

**AGREED RECORD OF FISHERIES CONSULTATIONS (PANDALUS BOREALIS )  
BETWEEN  
THE EUROPEAN UNION AND NORWAY FOR 2020**

**24 APRIL 2020**

- 1 A European Union Delegation, headed by Mr. Fabrizio DONATELLA, and a Norwegian Delegation, headed by Ms. Ann Kristin WESTBERG met 4 April 2020 by means of a videoconference to consult on mutual fisheries relations for 2020. The consultations then continued by correspondence.
  - 2 The Delegations referred to the Agreed Record of Fisheries Consultations between Norway and the European Union on the Regulation of Fisheries in Skagerrak and Kattegat for 2020, signed in Brussels 13 December 2019, and, in particular, to paragraph 7.2.1 and paragraphs 10.1 – 10.5, as well as Annex I and Annex II of that Agreed Record.
  - 3 The Delegations recalled the decision made in December 2019 establishing a preliminary TAC of northern prawn (*Pandalus borealis*) for 2020 of 6,329 tonnes and agreed to apply this on a pro rata basis to cover the first 4 months of the year in case of Norway and the first six months of the year in the case of EU. They also recalled the decision to establish a final TAC for 2020 as soon as the ICES advice for *Pandalus* is available.
  - 4 The Delegations noted that ICES released the advice on *Pandalus* in Division 3a and 4a East (Skagerrak and Kattegat, Northern North Sea in the Norwegian deep) on 9 March 2020.
  - 5 Further to the arrangements recommended in the Agreed Records of 13 December 2019, the Delegations agreed to recommend to their respective authorities the following changes in fishery arrangements for 2020 as outlined in this Agreed Record.
- 6 Revised Quotas for Pandalus**
- 6.1 The Delegations noted that ICES advises that when the EU and Norway long-term management strategy (LTMS) is applied, catches in 2020 should be no more than 8,736 tonnes, and subsequently agreed to apply this advice, establishing a final TAC of 8,736 tonnes for 2020.
  - 6.2 The Delegations agreed to replace Annex I of the Agreed Record of Fisheries Consultations between Norway and the European Union on the Regulation of Fisheries in Skagerrak and Kattegat for 2020, signed in Brussels 13 December 2019, with Annex I attached to this Agreed Record.
  - 6.3 Furthermore, the Norwegian Delegation informed the EU Delegation of its intention to fix within the quantity given in paragraph 6.1 a quota for *Pandalus* for Division 4a East of 2,621 tonnes.

- 6.4 The Norwegian Delegation informed the EU Delegation that, following the release of the ICES catch advice for *Pandalus* in Division 3a and 4a East, it has concluded not to offer the EU an additional quota of *Pandalus* in Norwegian waters of area 4, besides the 200 tonnes agreed in in December 2019, and included in Table 2 of the EU-Norway Agreed Records for 2020.
- 6.5 The Delegations recalled that they on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018 had agreed to a Long-Term Management Strategy (LTMS) for *Pandalus* in Skagerrak and in the Norwegian Deep that is applicable as from 1 January 2019 onwards. The joint LTMS is set out in Annex II .
- 6.6 The Delegations agreed that during the upcoming consultations about management of fisheries in Skagerrak and Kattegat for 2021, they would discuss the long term management strategy and the TAC setting, including the elements raised by ICES as being relevant for the advice, in particular issues related to discard, conversion factors and "banking and borrowing".

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## TACs AND ALLOCATIONS IN 2020

Catches taken, during the period 1 January to 31 December 2020 in the Skagerrak and the Kattegat of the species mentioned below, shall be limited as follows (metric tonnes, fresh round weight):

| SPECIES                       | AREA <sup>(1)</sup> | TAC 2020 | ALLOCATION TO NORWAY | ALLOCATION TO EUROPEAN UNION |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|----------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>COD</b>                    | <b>S</b>            | 2,103    | 68 <sup>(2)</sup>    | 2,035                        |
| <b>HADDOCK <sup>(3)</sup></b> | <b>S + K</b>        | 2,193    | 92                   | 2,100                        |
| <b>WHITING</b>                | <b>S + K</b>        | 1,660    | 30                   | 1,630                        |
| <b>PLAICE</b>                 | <b>S</b>            | 19,647   | 393                  | 19,254                       |
| <b>MACKEREL</b>               | <b>S + K</b>        | pm       | pm <sup>(4)</sup>    | Pm                           |
| <b>PANDALUS</b>               | <b>S</b>            | 6,115    | 2,850                | 3,266                        |
| <b>HERRING</b>                | <b>S + K</b>        | 24,528   | 3,271                | 21,257                       |
| <b>SPRAT</b>                  | <b>S + K</b>        | 13,312   | 998                  | 12,314                       |

- (1) Skagerrak (S): the area bounded on the west by a straight line running through the Hanstholm lighthouse and the Lindesnes lighthouse and on the south by a straight line running through the Skagen lighthouse and the Tistlarna lighthouse. Skagerrak and Kattegat (S + K): the area defined as Skagerrak, extended to the southern boundary of Kattegat, and defined as a straight line from Hasenøre to Gnibens spids, from Korshage to Spodsbjerg and from Gilbjerg Hoved to Kullen.
- (2) This quantity does not include catches to be taken with passive gear inside the Norwegian baselines.
- (3) The TAC for haddock includes both a directed fishery for haddock and by-catches in the industrial fisheries.
- (4) A part of Norway's quota in the North Sea may be fished in the Skagerrak by vessels not exceeding 90 feet.
- (5) TAC for period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 will be updated before 30 June 2020

**LONG TERM MANAGEMENT STRATEGY FOR NORTHERN SHRIMP (*Pandalus borealis*) IN DIVISIONS 3.A AND 4.A EAST (SKAGERRAK AND KATTEGAT AND NORTHERN NORTH SEA IN THE NORWEGIAN DEEP)**

The Parties agree to implement a Long Term Management Strategy (LTMS) for the Northern shrimp in the Northern North Sea (Norwegian Deep) and in the Skagerrak and Kattegat.

The objective of this LTMS is to provide for sustainable fisheries with high and sustainable yields in conformity with the precautionary approach.

For the purpose of this LTMS, the following definitions shall apply:

- "SSB" means the estimate according to ICES of the Spawning Stock Biomass at the beginning of the TAC year.
- $B_{TRIGGER}$  is the value of spawning stock biomass (SSB) that triggers a specific management action.
- $F_{TARGET}$  is the fishing mortality to be included in the algorithm for pre-agreed management actions as a function of variables related to the status of the stock.

Values for  $B_{TRIGGER}$  and  $F_{TARGET}$  are fixed in the light of the latest available ICES advice, at levels of 9 900 t and 0.59 respectively. The TAC will be established for each calendar year (from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>).

- By end of the year N-1, a preliminary TAC will be adopted by the Parties based on ICES catch forecast for the six first months of the year N, released in March of year N-1.
- The Parties will establish the final TAC for the entire year N in light of the ICES stock advice released in March of year N.

When establishing the preliminary and the final TACs the following rules shall apply:

- a. When the SSB at the start of the year is estimated at or above  $B_{TRIGGER}$  the Parties will fix a TAC consistent with a fishing mortality rate of  $F_{TARGET}$ .
- b. When the SSB at the start of the year is estimated below  $B_{TRIGGER}$ , the Parties will fix a TAC consistent with a fishing mortality rate of  $F_{TARGET} \times (SSB/B_{TRIGGER})$ .

The TAC will include all removals made from the stock.

When SSB is estimated to be at or above  $B_{TRIGGER}$ , the TAC derived from paragraph (a) can be deviated with up to 10 % according to the "banking and borrowing" scheme described in Annex III to this Agreed Record.

This LTMS will be applicable from 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2019 onwards.

It shall be revised by the end of 2021 or following the next ICES benchmark of the stock.

**INTER-ANNUAL QUOTA FLEXIBILITY FOR PANDALUS BOREALIS**

1. Each Party may transfer to the following year unutilized quantities of up to 10% of the quota allocated to it. The quantity transferred shall be in addition to the quota allocated to the Party concerned in the following year. This quantity cannot be transferred further to the quotas for subsequent years.
2. Each Party may authorize fishing by its vessels of up to 10% beyond the quota allocated. All quantities fished beyond the allocated quota for one year shall be deducted from the Party's quota allocated for the following year.
3. Complete catch statistics, quotas and inter-annual quota transfers for the previous year should be made available to the other Party no later than 1 May.
4. The inter-annual quota flexibility scheme shall not apply when the SSB is estimated at the beginning of the year to be below  $B_{TRIGGER}$ .