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Updates to Commission proposal for a Council Regulation 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 as regards deep-sea stocks [COM(2023) 587]

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1. AMENDMENTS IN RELATION TO EUROPEAN EEL IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

At its 46th annual meeting in 2023, the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) adopted Recommendation GFCM/46/2023/16 on a long-term management plan for European eel (*Anguilla anguilla*) in the Mediterranean Sea, repealing Recommendations GFCM/45/2022/1 and GFCM/42/2018/1. That recommendation maintains, for 2024, the existing transitional measures, six-month closure period and ban on recreational fishing. Furthermore, the recommendation provides that Contracting Parties are to implement additional measures to reduce the fishing mortality of glass eel by at least 30% in 2024, compared to the reference period 2019-2021. It is therefore proposed to implement those measures in EU law.

AMENDMENTS TO THE RECITALS

Recital (19) is replaced by the following:

"(19) At its 46th annual meeting in 2023, the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) adopted Recommendation GFCM/46/2023/16 on a long-term management plan for European eel. The recommendation maintains, for 2024, the existing transitional measures, six-month closure period and ban on recreational fishing. Furthermore, the recommendation provides that Contracting Parties are to implement additional measures to reduce the fishing mortality of glass eel by at least 30% in 2024 compared to the reference period 2019-2021. Those measures should apply to all marine waters of the Mediterranean Sea, to freshwaters and to brackish waters such as estuaries, coastal lagoons and transitional waters, in accordance with that recommendation. Those measures should be implemented in Union law."

AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES

In Article 13, the square brackets are deleted.

In Article 13, the following paragraph 4a is inserted:

"4a. Member States shall implement additional measures to reduce the fishing mortality for European eel of an overall length of less than 12 cm. This reduction shall represent a decrease of at least 30 % compared to the reference period 2019-2021."

In Article 13(5), the following point (c) is inserted:

"(c) about the measures established in accordance with paragraph 4a by 31 March 2024."

2. AMENDMENTS IN RELATION TO NAFO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

At its 45th annual meeting in 2023, the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (NAFO) adopted fishing opportunities for certain stocks in the NAFO Convention area for 2024. It also adopted certain measures for 2024 that are functionally linked to the fishing opportunities of shortfin squid (*Illex illecebrosus*) in NAFO subareas 3 and 4 and yellowtail flounder (*Limanda ferruginea*) in NAFO divisions 3LNO, aiming at minimising the levels of by-catches of non-target species and without which the fishing opportunities for those stocks would have to be reduced to protect the non-target species. It is therefore proposed to implement those measures in EU law.

AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES

Article 4 is amended as follows:

(a) The following point (pa) is inserted:

"(pa) 'the NAFO Convention Area' means the geographical areas defined in the Convention on Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries[1];"

(b) The following point (pb) is inserted:

"(pb) 'the NAFO Regulatory Area' means the part of the NAFO Convention Area which is beyond national jurisdiction;"

AMENDMENTS TO THE RECITALS

Recital (49) is replaced by the following:

"(49) At its 45th annual meeting in 2023, the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (NAFO) adopted fishing opportunities for certain stocks in the NAFO Convention area for 2024. It also adopted certain measures for 2024 that are functionally linked to the fishing opportunities of shortfin squid (*Illex illecebrosus*) in NAFO subareas 3 and 4 and yellowtail flounder (*Limanda ferruginea*) in NAFO divisions 3LNO, aiming at minimising the levels of by-catches of non-target species and without which the fishing opportunities for those stocks would have to be reduced to protect the non-target species. Those measures should be implemented in Union law."

AMENDMENTS TO THE ANNEXES

Annex IC is replaced by the following:

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[1] OJ L 378, 30.12.1978, p. 2. The Union acceded the NAFO Convention by means of Council Regulation (EEC) No 3179/78 of 28 December 1978 concerning the conclusion by the European Economic Community of the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries (OJ L 378, 30.12.1978, p. 1).

"**ANNEX IC**

NORTH WEST ATLANTIC –

NAFO CONVENTION AREA

Table 1			
Species:	Cod *Gadus morhua*	Zone:	NAFO 2J3KL (COD/N2J3KL)
Union	0 (1)	Analytical TAC Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
TAC	0 (1)	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
(1)	No directed fisheries are permitted under this quota. This species shall only be taken as by-catch within the following limits: a maximum of 1 250 kg or 5%, whichever is greater.		

Table 2			
Species:	Cod *Gadus morhua*	Zone:	NAFO 3NO (COD/N3NO.)
Union	0 (1)	Analytical TAC Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
TAC	0 (1)	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
(1)	No directed fisheries are permitted under this quota. This species shall only be taken as by-catch within the following limits: a maximum of 1 000 kg or 4%, whichever is greater.		

Table 3			
Species:	Cod *Gadus morhua*	Zone:	NAFO 3M (COD/N3M.)
Estonia	130,0 (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	
Germany	545,0 (1)		
Latvia	130,0 (1)		
Lithuania	130,0 (1)		
Poland	444,0 (1)		
Spain	1 675,0 (1)		
France	234,0 (1)		
Portugal	2 297,9 (1)		
Union	5 585,9 (1)		
TAC	11 708 (1)		
(1)	No directed fisheries are permitted under this quota between 00:00 UTC 1 January and 24:00 UTC 31 March. During this period, this species shall only be taken as by-catch within the following limits: a maximum of 1 250 kg or 5%, whichever is greater.		

Table 4			
Species:	Witch flounder *Glyptocephalus cynoglossus*	Zone:	NAFO 3L (WIT/N3L.)
Union	0 [1]	Analytical TAC Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
TAC	0 [1]	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
[1]	No directed fisheries are permitted under this quota. This species shall only be taken as by-catch within the following limits: a maximum of 1 250 kg or 5%, whichever is greater.		

Table 5			
Species:	Witch flounder *Glyptocephalus cynoglossus*	Zone:	NAFO 3NO (WIT/N3NO.)
Estonia	61	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	
Latvia	60		
Lithuania	60		
Union	181		
TAC	1 367		

Table 6			
Species:	American plaice *Hippoglossoides platessoides*	Zone:	NAFO 3M (PLA/N3M.)
Union	0 [1]	Analytical TAC Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
TAC	0 [1]	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
[1]	No directed fisheries are permitted under this quota. This species shall only be taken as by-catch within the following limits: a maximum of 1 250 kg or 5%, whichever is greater.		

Table 7			
Species:	American plaice *Hippoglossoides platessoides*	Zone:	NAFO 3LNO (PLA/N3LNO.)
Union	0 [1]	Analytical TAC Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
TAC	0 [1]	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
[1]	No directed fisheries are permitted under this quota. This species shall only be taken as by-catch within the following limits: a maximum of 1 250 kg or 5%, whichever is greater.		

Table 8				
Species:	Shortfin squid *Illex illecebrosus*		Zone:	NAFO subareas 3 and 4 (SQI/N34.)
Estonia	128	(1)(2)	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	
Latvia	128	(1)(2)		
Lithuania	128	(1)(2)		
Poland	227	(1)(2)		
Other Member States	29 467	(1)(2)(3)		
Union	30 078	(1)(4)		
TAC	34 000			

(1) No vessel may fish for squid between 00:00 UTC on 1 January to 24:00 UTC on 30 June.

(2) Between 1 July to 31 December, during a maximum 2-week exemption period, up to a total of three hauls in which any other species for which this Regulation establishes fishing opportunities in the NAFO Convention area and other than squid comprises the largest percentage by weight of the total catch in the haul shall not be considered a directed fishery, provided that the fishing vessel carries on board a control observer, uses a mesh size no smaller than 60mm, and complies with the NAFO notification and reporting requirements to make use of that 2-week exemption period. After each such haul, the vessel shall immediately move a minimum of 10 nautical miles from any position of the previous haul throughout the subsequent haul.

(3) This quantity is available to Canada and the Member States except Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland. Catches to be counted against this shared quota shall be reported separately (SQI/N34_AMS).

(4) Corresponds to the sum of the quotas of Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland and the Union's unspecified share available to Canada and the Member States except Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland.

Table 9				
Species:	Yellowtail flounder *Limanda ferruginea*		Zone:	NAFO 3LNO (YEL/N3LNO.)
Union	0	(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	
TAC	15 560			

(1) No directed fisheries are permitted under this quota. This species shall only be taken as by-catch within the following limits: a maximum of 2 500 kg or 10%, whichever is greater. However, if the Union is assigned an 'Others' quota, once the 'Others' quota is exhausted, the by-catch limits shall be as follows: a maximum of 1 250 kg or 5%, whichever is greater.

However, if following quota transfers or exchanges or charter, directed fisheries are conducted, the following shall apply:
(a) A by-catch of 15% of American plaice is permitted. However, if a fishing vessel is carrying an observer:

(i) this maxima shall be 2 900 kg or 15% of American plaice, whichever the greater; and

(ii) a vessel may exceed the maxima referred to in point (i) for by-catches of American plaice retained on board during the first 9 fishing days in the NAFO Regulatory Area, provided that American plaice by-catch represents 15% or less by the end of that period or when the vessel leaves the NAFO Regulatory Area, whichever occurs first.

(b) The first two times that catches of American plaice comprise the largest percentage by weight of the total catch in a haul, such catches shall be considered as incidental catch, but the vessel shall immediately move a minimum of 10 nautical miles from any position of the previous haul throughout the subsequent haul.

Table 10

Species:	Capelin *Mallotus villosus*	Zone:	NAFO 3NO (CAP/N3NO.)
Union	0 (1)	Analytical TAC Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
TAC	0 (1)	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	

(1) No directed fisheries are permitted under this quota. This species shall only be taken as by-catch within the following limits: a maximum of 1 250 kg or 5%, whichever is greater.

Table 11

Species:	Northern prawn *Pandalus borealis*	Zone:	NAFO 3LNO(1)(2) (PRA/N3LNOX)
Estonia	0 (3)	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	
Latvia	0 (3)		
Lithuania	0 (3)		
Poland	0 (3)		
Spain	0 (3)		
Portugal	0 (3)		
Union	0 (3)		
TAC	0 (3)		

(1) Not including the box bounded by the following coordinates:

Point No	Latitude	Longitude
1	47°20'00"N	46°40'00"W
2	47°20'00"N	46°30'00"W
3	46°00'00"N	46°30'00"W
4	46°00'00"N	46°40'00"W

(2) Fishing is prohibited at a depth less than 200 metres in the area west of a line bound by the following coordinates:

Point No	Latitude	Longitude
1	46°00'00"N	47°49'00"W
2	46°25'00"N	47°27'00"W
3	46°42'00"N	47°25'00"W
4	46°48'00"N	47°25'50"W
5	47°16'50"N	47°43'50"W

(3) No directed fisheries are permitted under this quota. This species shall only be taken as by-catch within the following limits: a maximum of 1 250 kg or 5%, whichever is greater.

Table 12

Species:	Northern prawn *Pandalus borealis*	Zone:	NAFO 3M(1) (PRA/*N3M.)
TAC	Not relevant (2)	Analytical TAC	

(1) Vessels may also fish this stock in division 3L in the box bounded by the following coordinates:

Point No	Latitude	Longitude
1	47°20'00"N	46°40'00"W
2	47°20'00"N	46°30'00"W
3	46°00'00"N	46°30'00"W

4	46°00'00"N	46°40'00"W

Moreover, fishing for shrimp is prohibited from 1 June to 31 December in the area bounded by the following coordinates:

Point No	Latitude	Longitude
1	47°55'00"N	45°00'00"W
2	47°30'00"N	44°15'00"W
3	46°55'00"N	44°15'00"W
4	46°35'00"N	44°30'00"W
5	46°35'00"N	45°40'00"W
6	47°30'00"N	45°40'00"W
7	47°55'00"N	45°00'00"W

(2) Not relevant. Fishery managed by limitations in fishing effort (EFF/*N3M.). The Member States concerned shall issue fishing authorisations for their fishing vessels engaging in this fishery and shall notify those authorisations to the Commission prior to the beginning of the vessel's activity, in accordance with Article 7 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009.

Member State	Maximum number of fishing days
Denmark	0
Estonia	0
Spain	0
Latvia	0
Lithuania	0
Poland	0
Portugal	0

Table 13

Species:	Greenland halibut *Reinhardtius hippoglossoides*	Zone:	NAFO 3LMNO (GHL/N3LMNO)
Estonia	304	Analytical TAC	
Germany	311	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Latvia	43	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Lithuania	22		
Spain	4 162		
Portugal	1 741		
Union	6 583		
TAC	11 228		

Table 14			
Species:	Skates *Rajidae*	Zone:	NAFO 3LNO (SKA/N3LNO.)
Estonia	283	Analytical TAC	
Lithuania	62	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Spain	3 403	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Portugal	660		
Union	4 408		
TAC	7 000		

Table 15			
Species:	Redfishes *Sebastes spp.*	Zone:	NAFO 3LN (RED/N3LN.)
Estonia	895	Analytical TAC	
Germany	615	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Latvia	895	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Lithuania	895		
Union	3 300		
TAC	18 100		

Table 16				
Species:	Redfishes *Sebastes spp.*		Zone:	NAFO 3M (RED/N3M.)
Estonia	1 571	(1)	Analytical TAC	
Germany	513	(1)	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Latvia	1 571	(1)	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Lithuania	1 571	(1)		
Spain	233	(1)		
Portugal	2 354	(1)		
Union	7 813	(1)		
TAC	17 503	(1)		
(1)	This quota is subject to compliance with the TAC, which is established for this stock for all NAFO Contracting Parties. Within this TAC, no more than the following mid-term limit may be fished before 1 July: 8 752			

Table 17

Species:	Redfishes *Sebastes spp.*	Zone:	NAFO 3O (RED/N3O.)
Spain	1 771	Analytical TAC	
Portugal	5 229	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Union	7 000	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
TAC	20 000		

Table 18

Species:	Redfishes *Sebastes spp.*		Zone:	NAFO subarea 2, divisions 1F and 3K (RED/N1F3K.)
Latvia	0	(1)	Analytical TAC	
Lithuania	0	(1)	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Union	0	(1)	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
TAC	0	(1)		

(1) No directed fisheries are permitted under this quota. This species shall only be taken as by-catch within the following limits: a maximum of 1 250 kg or 5%, whichever is greater.

Table 19

Species:	White hake *Urophycis tenuis*		Zone:	NAFO 3NO (HKW/N3NO.)
Spain	255		Analytical TAC	
Portugal	333		Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Union	588	(1)	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
TAC	1 000			

(1) Where, according to NAFO rules, a positive vote by the NAFO Contracting Parties confirms the TAC to be 2 000 tonnes, the corresponding Union and Member State quotas shall be as below:

Spain	509
Portugal	667
Union	1 176

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3. AMENDMENTS IN RELATION TO CCSBT

EXPLANATORY NOTE

At its 2023 annual meeting, the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (CCSBT) adopted the total allowable catch (TAC) for Southern bluefin tuna (*Thunnus maccoyii*) for a three-year period from 2024 to 2026. It is therefore proposed to implement that measure in EU law.

AMENDMENTS TO THE RECITALS

Recital (46) is replaced by the following:

"(46) At its 2023 annual meeting, the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (CCSBT) adopted the TAC for Southern bluefin tuna (*Thunnus maccoyii*) for a three-year period from 2024 to 2026. That measure should be implemented in Union law."

AMENDMENTS TO THE ANNEXES

Annex IF is replaced by the following:

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ANNEX IF

SOUTHERN BLUEFIN TUNA – AREAS OF DISTRIBUTION

Species:	Southern bluefin tuna *Thunnus maccoyii*		Zone:	All areas of distribution (SBF/F41-81)
Union	13	(1)	Analytical TAC Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
TAC	13		Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
(1)	Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries are permitted under this quota.			

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4. AMENDMENTS IN RELATION TO CCAMLR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

At its 2023 annual meeting, the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) adopted catch limits for target and by-catch species for the period from 1 December 2023 to 30 November 2024. It is therefore proposed to implement those measures in EU law.

In addition, it is also proposed to clarify the periods of application for those measures and other measures regarding exploratory fisheries adopted by CCAMLR. Such measures regarding exploratory fisheries apply for the 2024-2025 fishing season, so as to provide sufficient time for the consideration by CCAMLR's Scientific Committee and the Standing Committee on Implementation and Compliance (SCIC) of the information submitted by Contracting Parties before the start of that fishing season.

AMENDMENTS TO THE RECITALS

Recital (42) is replaced by the following:

"(42) At its 2023 annual meeting, the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) adopted catch limits for target and by-catch species for the period from 1 December 2023 to 30 November 2024. Those measures should be implemented in Union law."

AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES

In Chapter III of Title II, Section 4 is replaced by the following:

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SECTION 4
CCAMLR CONVENTION AREA

Article 27
Exploratory fisheries notifications for toothfish for the 2024-2025 fishing season

1. Member States may participate, or authorise their vessels to participate, in longline exploratory fisheries for toothfish (*Dissostichus* spp.) in FAO subareas 48.6, 88.1 and 88.2 and FAO divisions 58.4.1, 58.4.2 and 58.4.3a outside areas of national jurisdiction for fishing in the period from 1 December 2024 to 30 November 2025, in accordance with Article 7(2) to (7) of Regulation (EC) No 601/2004.

2. By way of derogation from the deadlines set out in Article 7(5) and (6) of Regulation (EC) No 601/2004, those Member States intending to do so shall notify the CCAMLR Secretariat no later than 1 June 2024.

Article 28
Toothfish fishery during the 2023-2024 fishing season

1. In addition to the special requirements for exploratory fisheries set out in Article 7a of Regulation (EC) No 601/2004, fishing for toothfish in the period from 1 December 2023 to 30 November 2024 shall be limited to the Member States, subareas and number of fishing vessels set out in Table A in Annex VII, and the TACs and by-catch limits set out in Table B in that Annex shall apply.

2. Direct fishing of shark species for purposes other than scientific research shall be prohibited. Any by-catch of shark, especially juveniles and gravid females, taken accidentally in the toothfish fishery shall be released alive.

3. Where applicable, fishing for toothfish in any small-scale research unit (SSRU) shall cease when the reported catch reaches the specified TAC, and the SSRU shall be closed to fishing for the remainder of the fishing season.

4. Fishing shall take place over a geographical and bathymetric range as large as possible, so as to obtain the information necessary to determine fishery potential and avoid an overconcentration of catch and fishing effort. However, fishing in FAO subareas 48.6, 88.1 and 88.2 shall be prohibited in depths of less than 550 m.

Article 29
Krill fishery during the 2024–2025 fishing season

1. For the purpose of Article 5a of Regulation (EC) No 601/2004, Member States intending to fish for krill (*Euphausia superba*) in the CCAMLR Convention area during the period from 1

December 2024 to 30 November 2025 shall notify the Commission of their intention no later than 1 May 2024, using the form in Part B of the Appendix to Annex VII.

2. By way of derogation from the deadlines set out in Article 7(5) and (6) of Regulation (EC) No 601/2004, and on the basis of the information provided by Member States, the Commission shall submit the notifications to the CCAMLR Secretariat no later than 30 May 2024.

3. The notification referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall include the information provided for in Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 601/2004 for each fishing vessel to be authorised to participate in the krill fishery.

4. A Member State intending to fish for krill in the CCAMLR Convention area shall notify its intention to do so only in respect of authorised fishing vessels that, at the time of the notification:

   (a) are flying its flag; or

   (b) are flying the flag of another CCAMLR member and are expected to be flying the flag of that Member State at the time the fishery takes place.

5. Where an authorised fishing vessel notified to the CCAMLR Secretariat in accordance with paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 is prevented from participating in a krill fishery due to legitimate operational reasons or force majeure, the Member State concerned may authorise its replacement by another fishing vessel. In such a case, the Member State concerned shall immediately inform the CCAMLR Secretariat with the Commission in copy, providing:

   (a) full details of the intended replacement fishing vessel(s), including the information provided for in Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 601/2004; and

   (b) a comprehensive account of the reasons justifying the replacement and any relevant supporting evidence or references."

In Article 57, point (d) is replaced by the following:

"(d) Article 28 and Annex VII shall apply from 1 December 2023 to 30 November 2024;"

AMENDMENTS TO THE ANNEXES

In Annex VII, Tables A and B are replaced by the following:

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Table A

Authorised Member States, subareas and maximum number of fishing vessels

Member State	Subarea	Maximum number of vessels
Spain	48.6	1
Spain	88.1	1
Spain	88.2	1

Table B

TACs and by-catch limits

The TACs set out in the table below, which are adopted by CCAMLR, are not allocated to CCAMLR members and hence the Union's share is undetermined. Catches are monitored by the CCAMLR Secretariat, which will communicate to the Contracting Parties when fishing is to be ceased due to TAC exhaustion.

Subarea	Region	Season	SSRUs or research blocks	Antarctic toothfish (*Dissostichus mawsoni*) catch limit (in tonnes)/SSRUs or research blocks	Antarctic toothfish (*Dissostichus mawsoni*) catch limit (in tonnes)/whole subarea[(1)]	Bycatch limit (in tonnes)/SSRUs or research blocks		
						Skates and rays (*Rajiformes*)	Grenadiers (*Macrourus* spp.)[(2)]	Other species
48.6	Whole subarea	1 December 2023 to 30 November 2024	48.6_2	148	518	7	23	23
			48.6_3	42		2	6	6
			48.6_4	126		6	20	20
			48.6_5	202		10	32	32
88.1	Whole subarea	1 December 2023 to 31 August 2024	A, B, C, G[(3)] ('N70')	665	3499	33	106	33
			G, H, I, J, K[(4)] ('S70')	2 309		115	316	115
			Special Research Zone of the Ross Sea Region marine protected area ('SRZ')	456		22	72	22

Subarea	Region	Season	SSRUs or research blocks	Antarctic toothfish (*Dissostichus mawsoni*) catch limit (in tonnes)/SSRUs or research blocks	Antarctic toothfish (*Dissostichus mawsoni*) catch limit (in tonnes)/whole subarea[(1)]	Bycatch limit (in tonnes)/SSRUs or research blocks		
						Skates and rays (*Rajiformes*)	Grenadiers (*Macrourus* spp.)[(2)]	Other species
88.2	Whole subarea	1 December 2023 to 31 August 2024	A, B[(3)] (N70)	Included in the catch limit for N70 in sub-area 88.1		Included in the by-catch limits for N70 in sub-area 88.1		
			A, B[(4)] (S70)	Included in the catch limit for S70 in sub-area 88.1		Included in the by-catch limits for S70 in sub-area 88.1		
			Part of SSRU_A within SRZ	Included in the catch limit for SRZ in sub-area 88.1		Included in the by-catch limits for SRZ in sub-area 88.1		
			88.2_1	184	970	9	29	29
			88.2_2	322		16	53	53
			88.2_3	242		12	38	38
			88.2_4	222		11	35	35
		14 December 2023 to 31 August 2024	88.2_H	146	146	7	23	23

(1) The target species is Antarctic toothfish (*Dissostichus mawsoni*). Any Patagonian toothfish (*Dissostichus eleginoides*) caught shall be counted towards the overall catch limit for Antarctic toothfish (*Dissostichus mawsoni*).

(2) In area 88.1 and in SSRUs A and B in area 88.2, where the catch of grenadiers (*Macrourus* spp.) taken by a single vessel in any two 10-day periods (i.e. from day 1 to day 10, day 11 to day 20, or day 21 to the last day of the month) in any SSRU exceeds 1 500 kg in each 10-day period and exceeds 16% of the catch of Antarctic toothfish (*Dissostichus* spp.) by that vessel in that SSRU, the vessel shall cease fishing in that SSRU for the remainder of the season.

(3) All areas outside the Ross Sea region marine protected area and north of 70°S.

(4) All areas outside the Ross Sea region marine protected area and south of 70°S.

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In Part B of Annex VII, the text under the heading “Marine mammal exclusion device” is replaced by the following:

“Device diagram(s): ……...

For each type of device used, or any change in device configuration, refer to the relevant diagram in the CCAMLR fishing gear library if available (www.ccamlr.org/node/74407), or submit a detailed diagram and description to the forthcoming meeting of WG-EMM.

Provide details of each marine mammal exclusion device used, including noting whether it is a seal, whale or other exclusion device.”

5. OTHER AMENDMENTS

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Commission proposal should be amended to correct a small number of errors:

- In recital (6), the reference to the Western Waters multiannual plan is missing. The reference to that plan should therefore be added;
- In recital (26), "precautionary and analytical stocks TACs" should be replaced by "stocks subject to precautionary and analytical TACs" to reflect the wording of Article 2 of Council Regulation (EC) No 847/96[2];
- Article 46 lists the same species, *Harriotta raleighana*, twice. In that Article, one of the references to that species should therefore be deleted; and
- The period referred to in Article 57, point (e), should correspond to the period referred to in Article 26(2). In Article 57, point (e), "31 December 2024" should therefore be replaced by "31 December 2023".

AMENDMENTS TO THE RECITALS

In the first sentence of recital (6), the text of footnote 37 is replaced by the following:

"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, 16.7.2018, p. 1).

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)."

In recital (26), the first sentence is replaced by the following:

"Articles 3 and 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 847/96[3] provide for year-to-year flexibility for quotas for both stocks subject to precautionary and analytical TACs."

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2 Council Regulation (EC) No 847/96 of 6 May 1996 introducing additional conditions for year-to-year management of TACs and quotas (OJ L 115, 9.5.1996, p. 3).

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AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES

Article 46 is amended as follows:

(a) point (n) is replaced by the following:

"(n) Pacific longnose chimaera (*Harriotta raleighana*);"; and

(b) point (ab) is deleted.

In Article 57, point (e) is replaced by the following:

"(e) Article 26(2) shall apply from 17 December 2023 to 31 December 2023;"