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Subject: COUNCIL REGULATION amending Regulation (EU) 2023/194 fixing for 2023 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters, as well as fixing for 2023 and 2024 such fishing opportunities for certain deep-sea fish stocks, and Regulation (EU) 2022/109

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) Council Regulation (EU) 2023/194¹ fixes for 2023 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters. The total allowable catches (TACs) and measures functionally linked to the TACs set by Regulation (EU) 2023/194 should be amended to take into account the publication of scientific advice as well as the outcomes of consultations with third countries and Regional Fisheries Management Organisations (RFMOs) meetings.
- (2) Regulation (EU) 2023/194 sets a provisional TAC for anchovy (*Engraulis encrasicolus*) in ICES subarea 8 for the period from 1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023, pending the availability of scientific advice for that stock for 2023. The International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) published scientific advice for that stock for 2023 on 16 December 2022. The definitive TAC for that stock for 2023 should be set in line with that advice.

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

- (3) Between 9 and 13 March 2023, bilateral consultations between the Union and the United Kingdom on the level of the TAC for sandeel and associated by-catches (*Ammodytes* spp.) in United Kingdom and Union waters of ICES subarea 4, United Kingdom waters of ICES division 2a and Union waters of division 3a were conducted. Those consultations were conducted pursuant to Article 498(2), (4) and (6) of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of the other part¹ (TCA) and on the basis of the Union position endorsed by the Council on 2 March 2023. The outcome of those consultations was documented in a Written Record. The relevant TAC should therefore be set at the level agreed with the United Kingdom.

¹ 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).

- (4) The Union and Norway held bilateral consultations on: (i) shared and jointly managed stocks in the Skagerrak, including Northern prawn (*Pandalus borealis*) and whiting (*Merlangius merlangus*) in ICES division 3a, with the aim of agreeing on the management of those stocks including the fishing opportunities; (ii) access to waters; and (iii) exchanges of fishing opportunities. Consultations on the management of the stocks in the Skagerrak were conducted between 9 November and 9 December 2022, on the basis of the Union position agreed by the Council. Between 9 November 2022 and 16 March 2023, consultations on access to waters and on exchanges of fishing opportunities were conducted, also on the basis of the Union position agreed by the Council. The outcome of those consultations was documented in two Agreed Records, signed by the Heads of Delegation of the Union and Norway on 17 March 2023. The relevant fishing opportunities should be fixed at the level set out in those Agreed Records, and the other provisions of the Agreed Records should be implemented in Union law. The relevant fishing opportunities set by Regulation (EU) 2023/194 and the fishing opportunities for capelin (*Mallotus villosus*) in Greenland waters of ICES subareas 5 and 14 set by Council Regulation (EU) 2022/109¹ should be amended accordingly.

¹ Council Regulation (EU) 2022/109 of 27 January 2022 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 (OJ L 21, 31.1.2022, p. 1).

- (5) At its 11th annual meeting in 2023, the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (SPRFMO) adopted catch limits for jack mackerel (*Trachurus murphyi*), maintained exploratory fisheries for toothfishes (*Dissostichus* spp.) and removed the fishing effort limit for pelagic fisheries. Those measures should be implemented in Union law.
- (6) At its 2022 annual meeting, the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) maintained the catch limits for yellowfin tuna (*Thunnus albacares*) in the IOTC Area of Competence under the rebuilding plan for that stock. Regulation (EU) 2023/194 sets the Union quota for that stock for 2023 in line with that measure adopted by the IOTC. Following revision of the Union base annual catch limit under the rebuilding plan for yellowfin tuna in the IOTC Area of Competence, the IOTC revised the Union quota for that stock for 2023 in line with the rebuilding plan. That revised Union quota should be implemented in Union law.

- (7) Under several International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) recommendations, the Union may, upon request, carry over a percentage of its unused quota of stocks in the ICCAT Convention area from the penultimate or the preceding year to a given year, according to rules for each stock as laid down by ICCAT. Those recommendations should be implemented in Union law on the basis of a Commission proposal as soon as possible, so that the Member States can use the Union quotas for ICCAT stocks in their totality as provided by ICCAT for 2024. Pending the implementation of those recommendations in Union law, Regulation (EU) 2023/194 sets quotas for individual Member States for certain stocks on the basis of a total Union quota for 2023 as agreed by ICCAT before any adjustments due to overfishing or underfishing by Member States.

- (8) The Union quotas for stocks in the ICCAT Convention area for 2023 were adjusted during the ICCAT annual meeting in November 2022 in accordance with several ICCAT recommendations under which the Union is allowed, upon request, to carry over a set percentage of its unused quota of fishing opportunities from 2021 to 2023. The quotas for individual Member States for those stocks for 2023 should take into account the carry-overs of unused Union quotas allowed by ICCAT before the start of the fishing seasons for those stocks. Therefore, the quotas for northern albacore (*Thunnus alalunga*) (ALB/AN05N), for southern albacore (ALB/AS05N), for bigeye tuna (*Thunnus obesus*) in the Atlantic Ocean (BET/ATLANT), as well as for swordfish (*Xiphias gladius*) in the Atlantic Ocean, north of 5° N (SWO/AN05N), and for swordfish in the Atlantic Ocean, south of 5° N (SWO/AS05N), should be amended to reflect such adjustments, taking into account the principle of relative stability. Furthermore, certain measures functionally linked to the fishing opportunities should be maintained in order to respect the Union's international commitments.

- (9) Fishing effort limits for Union vessels fishing for bluefin tuna (*Thunnus thynnus*) in the ICCAT Convention area and maximum input and capacity for Union farms of bluefin tuna in that area are based on information provided in the annual fishing plans, the annual fishing capacity management plans and the annual farming management plans for bluefin tuna of Member States. Member States are to transmit those plans to the Commission by 31 January each year, pursuant to Article 6(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1627 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹. The fishing effort limits and maximum farming input and capacity are then reported by the Commission to the ICCAT Secretariat, through the Union fishing and capacity management plan, for discussion and approval by ICCAT pursuant to Article 6(2) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1627. The Union fishing effort limits and Union maximum framing input and capacity for 2023 should be set in line with the Union plan approved by ICCAT on 8 March 2023.
- (10) Regulation (EU) 2023/194 should therefore be amended accordingly.

¹ Regulation (EU) 2016/1627 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 September 2016 on a multiannual recovery plan for bluefin tuna in the eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean, and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 302/2009 (OJ L 252, 16.9.2016, p. 1).

(11) The fishing opportunities provided for in Regulation (EU) 2023/194 apply from 1 January 2023. The provisions introduced by this Regulation concerning fishing opportunities should therefore also apply from 1 January 2023, except for the fishing opportunities for capelin in Greenland waters of ICES subareas 5 and 14, which should apply from 15 October 2022 to 15 April 2023. Such retroactive application does not affect the principles of legal certainty or protection of legitimate expectations, as the fishing opportunities concerned are increased. Given the urgency of avoiding any interruption of fishing activities, this Regulation should enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1
Amendment of Regulation (EU) 2023/194

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

- (1) Article 7 is deleted;
- (2) Paragraph 2 of Article 34 is deleted;
- (3) Annexes IA, IB, ID, IH, IJ and VI are amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2
Amendment of Regulation (EU) 2022/109

In Annex IB of Regulation (EU) 2022/109, the table for capelin (*Mallotus villosus*) in Greenland waters of ICES subareas 5 and 14 is replaced by the following:

Species:	Capelin <i>Mallotus villosus</i>	Zone:	Greenland waters of 5 and 14 (CAP/514GRN)
Denmark	0	Analytical TAC	
Germany	0	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.	
Sweden	0	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.	
All Member States	0 ⁽¹⁾		
Union	0 ⁽²⁾		
Norway	10 000 ⁽²⁾		
TAC	Not relevant		
⁽¹⁾	Denmark, Germany and Sweden may access the “All Member States” quota only once they have exhausted their own quota. However, Member States with more than 10 % of the Union quota shall not access the “All Member States” quota at all. Catches to be counted against this shared quota shall be reported separately (CAP/514GRN_AMS).		
⁽²⁾	For a fishing period from 15 October 2022 to 15 April 2023.		

Article 3

Entry into force and application

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

The provisions of this Regulation shall apply from 1 January 2023, except for the provisions concerning capelin (*Mallotus villosus*) in Greenland waters of ICES subareas 5 and 14, which shall apply from 15 October 2022 to 15 April 2023.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

ANNEX

The Annexes to Regulation (EU) 2023/194 are amended as follows:

(1) In Annex IA:

(a) in Part A, the first table is replaced by the following:

Species:	Anchovy <i>Engraulis encrasicolus</i>	Zone:	8 (ANE/08.)
Spain	29 700	Analytical TAC	
France	3 300		
Union	33 000		
TAC	33 000		

(b) in Part B, the tables for the stocks listed below are replaced by the following:

(i) the table for sandeel and associated by-catches (*Ammodytes* spp.) in United Kingdom and Union waters of 4, United Kingdom waters of 2a and Union waters of 3a is replaced by the following:

Species:	Sandeel and associated by-catches <i>Ammodytes</i> spp.	Zone:	United Kingdom and Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a; Union waters of 3a
Denmark	181 637 ⁽¹⁾	Analytical TAC Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply. Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.	
Germany	279 ⁽¹⁾		
Sweden	6 678 ⁽¹⁾		
Union	188 594		
United Kingdom	5 773		
TAC	194 367		

⁽¹⁾ Up to 2 % of the quota may consist of by-catches of whiting and mackerel (OT1/*2A3A4X).
By-catches of 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.

Special condition: within the limits of these quotas, no more than the quantities given below may be taken in the following sandeel management areas, as defined in Annex III:

	1r	2r	3r	4	5r	6	7r
	(SAN/234_1R) ⁽¹⁾	(SAN/234_2R) ⁽¹⁾	(SAN/234_3R) ⁽¹⁾	(SAN/234_4) ⁽¹⁾	(SAN/234_5R) ⁽¹⁾	(SAN/234_6) ⁽¹⁾	(SAN/234_7R) ⁽¹⁾
Denmark	109 166	38 311	2 285	31 744	0	131	0
Germany	167	59	4	49	0	0	0
Sweden	4 013	1 409	84	1 167	0	5	0
Union	113 346	39 779	2 373	32 960	0	136	0
United Kingdom	3 469	1 218	73	1 009	0	4	0
Total	116 815	40 997	2 446	33 969	0	140	0

⁽¹⁾ Up to 10 % of this quota can be banked and used in the following year only within this management area.

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(ii) the table for tusk (*Brosme brosme*) in Norwegian waters of 4 is replaced by the following:

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	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.	
France	0		
Netherlands	0		
Union	50		
TAC	Not relevant		

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(iii) the table for herring (*Clupea harengus*) in 3a is replaced by the following:

Species:	Herring ⁽¹⁾ <i>Clupea harengus</i>	Zone:	3a (HER/03A.)
Denmark	9 771	(1)(2)(3)	Analytical TAC Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply. Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.
Germany	156	(1)(2)(3)	
Sweden	10 221	(1)(2)(3)	
Union	20 148	(1)(2)(3)	
Norway	3 102	(2)	
TAC	23 250		

⁽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	559
Germany	7
Sweden	403
Union	969
Norway	310

⁽³⁾ Special condition: up to 50% of this amount may be fished in United Kingdom waters of 4 (HER/*04-UK), and 50% may be fished in Union waters of 4b (HER/*4B-EU).

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(iv) the table for herring (*Clupea harengus*) in Union, United Kingdom and Norwegian waters of 4 north of 53°30' N is replaced by the following:

Species:	Herring ⁽¹⁾ <i>Clupea harengus</i>	Zone:	Union, United Kingdom and Norwegian waters of 4 north of 53°30' N (HER/4AB.)
Denmark	55 491	Analytical TAC Article 8(2) of this Regulation applies.	
Germany	37 409		
France	19 555		
Netherlands	49 163		
Sweden	3 753		
Union	165 371		
Faroe Islands	0		
Norway	115 001 ⁽²⁾		
United Kingdom	72 563		
TAC	396 556		
⁽¹⁾	Catches of herring taken in fisheries using nets with mesh sizes equal to or larger than 32 mm.		
⁽²⁾	Catches taken within this quota are to be deducted from Norway's share of the TAC. Within the limit of this quota, no more than the following quantity may be taken in Union waters of 4b (HER/*4AB-C):		
	2 700		
Special condition: within the limits of these quotas, no more than the quantity given below may be taken by the Union in Norwegian waters south of 62° N:			
Norwegian waters south of 62° N (HER/*4N-S62)			
Union	2 700		

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- (v) the table for cod (*Gadus morhua*) in 4, United Kingdom waters of 2a and the part of 3a not covered by the Skagerrak and Kattegat is replaced by the following:

Species:	Cod <i>Gadus morhua</i>	Zone:	4; United Kingdom waters of 2a; the part of 3a not covered by the Skagerrak and Kattegat (COD/2A3AX4)
Belgium	542 ⁽¹⁾	Analytical TAC Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply. Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.	
Denmark	3 118		
Germany	1 977		
France	670 ⁽¹⁾		
Netherlands	1 761 ⁽¹⁾		
Sweden	21		
Union	8 089		
Norway	3 681 ⁽²⁾		
United Kingdom	9 882 ⁽¹⁾		
TAC	21 652		
⁽¹⁾	Special condition: of which up to 5% may be fished in: 7d (COD/*07D.).		
⁽²⁾	Of which 3 064 tonnes may be taken in Union waters. Catches taken within this quota are to be deducted from Norway's share of the TAC.		
Special condition: within the limits of these quotas, no more than the quantity given below may be taken in the following zone:			
Norwegian waters of 4 (COD/*04N-)			
Union	5 853		

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(vi) the table for anglerfishes (*Lophiidae*) in Norwegian waters of 4 is replaced by the following:

Species:	Anglerfishes <i>Lophiidae</i>	Zone:	Norwegian waters of 4 (ANF/04-N.)
Belgium	33	Precautionary TAC	
Denmark	842	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.	
Germany	13	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.	
Netherlands	12		
Union	900		
TAC	Not relevant		

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(vii) the table for haddock (*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*) in 4 and United Kingdom waters of 2a is replaced by the following:

Species:	Haddock <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>	Zone:	4; United Kingdom waters of 2a (HAD/2AC4.)
Belgium	363 ⁽¹⁾	Analytical TAC Article 8(2) of this Regulation applies.	
Denmark	2 495 ⁽¹⁾		
Germany	1 588 ⁽¹⁾		
France	2 768 ⁽¹⁾		
Netherlands	272 ⁽¹⁾		
Sweden	223 ⁽¹⁾		
Union	7 709 ⁽¹⁾		
Norway	13 432 ⁽²⁾		
United Kingdom	37 261		
TAC	58 402		
⁽¹⁾	Special condition: of which up to 10 % may be fished in United Kingdom, Union and international waters of 6a north of 58° 30' N (HAD/*6AN58).		
⁽²⁾	Of which 11 182 tonnes may be taken in Union waters. Catches taken within this quota are to be deducted from Norway's share of the TAC.		
Special condition: within the limits of these quotas, no more than the quantity given below may be taken in the following zone:			
Norwegian waters of 4 (HAD/*04N-)			
Union	4 774		

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(viii) the table for whiting (*Merlangius merlangus*) in 3a is replaced by the following:

Species:	Whiting <i>Merlangius merlangus</i>	Zone:	3a (WHG/03A.)
Denmark	480	Precautionary TAC	
Netherlands	2		
Sweden	52		
Union	534		
TAC	676		

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(ix) the table for whiting (*Merlangius merlangus*) in 4 and United Kingdom waters of 2a is replaced by the following:

Species:	Whiting <i>Merlangius merlangus</i>	Zone:	4; United Kingdom waters of 2a (WHG/2AC4.)
Belgium	600	Analytical TAC Article 8(2) of this Regulation applies.	
Denmark	2 596		
Germany	675		
France	3 900		
Netherlands	1 500		
Sweden	4		
Union	9 275		
Norway	3 429 ⁽¹⁾		
United Kingdom	21 410		
TAC	34 294		
⁽¹⁾ Of which 2 855 tonnes may be taken in Union waters. Catches taken within this quota are to be deducted from Norway's share of the TAC.			
Special condition: within the limits of these quotas, no more than the quantity given below may be taken in the following zone:			
Norwegian waters of 4 (WHG/*04N-)			
Union	5 333		

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(x) the table for hake (*Merluccius merluccius*) in Norwegian waters of 4 is replaced by the following:

Species:	Hake <i>Merluccius</i>	Zone:	Norwegian waters of 4 (HKE/04-N.)
Belgium	16	Precautionary TAC	
Denmark	1 496		
Germany	169		
France	69		
Netherlands	120		
Sweden	Not relevant		
Union	1870		
TAC	Not relevant		

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(xi) the table for blue whiting (*Micromesistius poutassou*) in United Kingdom, Union and international waters of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8a, 8b, 8d, 8e, 12 and 14 is replaced by the following:

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	62 968 ⁽¹⁾	Analytical TAC Article 8(2) of this Regulation applies.	
Germany	24 483 ⁽¹⁾		
Spain	53 383 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾		
France	43 821 ⁽¹⁾		
Ireland	48 761 ⁽¹⁾		
Netherlands	76 784 ⁽¹⁾		
Portugal	4 959 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾		
Sweden	15 576 ⁽¹⁾		
Union	330 735 ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾		
Norway	74 000 ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾		
Faroe Islands	0		
United Kingdom	106 036		
TAC	Not relevant		
⁽¹⁾	Special condition: within a total access limit of 0 tonnes for the Union, Member States may fish up to the following percentage of their quotas in Faroese waters (WHB/*05-F.): 0 %		
⁽²⁾	Transfers of this quota may be effected to 8c, 9 and 10; 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: 10 000		
⁽⁴⁾	Can be fished in Union waters of 2a, 4, 6a North of 56°30'N, 6b and 7 West of 12°W.		
⁽⁵⁾	Special condition: from the Norwegian quota, the following quantity may be fished in Union waters of 2a, 4, 6a North of 56°30'N, 6b and 7 West of 12°W: 150 000		

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(xii) the table for blue whiting (*Micromesistius poutassou*) in 8c, 9 and 10 and Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1 is replaced by the following:

Species:	Blue whiting <i>Micromesistius poutassou</i>	Zone:	8c, 9 and 10; Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1 (WHB/8C3411)
Spain	41 910	Analytical TAC Article 8(2) of this Regulation applies.	
Portugal	10 477		
Union	52 387 ⁽¹⁾		
TAC	Not relevant		
⁽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: 10 000		

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(xiii) the table for ling (*Molva molva*) in Norwegian waters of 4 is replaced by the following:

Species:	Ling <i>Molva</i>	Zone:	Norwegian waters of 4 (LIN/04-N.)
Belgium	4	Precautionary TAC	
Denmark	477	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.	
Germany	13	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.	
France	5		
Netherlands	1		
Union	500		
TAC	Not relevant		

(xiv) the table for Norway lobster (*Nephrops norvegicus*) in Norwegian waters of 4 is replaced by the following:

Species:	Norway lobster <i>Nephrops norvegicus</i>	Zone:	Norwegian waters of 4 (NEP/04-N.)
Denmark	200	Analytical TAC	
Germany	0	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.	
Union	200	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.	
TAC	Not relevant		

(xv) the table for Northern prawn (*Pandalus borealis*) in 3a is replaced by the following:

Species:	Northern prawn <i>Pandalus borealis</i>	Zone:	3a (PRA/03A.)
Denmark	1 429	Analytical TAC	
Sweden	769	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.	
Union	2 198	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.	
TAC	4 117		

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(xvi) the table for Northern prawn (*Pandalus borealis*) in Norwegian waters south of 62° N is replaced by the following:

Species:	Northern prawn <i>Pandalus borealis</i>	Zone:	Norwegian waters south of 62° N (PRA/4N-S62)
Denmark	200	Analytical TAC	
Sweden	123 ⁽¹⁾	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.	
Union	323	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 those species.		

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(xvii) the table for plaice (*Pleuronectes platessa*) in 4, United Kingdom waters of 2a, the part of 3a not covered by the Skagerrak and the Kattegat, is replaced by the following:

Species:	Plaice <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>	Zone:	4; United Kingdom waters of 2a; the part of 3a not covered by the Skagerrak and the Kattegat (PLE/2A3AX4)
Belgium	4 732	Analytical TAC Article 8(2) of this Regulation applies.	
Denmark	15 378		
Germany	4 436		
France	887		
Netherlands	29 572		
Union	55 005		
Norway	9 305 ⁽¹⁾		
United Kingdom	35 184		
TAC	132 922		
⁽¹⁾ Of which 7 746 tonnes may be taken in Union waters. Catches taken within this quota are to be deducted from Norway's share of the TAC.			
Special condition: within the limits of these quotas, no more than the quantity given below may be taken in the following zone:			
Norwegian waters of 4 (PLE/*04N-)			
Union	30 209		

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(xviii) the table for saithe (*Pollachius virens*) in 3a and 4 and United Kingdom waters of 2a is replaced by the following:

Species:	Saithe <i>Pollachius virens</i>	Zone:	3a and 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a (POK/2C3A4)
Belgium	17 ⁽¹⁾	Analytical TAC	
Denmark	1 964 ⁽¹⁾		
Germany	4 960 ⁽¹⁾		
France	11 672 ⁽¹⁾		
Netherlands	50 ⁽¹⁾		
Sweden	270 ⁽¹⁾		
Union	18 933 ⁽¹⁾		
Norway	28 255 ⁽²⁾		
United Kingdom	6 186		
TAC	53 374		

⁽¹⁾ Special condition: of which up to 15 % may be fished in United Kingdom, Union and international waters of 6a north of 58°30' N (POK/*6AN58).

⁽²⁾ Of which 23 106 tonnes may be taken in Union waters of 4 and in 3a (POK/*3A4-C). Catches taken within this quota are to be deducted from Norway's share of the TAC.

Special condition: within the limits of these quotas, no more than the quantity given below may be taken in the following zone:

Norwegian waters of 4 (POK/*04N-)

Union	16 178
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(xix) the table for common sole (*Solea solea*) in United Kingdom and Union waters of 4 and United Kingdom waters of 2a is replaced by the following:

Species:	Common sole <i>Solea solea</i>	Zone:	United Kingdom and Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a (SOL/24-C.)
Belgium	681	Analytical TAC	
Denmark	311		
Germany	545		
France	136		
Netherlands	6 151		
Union	7 824		
Norway	5 ⁽¹⁾		
United Kingdom	1 323		
TAC	9 152		
⁽¹⁾ Shall be fished only in Union waters of 4 (SOL/*04-EU).			

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(xx) the table for other species in Norwegian waters of 4 is replaced by the following:

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.

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(xxi) the table for other species in Union waters of 4 and 6a north of 56°30' N is replaced by the following:

Species:	Other species	Zone:	Union waters of 4 and 6a north of 56°30' N (OTH/46AN-EU)
Union	Not relevant	Precautionary TAC	
Norway	500 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾		
Faroe Islands	0		
TAC	Not relevant		
⁽¹⁾	Limited to 4 (OTH/*4-EU).		
⁽²⁾	Species not covered by other TACs.		

(2) Annex IB:

- (a) the table for herring (*Clupea harengus*) in United Kingdom, Faroese, Norwegian and international waters of 1 and 2 is replaced by the following:

Species:	Herring <i>Clupea harengus</i>	Zone:	United Kingdom, Faroese, Norwegian and international waters of 1 and 2 (HER/1/2-)
		Analytical TAC	
Belgium	10		
Denmark	10 220		
Germany	1 790		
Spain	34		
France	441		
Ireland	2 646		
Netherlands	3 657		
Poland	517		
Portugal	34		
Finland	158		
Sweden	3 787		
Union	23 294		
United Kingdom	9 983		
TAC	511 171		
Special condition: within the limits of these 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)			
	19 780		
2, 5b north of 62° N (Faroese waters) (HER/*25B-F)			
Belgium	0		
Denmark	0		
Germany	0		
Spain	0		
France	0		
Ireland	0		
Netherlands	0		
Poland	0		
Portugal	0		
Finland	0		
Sweden	0		

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- b) the table for cod (*Gadus morhua*) in Norwegian waters of 1 and 2 is replaced by the following:

Species:	Cod <i>Gadus morhua</i>	Zone:	Norwegian waters of 1 and 2 (COD/IN2AB.)
Germany	2 081	Analytical TAC	
Greece	258	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.	
Spain	2 321	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.	
Ireland	258		
France	1 911		
Portugal	2 321		
Union	9 150		
TAC	Not relevant		

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- (c) the table for grenadiers (*Macrourus* spp.) in Greenland waters of 5 and 14 is replaced by the following:

Species:	Grenadiers <i>Macrourus</i> spp.	Zone:	Greenland waters of 5 and 14 (GRV/514GRN)
Union	60 ⁽¹⁾	Analytical TAC	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.
TAC	Not relevant ⁽²⁾	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.	
⁽¹⁾	Special condition: roundnose grenadier (<i>Coryphaenoides rupestris</i>) (RNG/514GRN) and roughhead grenadier (<i>Macrourus berglax</i>) (RHG/514GRN) shall not be targeted. They shall only be taken as by-catch and shall be reported separately.		
⁽²⁾	The amount below, in tonnes, is allocated to Norway. Special condition for this amount: roundnose grenadier (<i>Coryphaenoides rupestris</i>) (RNG/514GRN) and roughhead grenadier (<i>Macrourus berglax</i>) (RHG/514GRN) shall not be targeted. They shall only be taken as by-catch and shall be reported separately.		
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- (d) the table for grenadiers (*Macrourus* spp.) in Greenland waters of NAFO 1 is replaced by the following:

Species:	Grenadiers <i>Macrourus</i> spp.	Zone:	Greenland waters of NAFO 1 (GRV/N1GRN.)
Union	45	⁽¹⁾	Analytical TAC Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.
TAC	Not relevant	⁽²⁾	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.
⁽¹⁾	Special condition: roundnose grenadier (<i>Coryphaenoides rupestris</i>) (RNG/N1GRN.) and roughhead grenadier (<i>Macrourus berglax</i>) (RHG/N1GRN.) shall not be targeted. They shall only be taken as by-catch and shall be reported separately.		
⁽²⁾	The amount below, in tonnes, is allocated to Norway. Special condition for this amount: roundnose grenadier (<i>Coryphaenoides rupestris</i>) (RNG/N1GRN.) and roughhead grenadier (<i>Macrourus berglax</i>) (RHG/N1GRN.) shall not be targeted. They shall only be taken as by-catch and shall be reported separately.		
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- (e) the table for haddock (*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*) in Norwegian waters of 1 and 2 is replaced by the following:

Species:	Haddock <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>	Zone:	Norwegian waters of 1 and 2 (HAD/1N2AB.)
Germany	250		Analytical TAC Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.
France	150		Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.
Union	400		
TAC	Not relevant		

- (f) the table for Northern prawn (*Pandalus borealis*) in Greenland waters of 5 and 14 is replaced by the following:

Species:	Northern prawn <i>Pandalus borealis</i>	Zone:	Greenland waters of 5 and 14 (PRA/514GRN)
Denmark	1 439	Analytical TAC	
France	1 438	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.	
Union	2 877	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.	
Norway	2 123		
TAC	Not relevant		

- (g) the table for saithe (*Pollachius virens*) in Norwegian waters of 1 and 2 is replaced by the following:

Species:	Saithe <i>Pollachius virens</i>	Zone:	Norwegian waters of 1 and 2 (POK/1N2AB.)
Germany	474	Analytical TAC	
France	76	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.	
Union	550	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.	
TAC	Not relevant		

- (h) the table for Greenland halibut (*Reinhardtius hippoglossoides*) in Norwegian waters of 1 and 2 is replaced by the following:

Species:	Greenland halibut <i>Reinhardtius hippoglossoides</i>	Zone:	Norwegian waters of 1 and 2 (GHL/1N2AB.)
Germany	125 ⁽¹⁾	Analytical TAC	
Union	125 ⁽¹⁾	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.	
TAC	Not relevant	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.	
⁽¹⁾ Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries are permitted under this quota.			

- (i) the table for Greenland halibut (*Reinhardtius hippoglossoides*) in Greenland waters of NAFO 1 is replaced by the following:

Species:	Greenland halibut <i>Reinhardtius hippoglossoides</i>	Zone:	Greenland waters of NAFO 1 (GHL/N1G-S68)
Germany	1 700 ⁽¹⁾	Analytical TAC	
Union	1 700 ⁽¹⁾	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.	
Norway	325 ⁽¹⁾	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.	
TAC	Not relevant		
⁽¹⁾ To be fished south of 68° N.			

- (j) the table for Greenland halibut (*Reinhardtius hippoglossoides*) in Greenland waters of 5, 12 and 14 is replaced by the following:

Species:	Greenland halibut <i>Reinhardtius hippoglossoides</i>	Zone:	Greenland waters of 5, 12 and 14 (GHL/5-14GL)
Germany	4 300	Analytical TAC	
Union	4 300 ⁽¹⁾	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.	
Norway	850	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.	
TAC	Not relevant		
⁽¹⁾ To be fished by no more than six vessels at the same time.			

- (k) the table for redfish (*Sebastes mentella*) in Norwegian waters of 1 and 2 is replaced by the following:

Species:	Redfish <i>Sebastes mentella</i>	Zone:	Norwegian waters of 1 and 2 (REB/1N2AB.)
Germany	851	Analytical TAC	
Spain	106	Article 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		

- (l) the table for redfish (demersal) (*Sebastes* spp.) in Greenland waters of NAFO 1F and Greenland waters of 5 and 14 is replaced by the following:

Species:	Redfish (demersal) <i>Sebastes</i> spp.	Zone:	Greenland waters of NAFO 1F and Greenland waters of 5 and 14 (RED/N1G14D)
Germany	969 ⁽¹⁾	Analytical TAC	
France	5 ⁽¹⁾	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.	
Union	974 ⁽¹⁾	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.	
Norway	556 ⁽¹⁾		
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

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(m) the table for other species in Norwegian waters of 1 and 2 is replaced by the following:

Species:	Other species	Zone:	Norwegian waters of 1 and 2 (OTH/1N2AB.)
Germany	89 ⁽¹⁾	Analytical TAC	
France	36 ⁽¹⁾	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.	
Union	125 ⁽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.			

(3) In Annex ID:

(a) the table for northern albacore (*Thunnus alalunga*) in Atlantic Ocean, north of 5° N is replaced by the following:

Species:	Northern albacore <i>Thunnus alalunga</i>	Zone:	Atlantic Ocean, north of 5° N (ALB/AN05N)
Ireland	3 398,46	Analytical TAC	
Spain	19 154,93		
France	6 024,53		
Portugal	2 100,86		
Union	30 678,78 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾		
TAC	37 801		

(1) The number of Union fishing vessels fishing for Northern albacore as a target species, in accordance with Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 520/2007, shall be 1 241.

(2) Special condition: Within the limit of this quota, no more than the following quantity may be taken in United Kingdom waters (ALB/*AN05N-UK): 280,00.

(b) the table for southern albacore (*Thunnus alalunga*) in Atlantic Ocean, south of 5° N is replaced by the following:

Species:	Southern albacore <i>Thunnus alalunga</i>	Zone:	Atlantic Ocean, south of 5° N (ALB/AS05N)
Spain	1051,29	Analytical TAC	
France	345,49		
Portugal	735,71		
Union	2 132,50		
TAC	28 000		

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(c) the table for bigeye tuna (*Thunnus obesus*) in Atlantic Ocean is replaced by the following:

Species:	Bigeye tuna <i>Thunnus obesus</i>	Zone:	Atlantic Ocean (BET/ATLANT)
Spain	8 181,90 ⁽¹⁾	Analytical TAC	
France	3 475,31 ⁽¹⁾		
Portugal	3 106,23 ⁽¹⁾		
Union	14 763,44 ⁽¹⁾		
TAC	62 000 ⁽¹⁾		

⁽¹⁾ Catches of bigeye tuna by purse seiners (BET/*ATLPS) and longliners with an overall length of 20 metres and above (BET/*ATLLL) shall be reported separately. As of June, when catches reach 80 % of the quota, Member States are required to transmit the catches for these vessels on a weekly basis.

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- (d) the table for swordfish (*Xiphias gladius*) in Atlantic Ocean, north of 5° N is replaced by the following:

Species:	Swordfish <i>Xiphias gladius</i>	Zone:	Atlantic Ocean, north of 5° N (SWO/AN05N)
Spain	6 359,36 ⁽²⁾	Analytical TAC	
Portugal	1 155,83 ⁽²⁾		
Other Member States	129,84 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾		
Union	7 645,03		
TAC	13 200		
⁽¹⁾	Exclusively for by-catches. Catches to be counted against this shared quota shall be reported separately (SWO/AN05N_AMS).		
⁽²⁾	Special condition: up to 2,39 % of this quantity may be fished in the Atlantic Ocean, south of 5° N (SWO/*AS05N). Catches to be counted against the special condition of the shared quota shall be reported separately (SWO/*AS05N_AMS).		

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- (e) the table for swordfish (*Xiphias gladius*) in Atlantic Ocean, south of 5° N is replaced by the following:

Species:	Swordfish <i>Xiphias gladius</i>	Zone:	Atlantic Ocean, south of 5° N (SWO/AS05N)
Spain	5 002,72 ⁽¹⁾	Analytical TAC	
Portugal	329,53 ⁽¹⁾		
Union	5 332,26		
TAC	10 000		
⁽¹⁾	Special condition: up to 3,51% of this quantity may be fished in the Atlantic Ocean, north of 5° N (SWO/*AN05N).		

(4) Annex IH is replaced by the following:

‘ANNEX IH

SPRFMO CONVENTION AREA

Species:	Toothfishes <i>Dissostichus</i> spp.	Zone:	SPRFMO Convention area (TOT/SPR-RB)												
TAC	75 ⁽¹⁾	Precautionary TAC													
⁽¹⁾	<p>This annual TAC is for exploratory fisheries only. Fishing shall be limited to one trip of a maximum duration of 60 consecutive days which may occur any time between 1 May and 15 November 2023. From 1 to 15 November 2023, longlines shall be set at night-time only and all fishing shall cease immediately if the death of the following occurs:</p> <p>(a) one of any of the following species: wandering albatross (<i>Diomedea exulans</i>), grey-headed albatross (<i>Thalassarche chrysostoma</i>), black-browed albatross (<i>Thalassarche melanophris</i>), grey petrel (<i>Procellaria cinerea</i>), soft-plumaged petrel (<i>Pterodroma mollis</i>); or</p> <p>(b) three individuals of any of the following species: light-mantled albatross (<i>Phoebetria palpebrata</i>), southern giant petrel (<i>Macronectes giganteus</i>) and northern giant petrel (<i>Macronectes halli</i>).</p> <p>Fishing shall further be limited to a maximum number of 5 000 hooks per set, with a maximum of 120 sets. Longlines shall be set at least 3 nautical miles apart from each other, and not set at previous longline locations within one calendar year. Fishing shall cease either when the TAC is reached or if 120 sets have been set and hauled during the trip, whichever is earlier. Fishing shall be limited to depths between 600 m and 2500 m and only take place within the following research block:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>– NW</td> <td>50° 30’ S, 136° E</td> </tr> <tr> <td>– NE</td> <td>50° 30’ S, 140° 30’ E</td> </tr> <tr> <td>– E-Indent</td> <td>52° 45’ S, 140° 30’ E</td> </tr> <tr> <td>– E-corner</td> <td>52° 45’ S, 145° 30’ E</td> </tr> <tr> <td>– SE</td> <td>54° 50’ S, 145° 30’ E</td> </tr> <tr> <td>– SW</td> <td>54° 50’ S, 136° E</td> </tr> </table>			– NW	50° 30’ S, 136° E	– NE	50° 30’ S, 140° 30’ E	– E-Indent	52° 45’ S, 140° 30’ E	– E-corner	52° 45’ S, 145° 30’ E	– SE	54° 50’ S, 145° 30’ E	– SW	54° 50’ S, 136° E
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– SE	54° 50’ S, 145° 30’ E														
– SW	54° 50’ S, 136° E														

Species:	Jack mackerel <i>Trachurus murphyi</i>	Zone:	SPRFMO Convention area (CJM/SPRFMO)
Germany	15 280,63	Analytical TAC	
Netherlands	16 562,63	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.	
Lithuania	10 632,66	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.	
Poland	18 282,08		
Union	60 758,00		
TAC	Not relevant		

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(5) Annex IJ is replaced by the following:

‘ANNEX IJ

IOTC AREA OF COMPETENCE

Catches of yellowfin tuna (*Thunnus albacares*) by Union vessels fishing shall not exceed the catch limits set out in this Annex.

Species:	Yellowfin tuna <i>Thunnus albacares</i>	Zone:	IOTC Area of Competence (YFT/IOTC)
France	27 710	Analytical TAC	
Italy	2 365	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.	
Spain	42 903	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.	
Portugal	100 ⁽¹⁾		
Union	73 078		
TAC	Not relevant		
⁽¹⁾ Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries are permitted under this quota.			

(6) In Annex VI:

(a) Point 4 is replaced by the following:

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

Table A

	Number of fishing vessels ¹							
	Greece ²	Spain	France	Croatia	Italy	Cyprus ³	Malta ⁴	Portugal
Purse seiners ⁵	0	6	22	18	21	1	2	0
Longliners	0	41	23	0	40	20	63	0
Baitboat	0	66	8	0	0	0	0	0

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- 1 The numbers in this table may be further increased, provided that the international obligations of the Union are complied with.
- 2 One medium-size purse seiner has been replaced by no more than 10 longline vessels or one small purse seiner and three other artisanal vessels.
- 3 One medium-size purse seiner may be replaced by no more than 10 longline vessels or one small purse seiner and no more than three longline vessels.
- 4 One medium-size purse seiner may be replaced by no more than 10 longline vessels.
- 5 The individual numbers of purse seiners in this table are the result of transfers between Member States and do not constitute historical rights for the future.

	Number of fishing vessels ¹							
	Greece ²	Spain	France	Croatia	Italy	Cyprus ³	Malta ⁴	Portugal
Handline	0	1	47	12	0	0	0	0
Trawler	0	0	57	0	0	0	0	0
Small-scale	38	850	140	0	0	0	0	76
Other artisanal ¹	65	0	0	0	60	0	236	0

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¹ Polyvalent vessels, using multi-gear equipment (longline, handline, trolling line).

(b) Point 6 is replaced by the following:

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

Table A

Maximum tuna farming capacity and fattening capacity		
	Number of farms	Capacity (in tonnes)
Greece	2	2 100
Spain	10	11 852
Croatia	4	7 880
Italy	13	10 220
Cyprus	3	1 034
Malta	7	14 679
Portugal	2	500

Table B

Maximum input of wild caught bluefin tuna (in tonnes)	
Greece	785,0
Spain	7 738,9
Croatia	2 947,0
Italy	2 064,0
Cyprus	756,6
Malta	10 486,0
Portugal	350,0

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