union	703		
Norway	0		
United Kingdom	1 868		
TAC	2 571		

Species:	Common sole	Zone:	United Kingdom and Union waters of
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<i>Solea solea</i>		4; United Kingdom waters of 2a (SOL/24-C.)
Belgium	1 120	Analytical TAC
Denmark	512	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
Germany	896	
France	224	
Netherlands	10 107	
Union	12 859	
Norway	10 <sup>(1)</sup>	
United Kingdom	2 022	
TAC	15 330	
<sup>(1)</sup> May be fished only in Union waters of 4 (SOL/*04-C.).		
Species: Common sole		Zone: 6; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14
<i>Solea solea</i>		(SOL/56-14)
Ireland	46	Precautionary TAC
Union	46	
United Kingdom	11	
TAC	57	



Species:	Common sole	Zone:	7a
	<i>Solea solea</i>		(SOL/07A.)
Belgium	364	Analytical TAC	
France	5	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Ireland	105	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Netherlands	116		
Union	590		
United Kingdom	181		
TAC	787		
Species:	Common sole	Zone:	7d
	<i>Solea solea</i>		(SOL/07D.)
Belgium	624	Precautionary TAC	
France	1 249	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies	
Union	1 873		
United Kingdom	471		
TAC	2 380		

Species:	Common sole	Zone:	7e
	<i>Solea solea</i>		(SOL/07E.)
Belgium	59	Analytical TAC	
France	631	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies	
Union	690		
United Kingdom	1 111		
TAC	1 810		
Species:	Common sole	Zone:	7f and 7g
	<i>Solea solea</i>		(SOL/7FG.)
Belgium	781	Analytical TAC	
France	78	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies	
Ireland	39		
Union	898		
United Kingdom	415		
TAC	1 337		

Species:	Common sole <i>Solea solea</i>	Zone:	7h, 7j and 7k (SOL/7HJK.)
Belgium	18	Precautionary TAC	
France	36	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies	
Ireland	95		
Netherlands	28		
Union	177		
United Kingdom	36		
TAC	213		

Species:	Sprat and associated by-catches <i>Sprattus</i> <i>sprattus</i>	Zone:	3a (SPR/03A.)
Denmark	0 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	Analytical TAC	
Germany	0 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>		
Sweden	0 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>		
Union	0 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>		
TAC	0 <sup>(2)</sup>		

<sup>(1)</sup> 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.

<sup>(2)</sup> This quota may only be fished from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023. 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.

Species:	Sprat and associated by-catches	Zone:	United Kingdom and Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a
	<i>Sprattus sprattus</i>		(SPR/2AC4-C)

		Analytical TAC
Belgium	0	(1)(2)
Denmark	0	(1)(2)
Germany	0	(1)(2)
France	0	(1)(2)
Netherlands	0	(1)(2)
Sweden	0	(1)(2)(3)
Union	0	(1)(2)
Norway	0	(1)
Faroe Islands	0	(1)(4)
United Kingdom	0	(1)
TAC	0	(1)

- (1) The quota may only be fished from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.
- (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 sandeel.
- (4) May contain up to 4% of by-catch of herring.

Species: Sprat <i>Sprattus sprattus</i>		Zone: 7d and 7e (SPR/7DE.)
Belgium	1	Precautionary TAC
Denmark	96	
Germany	1	
France	21	
Netherlands	21	
Union	140	
United Kingdom	410	
TAC	550	

<sup>(1)</sup> The TAC may only be fished from 1 January 2022 to 30 June 2022.

Species: Picked dogfish		Zone: 6,7 and 8; United Kingdom and international waters of 5; International waters of 1, 12 and 14 (DGS/15X14)
<i>Squalus acanthias</i>		
Belgium	18 <sup>(1)</sup>	Precautionary TAC
Germany	4 <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Spain	9 <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
France	75 <sup>(1)</sup>	
Ireland	47 <sup>(1)</sup>	
Netherlands	0 <sup>(1)</sup>	
Portugal	0 <sup>(1)</sup>	
Union	153 <sup>(1)</sup>	
United Kingdom	117 <sup>(1)</sup>	
TAC	270 <sup>(1)</sup>	
<sup>(1)</sup> Picked dogfish shall not be targeted in the areas covered by this by-catch allowance. Only vessels participating in by-catch management schemes may land not more than 2 tonnes per month per vessel of picked dogfish that is dead at the moment when the fishing gear is hauled on board under this quota. Each Party shall independently determine how to allocate its quota to the vessels participating in its by-catch management schemes. Each Party shall ensure that the total annual landing of picked dogfish on the basis of the by-catch allowance does not exceed the above amounts. Parties should exchange the list of participating vessels before allowing any landings.		

Species: Horse mackerel and associated by-catches <i>Trachurus spp.</i>		Zone: United Kingdom and Union waters of 4b, 4c and 7d (JAX/4BC7D)
Belgium	7 <sup>(1)</sup>	Precautionary TAC
Denmark	3 216 <sup>(1)</sup>	
Germany	284 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	
Spain	60 <sup>(1)</sup>	
France	267 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	
Ireland	202 <sup>(1)</sup>	
Netherlands	1 936 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	
Portugal	7 <sup>(1)</sup>	
Sweden	75 <sup>(1)</sup>	
Union	6 055	
Norway	0 <sup>(3)</sup>	
United Kingdom	2 816 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	
TAC	8 969	
<sup>(1)</sup>	Up to 5 % of the quota may consist of by-catches of boarfishes, haddock, whiting and mackerel (OTH/*4BC7D). By-catches of boarfishes, haddock, whiting and mackerel 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.	
<sup>(2)</sup>	Special condition: up to 5 % of this quota fished in division 7d may be accounted for as fished under the quota concerning the following zone: United Kingdom and Union waters of 4a; 6, 7a-c, e-k; 8ab, d-e; United Kingdom waters of 2a; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b; and international waters of 12 and 14 (JAX/*7D-EU).	
<sup>(3)</sup>	May be fished in Union waters of 4a but may not be fished in Union waters of 7d (JAX/*04-C.).	

Species: Horse mackerel and associated by-catches	Zone: United Kingdom and Union waters of 4a; 6, 7a-c, e-k; 8a-b, d-e; United Kingdom waters of 2a; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14 (JAX/2A-14)
<i>Trachurus spp.</i>	

Denmark	6 056	(1)(3)	Analytical TAC
Germany	4 725	(1)(2)(3)	
Spain	6 445	(3)(5)	
France	2 432	(1)(2)(3)(5)	
Ireland	15 737	(1)(3)	
Netherlands	18 958	(1)(2)(3)	
Portugal	621	(3)(5)	
Sweden	675	(1)(3)	
Union	55 649	(3)	
Faroe Islands	0	(4)	
United Kingdom	5 767	(1)(2)(3)	
TAC	61 416		

- (1) Special condition: up to 5 % of this quota fished in United Kingdom and Union waters of 2a or 4a before 30 June may be accounted for as fished under the quota concerning the zone of United Kingdom and Union waters of 4b, 4c and 7d (JAX/\*2A4AC).
- (2) Special condition: up to 5 % of this quota may be fished in 7d (JAX/\*07D.). Under this special condition, and in accordance with footnote (3), by-catches of boarfish and whiting shall be reported separately under the following code: (OTH/\*07D.).
- (3) Up to 5 % of the quota may consist of by-catches of boarfish, haddock, whiting and mackerel (OTH/\*2A-14). By-catches of boarfish, haddock, whiting and mackerel 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.
- (4) Limited to 4a, 6a (north of 56°30'N only), 7e, 7f, 7h.
- (5) Special condition: up to 80% of this quota may be fished in 8c (JAX/\*08C2). Under this special condition, and in accordance with footnote (3), by-catches of boarfish and whiting shall be reported separately under the following code: (OTH/\*08C2).

Species: Horse mackerel	Zone: 8c
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<i>Trachurus spp.</i>		(JAX/08C.)
Spain	8 710 <sup>(1)</sup>	Analytical TAC
France	151	
Portugal	861 <sup>(1)</sup>	
Union	9 722	
TAC	9 722	

<sup>(1)</sup> Special condition: up to 10 % of this quota may be fished in 9 (JAX/\*09.).

Species:	Norway pout and associated by-catches	Zone:	3a; United Kingdom and Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a
	<i>Trisopterus esmarkii</i>		(NOP/2A3A4.)

Year	2022	2023	
Denmark	49 478 <sup>(1)(3)</sup>	0 <sup>(1)(6)</sup>	Analytical TAC
Germany	9 <sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup>	0 <sup>(1)(2)(6)</sup>	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Netherlands	36 <sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup>	0 <sup>(1)(2)(6)</sup>	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Union	49 524 <sup>(1)(3)</sup>	0 <sup>(1)(6)</sup>	
United Kingdom	10 204 <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	0 <sup>(2)(6)</sup>	
Norway	0 <sup>(4)</sup>	0 <sup>(4)</sup>	
Faroe Islands	0 <sup>(5)</sup>	0 <sup>(5)</sup>	
TAC	59 728	Not relevant	

<sup>(1)</sup> Up to 5 % of the quota may consist of by-catches of haddock and whiting (OT2/\*2A3A4). By-catches of haddock and 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.

<sup>(2)</sup> Quota may be fished in United Kingdom and Union waters of ICES zones 2a, 3a and 4 only.

<sup>(3)</sup> May only be fished from 1 November 2021 to 31 October 2022.

<sup>(4)</sup> A sorting grid shall be used.

<sup>(5)</sup> A sorting grid shall be used. Includes a maximum of 15 % of unavoidable by-catches (NOP/\*2A3A4), to be

counted against this quota.

<sup>(6)</sup> May only be fished from 1 November 2022 to 31 October 2023.

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#### 4. AMENDMENTS TO ANNEX II OF THE COMMISSION PROPOSAL

In Annex II, Chapter III, Section 5, table I is replaced by the following table:

Regulated gear	Maximum number of days	
Beam trawls of mesh size $\geq 80$ mm	Belgium	176
	France	188
Static nets with mesh size $\leq 220$ mm	Belgium	176
	France	191