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Updates to Commission proposal COM(2020) 668 for a Council Regulation fixing for 2021 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union vessels, in certain non-Union waters

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EXPLANATORY NOTE:

On Norway lobster in the Skagerrak and Kattegat (3a), the Commission proposes to set the TAC at 10 826 tonnes, in line with the MSY lower value, in order to protect cod in Kattegat, for which remedial measures have to be taken. This entails a reduction of 21%.

On Norway lobster in the Bay of Biscay (8a, 8b, 8d and 8e), the Commission proposes to set the TAC at 3 984 tonnes, in line with the MSY point value. This entails an increase of 2.5%.

For Norway lobster in the Iberian waters (9 and 10; Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1), the Commission proposes to set the TAC of 371 tonnes in line with the ICES precautionary advice, leading to a reduction of 3.9%.

For Whiting in the Bay of Biscay (8) the Commission proposes to set the TAC at 2 276 tonnes in line with the ICES precautionary advice, leading to a reduction of 10%.

CHANGES TO ANNEX IA:

Annex IA in the Commission Proposal COM (2020) 668 is amended by replacing the relevant fishing opportunities tables with the following:

Species:	Norway lobster <i>Nephrops norvegicus</i>	Zone:	3a (NEP/03A.)
Denmark	7 956	Analytical TAC	
Germany	23		
Sweden	2 847		
Union	10 826		
TAC	10 826		

Species:	Norway lobster <i>Nephrops norvegicus</i>	Zone:	8a, 8b, 8d and 8e (NEP/8ABDE.)
Spain	239	Analytical TAC	
France	3 745		
Union	3 984		
TAC	3 984		

Species:	Norway lobster <i>Nephrops norvegicus</i>	Zone:	9 and 10; Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1 (NEP/9/3411)
Spain	93 ⁽¹⁾	Precautionary TAC	
Portugal	278 ⁽¹⁾		
Union	371 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾		
TAC	371 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾		

(1) Of which no more than 6% may be taken in Functional Units 26 and 27 of ICES division 9a (NEP/*9U267).

(2) Within the limits of the abovementioned TAC, no more than the following amount may be taken in Functional Unit 30 of ICES division 9a (NEP/*9U30): 62

Species:	Whiting	Zone:	8
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<i>Merlangius merlangus</i>		(WHG/08.)
Spain	910	Precautionary TAC
France	1 366	
Union	2 276	
TAC	2 276	