

**PROTOCOL OF FISHERIES CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN NORWAY AND THE
EUROPEAN UNION, ON BEHALF OF SWEDEN, FOR 2016**

BERGEN, 4 DECEMBER 2015

Consultations on the Swedish fishery in the Norwegian Economic Zone south of 62° North for 2016, within the framework of the fisheries agreement between Norway and Sweden of 9 December 1976, took place in Bergen on 4 December 2015 between a Norwegian Delegation, headed by Ms Ann Kristin WESTBERG and a European Union Delegation on behalf of Sweden, headed by Mr Jacques VERBORGH.

1. REPORT ON THE SWEDISH FISHERY IN THE NORWEGIAN ECONOMIC ZONE

1.1. The EU Delegation, on behalf of Sweden, reported on the Swedish fishery during 2014 and 2015.

It was concluded that the official catch statistics were in conformity with the catch reports submitted by Swedish vessels to the Norwegian fisheries authorities.

1.2. In order to increase transparency, the Delegations agreed to further discuss co-operation in the field of catch statistics. In this context, it was agreed that monthly catch statistics for the preceding month, broken down by species for fisheries regulated under section 2.1 in the Norwegian Economic Zone will be forwarded.

2. QUOTAS AND LICENCES FOR A SWEDISH FISHERY IN THE NORWEGIAN ECONOMIC ZONE FOR 2016

2.1. Quotas

The Norwegian Delegation informed the EU Delegation, on behalf of Sweden, that the following quotas would be allocated to Sweden in the Norwegian Economic Zone in 2016:

	Tonnes
Cod	382
Haddock	707
Saithe	880
Pollack and Whiting	190
Herring	1,184
Mackerel	338
Shrimps	172
Industrial species, of which a maximum of 400 tonnes of horse mackerel	800
Other species:	At a traditional level

By-catches of Cod, Saithe, Haddock, Pollack and Whiting shall be counted against the quotas for these species.

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2.2. Licences

The Norwegian Delegation informed the EU Delegation, on behalf of Sweden, that the licences for Swedish vessels in 2016 will be issued on the same basis as previously, in line with established practice.

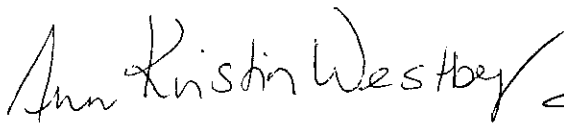
Regarding mackerel licences, applications shall be forwarded no later than 31 July 2016 and will be processed and issued before the mackerel fishery is opened in the Norwegian Economic Zone.

The two Delegations agreed that licences issued for fishing under this arrangement in the Norwegian Economic Zone may only be used by vessels flying the flag of Sweden.

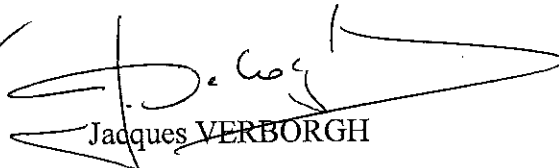
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