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- Presidency compromise

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Delegations will find herewith a Presidency compromise on selected parts of the above-mentioned proposal. Changes to the Commission's proposal (doc. 7156/22) are marked in **bold underlined** and **~~bold strikethrough~~**. This Presidency compromise complements the specification of the Union position which has already been approved in Presidency compromise ST 7553/22 REV1.

This document will be discussed at the Working Party on Fisheries Policy on 5 May 2022.

The remaining parts of doc. 7156/22 will be discussed in forthcoming Working Parties.

COMMISSION SERVICES NON-PAPER ON UNION POSITION TO BE TAKEN IN THE SPECIALISED COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES, ESTABLISHED UNDER ARTICLE 508 OF THE EU-UK TRADE & COOPERATION AGREEMENT

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Detailed proposed Union position as regards those tasks which the Commission, on behalf of the Union, and the UK should discuss in the SCF

SKATES & RAYS MANAGEMENT

EU applicable legal framework

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, 31.12.2022, p. 1).

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3. Under paragraph 5(e) of the 2021 Written Record, the Parties agreed that they “*would work through the SCF, and with ICES as appropriate, to seek to agree the most appropriate way to interpret the ICES advice for the setting of the skates and rays group TACs SRX/07D, SRX/2AC4-C and SRX/67AKXD, and to work jointly to adopt a possible in-year amendment to the TACs to reflect the agreed interpretation of the advice*”. The Parties confirmed this commitment in paragraph 5(f) of the 2022 Written Record, with a view to applying it to existing and emerging ICES advice throughout 2022 for TAC setting for 2023.

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STOCKS WITH NO ADVICE

EU applicable legal framework

Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy, amending Council Regulations (EC) No 1954/2003 and (EC) No 1224/2009 and repealing Council Regulations (EC) No 2371/2002 and (EC) No 639/2004 and Council Decision 2004/585/EC (OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 22), Article 2(2) of the CFP.

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CELTIC SEA TECHNICAL MEASURES

EU applicable legal framework

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/2324 of 23 August 2021 amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1241 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards technical measures for certain demersal and pelagic fisheries in the Celtic Sea, the Irish Sea and the West of Scotland (OJ L 465, 29.12.2021, 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 083, 25.3.2019, p. 1).

Regulation (EU) 2019/1241 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019 on the conservation of fisheries resources and the protection of marine ecosystems through technical measures, amending Council Regulations (EC) No 1967/2006, (EC) No 1224/2009 and Regulations (EU) No 1380/2013, (EU) 2016/1139, (EU) 2018/973, (EU) 2019/472 and (EU) 2019/1022 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Council Regulations (EC) No 894/97, (EC) No 850/98, (EC) No 2549/2000, (EC) No 254/2002, (EC) No 812/2004 and (EC) No 2187/2005 (OJ L 198, 25.7.2019, p. 105).

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16. In paragraph 12(d) of the 2022 Written Record, the Parties committed to seek to agree by 31 March 2022 on the timetable referred to in paragraph 12(d) of the 2021 Written Record in order to enable the elements to be taken into account for the 2023 annual consultations.
17. In paragraph 12(e) of the 2022 Written Record, the Parties also committed to work through the SCF to identify and evaluate coordinated technical measures to reduce Celtic Sea cod catches with the aim of supporting the recovery of the stock, highlighting that while doing so, consideration should be given to new and effective baseline selective gear measures in areas with the highest cod catches and abundance in UK and EU waters of the Celtic Sea, to be identified by 1 June 2022 with a view for its implementation as soon as possible in 2023.

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ROUNDNOSE GRENADIER

EU applicable legal framework

Council Regulation (EU) 2021/1069 of 28 June 2021 amending Regulation (EU) 2020/1579 as regards certain fishing opportunities in the Baltic Sea, and amending Regulation (EU) 2021/92 as regards certain fishing opportunities for 2021 in Union and non-Union waters (OJ L 230, 30.6.2021, p. 5).

Regulation (EU) 2016/2336 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 December 2016 establishing specific conditions for fishing for deep-sea stocks in the north-east Atlantic and provisions for fishing in international waters of the north-east Atlantic and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 2347/2002 (OJ L 354, 23.12.2016, p. 1).

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