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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 [COM(2024) 506]

1. AMENDMENTS IN RELATION TO EU-NORWAY, EU-GREENLAND AND COASTAL STATES STOCKSERROR! BOOKMARK NOT DEFINED.

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1. AMENDMENTS IN RELATION TO EU-NORWAY, EU-GREENLAND AND COASTAL STATES STOCKS

1. EXPLANATORY NOTE

Introduction

In October 2024, the EU participated in coastal States consultations on the management of Mackerel (*Scomber scombrus*), blue whiting (*Micromesistius poutassou*) and Atlanto-Scandian herring (*Clupea harengus*), which are stocks also managed by the North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC)¹. The EU's positions in such multilateral consultations on fishing opportunities for those stocks for 2025 were based on positions endorsed by the Council on 10 October 2024. The outcome of those consultations was documented in Agreed Records for: (i) Atlanto-Scandian herring in the north-east Atlantic for 2025 signed on 18 October 2024²; (ii) for blue whiting in the north-east Atlantic for 2025 signed on 16 October 2024³; and (iii) for mackerel in the north-east Atlantic for 2025 signed on 22 October 2024⁴. The levels of the total catches for those stocks were set at 401 794 tonnes for Atlanto-Scandian herring, 576 958 tonnes for mackerel, and 1 447 054 tonnes for blue whiting. These levels are in line with the best available scientific advice, as published by the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES)⁵, which advised that total catches should be no more than 401 794 tonnes for Atlanto-Scandian herring, no more than 576 958 tonnes for mackerel, and no more than 1 447 054 tonnes for blue whiting.

At its 43rd annual meeting in 2024, NEAFC adopted recommendations on conservation and management measures for Atlanto-Scandian herring⁶, blue whiting⁷ and mackerel⁸ for 2025. Those recommendations note the setting of fishing opportunities for Atlanto-Scandian herring, blue whiting and mackerel at the same levels that were agreed during the coastal States consultations.

¹ <https://www.neafc.org/coastalstatemeetings>

² https://oceans-and-fisheries.ec.europa.eu/document/download/5f969821-8947-4d09-a9cd-51ee76e97be8_en?filename=2025-coastal-states-fisheries-consultations-herring_en.pdf

³ https://oceans-and-fisheries.ec.europa.eu/document/download/b111cd04-5bb5-42c1-b0d4-321c65832ae8_en?filename=2025-coastal-states-fisheries-consultations-blue-whiting_en.pdf

⁴ https://oceans-and-fisheries.ec.europa.eu/document/download/8f003f7b-4500-47cb-9d53-17445c341817_en?filename=2025-coastal-states-fisheries-consultations-mackerel-north-east-atlantic_en.pdf

⁵ https://ices-library.figshare.com/articles/report/Blue_whiting_i_Micromesistius_poutassou_i_in_subareas_1_9_12_and_14_Northeast_Atlantic_and_adjacent_waters_/25019714

https://ices-library.figshare.com/articles/report/Mackerel_i_Scomber_scombrus_i_in_subareas_1_8_and_14_and_Division_9_a_the_North_east_Atlantic_and_adjacent_waters_/25019339?file=49504632

https://ices-library.figshare.com/articles/report/Herring_i_Clupea_harengus_i_in_subareas_1_2_5_and_divisions_4_a_and_14_a_Norwegian_spring-spawning_herring_the_Northeast_Atlantic_and_Arctic_Ocean_/25019270?file=49504677

⁶ NEAFC Annual Meeting document AM 2024-88.

⁷ NEAFC Annual Meeting document AM 2024-75 Rev.1, amended partially by AM 2024-96 Rev.1.

⁸ NEAFC Annual Meeting document AM 2024-49 Rev.1.

It is therefore proposed to establish the fishing opportunities for Atlanto-Scandian herring, blue whiting and mackerel based on the levels of the total catches set out in the NEAFC recommendations for 2025 and in line with the approach⁹ applied since 2021 .

The EU also held bilateral annual consultations with Norway on seven jointly managed stocks in the Skagerrak area¹⁰ to agree on the management of those stocks, including the fishing opportunities for the next year. These consultations also focussed on the exchange of quotas and access arrangements.

The EU conducted these bilateral consultations with Norway based on the position endorsed by the Council on 4 October 2024.

The bilateral consultations were successfully concluded on 5 December 2024 and the outcome was documented in three Agreed Records¹¹. It is therefore proposed to set the relevant fishing opportunities at the levels agreed with Norway, and to implement the other provisions of the Agreed Records.

In accordance with the procedure provided for in the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union, of the one part, and the Government of Greenland and the Government of Denmark, of the other part, and the initialled Protocol implementing that Agreement¹², the EU and Greenland agreed to establish the level of fishing opportunities available for the EU in Greenland waters for 2025 at the level agreed and provided in the initialled Protocol, to be confirmed by exchange of letters, as provided for in Article 12(8) of the Agreement, after the application, on a provisional basis, of the Protocol by both Parties.

It is therefore proposed that the relevant fishing opportunities be fixed at the level set out in the Protocol, taking into account the transfers to Norway agreed in bilateral fisheries consultations between the EU and Norway for 2025.

In bilateral consultations, the EU and Norway were unable to agree on access to their respective waters for two jointly managed pelagic stocks in the Northeast Atlantic: Atlanto-Scandian herring (*Clupea harengus*) and blue whiting (*Micromesistius poutassou*). The EU and Norway will resume discussions as early as possible with a view to finding suitable access arrangements. Pending the conclusion of these consultations on the levels of access, those access levels should be marked as “to be established”.

The level of the fishing opportunities established for Northern shrimp (*Pandalus borealis*) in Greenland waters of ICES subareas 5 and 14 take into account a further reserve of 150 tonnes, which are to be

⁹ Approach based on an EU-United Kingdom joint share of 49,29% of the agreed TAC for mackerel, 41,42% for blue whiting and 6,51% for Atlanto-Scandian herring, after applying the quota transfers resulting from implementing respectively tables B and F of Annex 36 of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of the other part (OJ L 149, 30.4.2021, p. 10, ELI: [http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_internation/2021/689\(1\)/oj](http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_internation/2021/689(1)/oj)).

¹⁰ Cod, haddock, herring, Northern shrimp, plaice, sprat and whiting.

¹¹ Agreed record of fisheries consultations between the European Union and Norway for 2025; Agreed record of conclusions of fisheries consultations between Norway and the European Union on the regulation of fisheries in Skagerrak and Kattegat for 2025; and Protocol of fisheries consultations between Norway and the European Union, on behalf of Sweden, for 2025.

¹² Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union, of the one part, and the Government of Greenland and the Government of Denmark, of the other part (OJ L 175, 18.5.2021, p. 3, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_internation/2021/793/oj).

used as currency in the event of potential purchase to Norway of additional shrimp quota in Norwegian waters of ICES subarea 4 in June 2025.

Regarding the fishing opportunities for mackerel in 3a; United Kingdom, Union waters of 2a, 3b, 3c; 3d and 4; Norwegian waters 2a and 4a (MAC/2A34-N), covering the areas of the TACs for mackerel in the North Sea (MAC/2A34) and Norwegian Waters (MAC/2A4A-N), it is proposed, in line with the Statement by the Council on the allocation of MAC/2A34-N¹³, to allocate fishing opportunities to MAC/2A34-N with a new relative stability key, from which 27,5% is transferred by Denmark to the holders of quotas in the TAC for mackerel in the Western Waters (MAC/2CX14-) based on the existing relative stability key for that TAC.

2. AMENDMENTS TO THE RECITALS IN RELATION TO EU-NORWAY, EU-GREENLAND AND COASTAL STATES STOCKS

Recital (27) is replaced by the following:

“(27) Mackerel (*Scomber scombrus*), blue whiting (*Micromesistius poutassou*) and Atlanto-Scandian herring (*Clupea harengus*) in the north-east Atlantic are subject to coastal States consultations on the fisheries management for those stocks, and are are stocks also managed by NEAFC. The Union participated in those consultations on the basis of the positions endorsed by the Council on 10 October 2024. The outcome of those consultations was documented in Agreed Records for (i) Atlanto-Scandian herring in the north-east Atlantic for 2025 signed on 18 October 2024¹⁴; (ii) for blue whiting in the north-east Atlantic for 2024 signed on 16 October 2024¹⁵; and (iii) for mackerel in the north-east Atlantic for 2024 also signed on 22 October 2024¹⁶. At its annual meeting in 2024, NEAFC adopted recommendations on conservation and management measures for Atlanto-Scandian herring¹⁷, blue whiting¹⁸, and mackerel¹⁹ for 2025. It is therefore appropriate to set the TACs for Atlanto-Scandian herring, blue whiting and mackerel in the north-east Atlantic at the level of fishing opportunities agreed in the respective coastal States Agreed Records and NEAFC recommendations.

Recital 41 is replaced by the following:

“(41) The Union held bilateral consultations with Norway on seven shared and jointly managed stocks in the Skagerrak area (cod (*Gadus morhua*), haddock (*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*), herring (*Clupea harengus*), Northern shrimp (*Pandalus borealis*), plaice (*Pleuronectes*

¹³ ST 5027/24 REV 1.

¹⁴ https://oceans-and-fisheries.ec.europa.eu/document/download/e5204c71-1a72-4f54-8f29-482d918934c5_en?filename=2024-coastal-states-fisheries-consultations-herring_en_0.pdf

¹⁵ https://oceans-and-fisheries.ec.europa.eu/document/download/2d071504-2925-4d79-a18e-a8457b1f1a99_en?filename=2024-coastal-states-fisheries-consultations-blue-whiting_en.pdf

¹⁶ https://oceans-and-fisheries.ec.europa.eu/document/download/43af4be2-6310-463b-97d4-0397e63d2508_en?filename=2024-coastal-states-fisheries-consultations-mackerel-north-east-atlantic_en.pdf

¹⁷ NEAFC Annual Meeting document AM 2024-88.

¹⁸ NEAFC Annual Meeting document AM 2024-75 Rev.1, amended partially by AM 2024-96 Rev.1.

¹⁹ NEAFC Annual Meeting document AM 2024-49 Rev.1.

platessa), sprat (*Sprattus sprattus*) and whiting (*Merlangius merlangus*)), to agree on the management of these stocks and fishing opportunities for 2025, as well as exchange of quotas and access arrangements. These consultations were concluded on 5 December 2024 and the outcome was documented in three Agreed Records, signed by the Heads of Delegations on 5 December 2024. The relevant fishing opportunities should be set at the level agreed with Norway, and the other provisions of that Agreed Record should be implemented.”

The following recital (41a) is inserted:

“(41a) In bilateral consultations, the EU and Norway were unable to agree on access to their respective waters for two jointly managed pelagic stocks in the Northeast Atlantic: Atlanto-Scandian herring (*Clupea harengus*) and blue whiting (*Micromesistius poutassou*). The EU and Norway will resume discussions as early as possible with a view to finding suitable access arrangements. Pending the conclusion of these consultations on the levels of access, those access levels should be marked as “to be established”.”

Recital (42) is replaced by the following:

“(42) In accordance with the procedure provided for in the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union, of the one part, and the Government of Greenland and the Government of Denmark, of the other part, and the initialled Protocol implementing that Agreement²⁰, the Parties agreed to establish the level of fishing opportunities available for the EU in Greenland waters for 2025 at the level agreed and provided in the initialled Protocol, to be confirmed by exchange of letters, as provided for in Article 12(8) of the Agreement, after the application, on a provisional basis, of the Protocol by both Parties. The relevant fishing opportunities should therefore be fixed at the level set out in the initialled Protocol, and taking into account the transfers to Norway agreed in bilateral fisheries consultations between the EU and Norway for 2025.”

²⁰ Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union, of the one part, and the Government of Greenland and the Government of Denmark, of the other part (OJ L 175, 18.5.2021, p. 3, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_internation/2021/793/oj).

3. AMENDMENTS TO THE ANNEXES

IN RELATION TO EU-NORWAY STOCKS

In Annex IA Part B, Tables 8, 10, 12, 13, 21, 23, 35, 39, 41, 46, 51, 54, 72, 74, 79, 80, 91, 123 and 125 are replaced by the following:

Table 8			
Species:	Tusk <i>Brosme brosme</i>	Zone:	Norwegian waters of 4 (USK/04-N.)
Belgium	0	Precautionary TAC	
Denmark	50	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Germany	0		
France	0		
Netherlands	0		
Union	50		
TAC	Not relevant		

Table 10			
Species:	Herring(1) <i>Clupea harengus</i>	Zone:	3a (HER/03A.)
Denmark	9 580 (1)(2)(3)	Analytical TAC	
Germany	153 (1)(2)(3)	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Sweden	10 022 (1)(2)(3)	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Union	19 755 (1)(2)(3)		
Norway	3 038 (2)		
TAC	22 793		

(1) Catches of herring taken in fisheries using nets with mesh sizes equal to or larger than 32 mm.

(2) Only the following amounts of the herring stocks HER/03A. (HER/*03A.) and HER/03A-BC (HER/*03A-BC) may be fished in 3a:

Denmark	554
Germany	8
Sweden	407
Union	969
Norway	167

(3) Special condition: up to 50% of this amount may be fished in United Kingdom waters of 4 (HER/*4-UK), and 50% may be fished in Union waters of 4b (HER/*4B-EU).

Table 12			
Species:	Herring	Zone:	Norwegian waters south of 62°N

<i>Clupea harengus</i>		(HER/4N-S62)
Sweden	863	(1) Analytical TAC
Union	863	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
TAC	Not relevant	
(1) By-catches of cod, haddock, pollack, whiting and saithe are to be counted against the quota for these species.		

Table 13

Species:	Herring <i>Clupea harengus</i>	Zone:	3a (HER/03A-BC)
Denmark	5 692	(1)(2)(3)	Analytical TAC
Germany	51	(1)(2)(3)	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
Sweden	916	(1)(2)(3)	
Union	6 659	(1)(2)(3)	
TAC	6 659	(2)	
(1)	Exclusively for catches of herring taken as by-catch in fisheries using nets with mesh sizes smaller than 32 mm.		
(2)	Only the following amounts of the herring stocks HER/03A. (HER/*03A) and HER/03A-BC (HER/*03A-BC) may be fished in 3a:		
	Denmark	554	
	Germany	8	
	Sweden	407	
	Union	969	
(3)	Special condition: up to 100% of this quota may be fished in Union waters of 4 (HER/*4-EU-BC).		

Table 21

Species:	Cod <i>Gadus morhua</i>	Zone:	Skagerrak (COD/03AN.)
Belgium	7	Analytical TAC	
Denmark	2 278	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Germany	57	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Netherlands	14		
Sweden	398		
Union	2 754		
TAC	2 846		

Table 23

Species:	Cod <i>Gadus morhua</i>	Zone:	Norwegian waters south of 62°N (COD/4N-S62)
Sweden	382	⁽¹⁾	Analytical TAC
Union	382		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	Not relevant		

⁽¹⁾ By-catches of haddock, pollack, whiting and saithe are to be counted against the quota for those species.

Table 35

Species:	Anglerfishes <i>Lophiidae</i>	Zone:	Norwegian waters of 4 (ANF/04-N.)
Belgium	40	Analytical TAC	
Denmark	1 029	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Germany	16		
Netherlands	15		
Union	1 100		
TAC	Not relevant		

Table 39

Species:	Haddock <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>	Zone:	3a (HAD/03A.)
Belgium	28	Analytical TAC	
Denmark	4 747	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies	
Germany	302		
Netherlands	6		
Sweden	561		
Union	5 644		
TAC	5 892		

Table 41

Species:	Haddock <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>	Zone:	Norwegian waters south of 62°N (HAD/4N-S62)
Sweden	707 ⁽¹⁾	Analytical TAC	
Union	707	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
TAC	Not relevant		

⁽¹⁾ By-catches of cod, pollack, whiting and saithe are to be counted against the quota for these species.

Table 46

Species:	Whiting <i>Merlangius merlangus</i>	Zone:	3a (WHG/03A.)
Denmark	362	Precautionary TAC	
Netherlands	1		
Sweden	39		
Union	402		
TAC	455		

Table 51			
Species:	Whiting and pollack <i>Merlangius merlangus</i> and <i>Pollachius pollachius</i>	Zone:	Norwegian waters south of 62°N (W/P/4N-S62)
Sweden	190	Precautionary TAC	(1)
Union	190		
TAC	Not relevant		
(1)	By-catches of cod, haddock and saithe are to be counted against the quota for these species.		

Table 54			
Species:	Hake <i>Merluccius merluccius</i>	Zone:	Norwegian waters of 4 (HKE/04-N.)
Belgium	14	Precautionary TAC	
Denmark	1 341		
Germany	151		
France	62		
Netherlands	107		
Sweden	Not relevant		
Union	1 675		
TAC	Not relevant		

Table 72			
Species:	Ling	Zone:	Norwegian waters of 4
	<i>Molva molva</i>		(LIN/04-N.)
Belgium	4	Precautionary TAC	
Denmark	524	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Germany	15		
France	6		
Netherlands	1		
Union	550		
TAC	Not relevant		

Table 74			
Species:	Norway lobster <i>Nephrops norvegicus</i>	Zone:	Norwegian waters of 4 (NEP/04-N.)
Denmark	200	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	0		
Union	200		
TAC	Not relevant		

Table 79			
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Species:	Northern prawn <i>Pandalus borealis</i>	Zone:	Norwegian waters south of 62°N (PRA/4N-S62)
Denmark	50	Analytical TAC	
Sweden	123 (1)	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Union	173	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
TAC	Not relevant		
(1)	By-catches of cod, haddock, pollack, whiting and saithe are to be counted against the quotas for these species.		

Table 80			
Species:	Plaice <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>	Zone:	Skagerrak (PLE/03AN.)
Belgium	115	Analytical TAC	
Denmark	14 915	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies	
Germany	77		
Netherlands	2 869		
Sweden	799		
Union	18 775		
TAC	20 838		

Table 91			
Species:	Saithe <i>Pollachius virens</i>	Zone:	Norwegian waters south of 62°N (POK/4N-S62)
Sweden	880	⁽¹⁾	Analytical TAC
Union	880		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	Not relevant		
⁽¹⁾	By-catches of cod, haddock, pollack and whiting are to be counted against the quota for these species.		

Table		123	
Species:	Industrial fish	Zone:	Norwegian waters of 4 (I/F/04-N.)
Sweden	800	Precautionary TAC	
Union	800		
TAC	Not relevant		
(1)	By-catches of cod, haddock, pollack, whiting and saithe to be counted against the quotas for these species.		
(2)	Special condition: of which no more than the following amount of horse mackerel (JAX/*04-N.):		
	400		

Table 125			
Species:	Other species	Zone:	Norwegian waters of 4 (OTH/04-N.)
Belgium	14	Precautionary TAC	
Denmark	1 320		
Germany	149		
France	61		
Netherlands	106		
Sweden	Not relevant ⁽¹⁾		
Union	1 650 ⁽²⁾		
TAC	Not relevant		

- (1) Quota of 'other species' allocated by Norway to Sweden at a traditional level.
- (2) Species not covered by other TACs.

In Annex IB, tables 2, 10, 15, 18, 22 and 27 are replaced by the following:

Table 2			
Species:	Cod	Zone:	Norwegian waters of 1 and 2
	<i>Gadus morhua</i>		(COD/1N2AB.)
Germany	2 346	Analytical TAC	
Greece	290	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Spain	2 618	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Ireland	290		
France	2 154		
Portugal	2 618		
Union	10 316		
TAC	Not relevant		

Table 10			
Species:	Haddock	Zone:	Norwegian waters of 1 and 2
	<i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>		(HAD/1N2AB.)
Germany	375	Analytical TAC	
France	225	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Union	600	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
TAC	Not relevant		

Table 15			
Species:	Saithe	Zone:	Norwegian waters of 1 and 2
	<i>Pollachius virens</i>		(POK/1N2AB.)
Germany	495	Analytical TAC	
France	80	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Union	575	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
TAC	Not relevant		

Table 18			
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Species:	Greenland halibut <i>Reinhardtius hippoglossoides</i>	Zone:	Norwegian waters of 1 and 2 (GHL/1N2AB.)
Germany	175	(1)	Analytical TAC
Union	175	(1)	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	Not relevant		
(1)	Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries are permitted under this quota.		

Table 22

Species:	Redfish <i>Sebastes mentella</i>	Zone:	Norwegian waters of 1 and 2 (REB/1N2AB.)
Germany	851	Analytical TAC	
Spain	106	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
France	93	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Portugal	450		
Union	1 500		
TAC	Not relevant		

Table 27

Species:	Other species	Zone:	Norwegian waters of 1 and 2 (OTH/1N2AB.)
Germany	161	⁽¹⁾	Analytical TAC
France	64	⁽¹⁾	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Union	225	⁽¹⁾	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
TAC	Not relevant		
⁽¹⁾	Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries are permitted under this quota.		

In Annex V, Part A is replaced by the following:

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PART A

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF FISHING AUTHORISATIONS FOR UNION FISHING VESSELS FISHING IN THIRD-COUNTRY WATERS

Area of fishing	Fishery	Number of fishing authorisations	Allocation of fishing authorisations amongst Member States	Maximum number of vessels present at any time
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Area of fishing	Fishery	Number of fishing authorisations	Allocation of fishing authorisations amongst Member States		Maximum number of vessels present at any time
Norwegian waters and fishery zone around Jan Mayen	Herring, north of 62°00'N	59	DK	25	51
			DE	5	
			FR	1	
			IE	8	
			NL	9	
			PL	1	
			SE	10	
	Demersal species, north of 62°00'N	66	DE	16	41
			IE	1	
			ES	20	
			FR	18	
			PT	9	
			Unallocated	2	
	Industrial species, south of 62°00'N	450	DK	450	141
Svalbard waters; international waters of 1 and 2b ⁽¹⁾	Fishery for snow crab with pots	20	EE	1	Not applicable
			ES	1	
			LV	11	
			LT	4	
			PL	3	
⁽¹⁾ The allocation of fishing opportunities available to the Union in the Spitzbergen and Bear Island zone is without prejudice to the rights and obligations deriving from the 1920 Treaty of Paris.					

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IN RELATION TO EU-GREENLAND STOCKS

In Annex IB, Tables 13, 14, 20, 21, 24, 25 and 30 are replaced by the following:

Table 13			
Species:	Northern prawn <i>Pandalus borealis</i>	Zone:	Greenland waters of 5 and 14 (PRA/514GRN)

Denmark	1 150	Analytical TAC
France	1 150	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Union	2 300	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Norway	1 700	
Faroe Islands	0	
TAC	Not relevant	

Table 14

Species:	Northern prawn <i>Pandalus borealis</i>	Zone:	Greenland waters of NAFO 1 (PRA/N1GRN.)
Denmark	1 216	Analytical TAC	
France	1 216	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Union	2 431	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
TAC	Not relevant		

Table 20

Species:	Greenland halibut <i>Reinhardtius hippoglossoides</i>	Zone:	Greenland waters of NAFO 1 (GHL/N1G-S68)
Germany	1 625 ⁽¹⁾	Analytical TAC	
Union	1 625 ⁽¹⁾	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Norway	275 ⁽¹⁾	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
TAC	Not relevant		

⁽¹⁾ To be fished south of 68°N.

Table 21

Species:	Greenland halibut <i>Reinhardtius hippoglossoides</i>	Zone:	Greenland waters of 5, 12 and 14 (GHL/5-14GL)
Germany	4 125	Analytical TAC	
Union	4 125 ⁽¹⁾	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Norway	650	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Faroe Islands	0		

TAC	Not relevant
(1)	To be fished by no more than six vessels at the same time.

Table 24

Species:	Redfish (pelagic)	Zone:	Greenland waters of NAFO 1F and Greenland waters of 5, 12 and 14 (RED/N1G14P)
	<i>Sebastes spp.</i>		
Germany	0	(1)(2)(3)	Analytical TAC
France	0	(1)(2)(3)	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Union	0	(1)(2)(3)	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Norway	0	(1)(2)	
Faroe Islands	0	(1)(2)(4)	

TAC	Not relevant		
(1)	This quota may only be fished from 10 May to 31 December.		
(2)	May only be fished in Greenland waters within the Redfish Conservation Area bounded by the lines joining the following coordinates:		
	Point	Latitude	Longitude
	1	64°45'N	28°30'W
	2	62°50'N	25°45'W
	3	61°55'N	26°45'W
	4	61°00'N	26°30'W
	5	59°00'N	30°00'W
	6	59°00'N	34°00'W
	7	61°30'N	34°00'W
	8	62°50'N	36°00'W
	9	64°45'N	28°30'W
(3)	Special condition: may also be fished in international waters of the Redfish Conservation Area mentioned above (RED/*5-14P).		
(4)	May only be fished in Greenland Waters of 5 and 14 (RED/*514GN).		

Table 25

Species:	Redfish (demersal)	Zone:	Greenland waters of NAFO 1F and Greenland waters of 5 and 14 (RED/N1G14D)
	<i>Sebastes spp.</i>		
Germany	1 194	(1)	Analytical TAC
France	6	(1)	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Union	1 200	(1)	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply

TAC

Not relevant

(1)

May only be fished by trawl, and only North and West of the line defined by the following coordinates:

Point	Latitude	Longitude
1	59°15'N	54°26'W
2	59°15'N	44°00'W
3	59°30'N	42°45'W
4	60°00'N	42°00'W
5	62°00'N	40°30'W
6	62°00'N	40°00'W
7	62°40'N	40°15'W
8	63°09'N	39°40'W
9	63°30'N	37°15'W
10	64°20'N	35°00'W
11	65°15'N	32°30'W
12	65°15'N	29°50'W

Table 30			
Species:	By-catches(1)	Zone:	Greenland waters (B-C/GRL)
Union	300	Precautionary TAC	
Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply			
TAC	Not relevant		
(1)	By-catches of grenadiers (Macrourus spp.) shall be reported in line with the following fishing opportunities tables: grenadiers in Greenland waters of 5 and 14 (GRV/514GRN) and grenadiers in Greenland waters of NAFO 1 (GRV/N1GRN.)		

IN RELATION TO COASTAL STATES STOCKS

In Annex IA, Part B, Tables 57 to 59 and 103 to 105 are replaced by the following:

Table 57			
Species:	Blue whiting <i>Micromesistius poutassou</i>	Zone:	Norwegian waters of 2 and 4 (WHB/24-N.)
Denmark	0	Analytical TAC	
Union	0		
TAC	1 447 054		

Table 58			
Species:	Blue whiting <i>Micromesistius poutassou</i>	Zone:	United Kingdom, Union and international waters of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8a, 8b, 8d, 8e, 12 and 14 (WHB/1X14)
Denmark	66 199 (1)	Analytical TAC	
Germany	25 739 (1)	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies	
Spain	56 122 (1)(2)		
France	46 070 (1)		
Ireland	51 263 (1)		
Netherlands	80 723 (1)		
Portugal	5 213 (1)(2)		
Sweden	16 376 (1)		
Union	347 705 (1)(3)		
Norway	81, 750 (4)(5)		
Faroe Islands	Not relevant		

United Kingdom

Not
relevant

TAC 1 447 054

- (1) Special condition: within a total access limit of pm tonnes for the Union, Member States may fish up to the following percentage of their quotas in Faroese waters (WHB/*05-F.): pm%
- (2) Transfers of this quota may be effected to 8c, 9 and 10 and to Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1. However, such transfers shall be notified in advance to the Commission.
- (3) Special condition: from the Union quotas in United Kingdom, Union and international waters of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8a, 8b, 8d, 8e, 12 and 14 (WHB/*NZJM1) and in 8c, 9 and 10; Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1 (WHB/*NZJM2), the following quantity may be fished in the Norwegian Economic Zone or in the fishery zone around Jan Mayen:
To be established
- (4) Can be fished in Union waters of 4, 6a North of 56°30'N, 6b and 7 West of 12°W (WHB/*46AB7-EU).
- (5) Special condition: from the Norwegian quota, the following quantity may be fished in Union waters of 4, 6a North of 56°30'N, 6b and 7 West of 12°W:
To be established

Table 59

Species:	Blue whiting <i>Micromesistius poutassou</i>	Zone:	8c, 9 and 10; Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1 (WHB/8C3411)
Spain	44 604	Analytical TAC	
Portugal	11 151	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies	
Union	55 755 (1)		

TAC 1 447 054

- (1) Special condition: from the Union quotas in Union and international waters of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8a, 8b, 8d, 8e, 12 and 14 (WHB/*NZJM1) and in 8c, 9 and 10; Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1 (WHB/*NZJM2), the following quantity may be fished in the Norwegian Economic Zone or in the fishery zone around Jan Mayen:
To be established

Table 103

Species:	Mackerel <i>Scomber scombrus</i>	Zone:	3a; United Kingdom, Union waters of 2a, 3b, 3c; 3d and 4; Norwegian waters 2a and 4a (MAC/2A34-N.)
Belgium	380 (1)(2)	Analytical TAC	
Denmark	21 995 (1)(2)(4)	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies	
Germany	396 (1)(2)		
France	1 197 (1)(2)		
Netherlands	1 205 (1)(2)		
Sweden	3 657 (1)(2)(3)		
Union	28 830 (1)(2)		
TAC	576 958		

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

	3a (MAC/*03A .)	United Kingdom and Union waters of 3a, 4b and 4c (MAC/*3A4 BC)	4b (MAC/*04 B.)	4c (MAC/*04 C.)	United Kingdom and international waters of 2a, 5b, 6, 7, 8d, 8e, 12 and 14 (MAC/*2AX 14)
Belgium	0	0	0	0	228
Denmark	0	4 130	0	0	13 197
Germany	0	0	0	0	238
France	0	490	0	0	718
Netherlands	0	490	0	0	723
Sweden	0	0	390	10	2194
Union	0	5 110	390	10	17 298

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

	Norwegian waters of 2a and 4a (MAC/*02A 4AN-)	Faroese waters (MAC/*FRO 1)
Belgium	To be established	pm
Denmark	To be established	pm
Germany	To be established	pm
France	To be established	pm
Netherlands	To be established	pm
Sweden	To be established	pm
Union	To be established	pm

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

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

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

Germany	380
Spain	0
Estonia	3
France	253
Ireland	1 266
Latvia	2
Lithuania	2
Netherlands	554
Poland	27

Table 104

Species: Mackerel <i>Scomber scombrus</i>		Zone: 6, 7, 8a, 8b, 8d and 8e; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b; international waters of 2a, 12 and 14 (MAC/2CX14-)
Germany	10 828 ⁽¹⁾	Analytical TAC
Spain	11 ⁽¹⁾	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
Estonia	90 ⁽¹⁾	
France	7 220 ⁽¹⁾	
Ireland	36 092 ⁽¹⁾	
Latvia	67 ⁽¹⁾	
Lithuania	67 ⁽¹⁾	
Netherlands	15 791 ⁽¹⁾	
Poland	762 ⁽¹⁾	
Union	70 928 ⁽¹⁾	
Norway	0 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	
Faroe Islands	0 ⁽⁴⁾	
United Kingdom	Not relevant ⁽¹⁾	

TAC 576 958

- (1) Special condition: of which up to 25% can be made available for exchanges to be fished by Spain, France and Portugal in 8c, 9 and 10 and Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1 (MAC/*8C910).
- (2) May be fished in 2a, 6a north of 56°30'N, 4a, 7d, 7e, 7f and 7h (MAC/*AX7H).
- (3) The amount of access limit indicated below (MAC/*N5630), in tonnes, may be fished by Norway north of 56°30'N. The amounts not counted under footnote (2) shall be counted against the catch limit established by Norway.
To be established
- (4) This amount shall be deducted from the Faroe Islands catch limit (access quota). It may be fished only in 6a north of 56°30'N (MAC/*6AN56). However, from 1 January to 15 February and from 1 October to 31 December this quota may also be fished in 2a, 4a north of 59°N (MAC/*24N59).

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

	United Kingdom waters of 4a. During the periods from 1 January to 14 February and from 1 August to 31 December (MAC/*4A-UK)	Norwegian waters of 2a (MAC/*2AN-)	Faroe waters (MAC/*FRO2)
Germany	10 828	To be established	pm
Spain	11	To be established	pm
Estonia	90	To be established	pm
France	7 220	To be established	pm
Ireland	36 092	To be	pm

		established	
Latvia	67	To be established0	pm
Lithuania	67	To be established	pm
Netherlands	15 791	To be established	pm
Poland	762	To be established	pm
Union	70 928	To be established	pm
United Kingdom	Not relevant	Not relevant	Not relevant

Table 105

Species:	Mackerel <i>Scomber scombrus</i>	Zone:	8c, 9 and 10; Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1 (MAC/8C3411)
Spain	21 718	(1)	Analytical TAC
France	144	(1)	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
Portugal	4 489	(1)	
Union	26 351		
TAC	576 958		
(1)	Special condition: quantities subject to exchanges with other Member States may be taken in 8a, 8b and 8d (MAC/*8ABD.). However, the quantities provided by Spain, Portugal or France for exchange purposes and to be taken in 8a, 8b and 8d shall not exceed 25% of the quotas of the donor Member State.		
Special condition: within the limits of these quotas, no more than the quantities given below may be taken in the following zone: 8b (MAC/*08B.)			
Spain	1 824		
France	12		
Portugal	377		

In Annex IB, Table 1 is replaced by the following:

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Table 1

Species: Herring		Zone:	United Kingdom, Faroese, Norwegian and international waters of 1 and 2
Clupea harengus		(HER/1/2-)	
Belgium	8	Analytical TAC	
Denmark	8 032		
Germany	1 407		
Spain	27		
France	347		
Ireland	2 080		
Netherlands	2 875		
Poland	406		
Portugal	27		
Finland	124		
Sweden	2 977		
Union	18 310		

United Kingdom	Not relevant
TAC	401 794
Special condition: within the limits of the abovementioned quotas, no more than the quantities given below may be taken in the following zones:	
Norwegian waters north of 62°N and the fishery zone around Jan Mayen (HER/*2AJMN)	
To be established	
2, 5b north of 62°N (Faroese waters) (HER/*25B-F)	
Belgium	To be established
Denmark	To be established
Germany	To be established
Spain	To be established
France	To be established
Ireland	To be established
Netherlands	To be established
Poland	To be established
Portugal	To be established
Finland	To be established
Sweden	To be established

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2. OTHER AMENDMENTS

1. EXPLANATORY NOTE

On 23 November 2024, the Commission services published the second non-paper updating the Commission proposal for a Council Regulation fixing the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters (‘the Commission proposal’)²¹.

Due to an error in the calculation of the quota for cod (*Gadus morhua*) in the north-east Arctic, that non-paper included an erroneous EU quota. That figure should be corrected.

2. AMENDMENTS TO THE ANNEXES

In Annex IB, Table 4 is replaced by the following:

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Table 4			
Species:	Cod	Zone:	Svalbard waters; international waters of 1 and 2b
	<i>Gadus morhua</i>		(COD/1/2B.)
Germany	1 817 (1)(2)	Analytical TAC	
Spain	4 695 (1)(2)	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
France	775 (1)(2)	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	

²¹ https://oceans-and-fisheries.ec.europa.eu/document/download/30040849-b9fb-452e-bfcd-4e1c62bd1fba_en?filename=2024-11-23-non-paper-Atlantic-FOs-2025-regulation_en.pdf

Poland	854	(1)(2)
Portugal	992	(1)(2)
Other Member States	84	(1)(2)(3)
Union	9 217	(1)(2)

TAC	Not relevant
(1)	The allocation of the share of the cod stock available to the Union in the Spitzbergen and Bear Island zone and the associated by-catches of haddock are without prejudice to the rights and obligations deriving from the 1920 Treaty of Paris.
(2)	By-catches of haddock may represent up to 14% per haul. The by-catch quantities of haddock are in addition to the quota for cod.
(3)	Except Germany, Spain, France, Poland and Portugal. Catches to be counted against this shared quota shall be reported separately (COD/1/2B_AMS).

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