EU fisheries in the North East Atlantic, North Sea and Baltic Sea in line with maximum sustainable yield (MSY)

18 December 2018

Following decisions from the Council on 15 October and 18 December 2018 and previous negotiations with third countries, the following fish stocks should be harvested in line with the maximum sustainable yield (MSY) in 2019, to allow for long-term high yields (provided that the corresponding total allowable catches [TAC] are respected).

		Common name	Species	Catch areas
1 new		Anglerfish	Lophius piscatorius	Celtic Sea, Irish Sea
2 new		Anglerfish	Lophius piscatorius	Bay of Biscay – North, Central, Off Shore and West of Bay of Biscay
3		Anglerfish	Lophius piscatorius	Bay of Biscay - South, Portuguese Waters, Azores Grounds, CECAF 34.1.1
4		Blue ling	Molva dypterygia	EU and international waters of Faroes Grounds, Rockall, Northwest Coast of Scotland and North Ireland, the Northwest Coast of Scotland and North Ireland also known as the West of Scotland; Irish Sea, West of Ireland, Porcupine Bank, Eastern and Western English Channel, Bristol Channel, Celtic Sea North and South, and Southwest of Ireland - East and West
5	C	Cod	Gadus morhua	Irish Sea
6 new		Cod	Gadus morhua	Baltic Sea -Western
7		Haddock	Melanogrammus aeglefinus	EU and international waters of Rockall, North of Azores and East Greenland
8		Haddock	Melanogrammus aeglefinus	Irish Sea
9		Haddock	Melanogrammus aeglefinus	North Sea, Norwegian Sea (EU waters)
10		Haddock	Melanogrammus aeglefinus	Kattegat and Skagerrak, Union waters of subdivisions 22-32
11		Haddock	Melanogrammus aeglefinus	Northwest Coast of Scotland and North Ireland or West of Scotland
12 new		Haddock	Melanogrammus aeglefinus	Celtic Sea, Bay of Biscay, Portuguese Waters, Union waters of CECAF

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13-16	Hake	Merluccius merluccius	Overall northern stocks (4)
17 new	Hake	Merluccius merluccius	Bay of Biscay - South, Portuguese waters, Azores grounds, Union waters of CECAF
18	Herring	Clupea harengus	Irish Sea
19 new	Herring	Clupea harengus	Celtic Sea, South West of Scotland
20	Herring	Clupea harengus	Baltic Sea - Central (25-29, 32)
21	Herring	Clupea harengus	Baltic Sea - Riga (28.1)
22	Herring	Clupea harengus	Baltic Sea - Bothnian (30-31)
23	Horse Mackerel	Trachurus trachurus	Portuguese waters
24	Horse Mackerel	Trachurus trachurus	Norwegian Sea, Northern North Sea; Rockall, Northwest Coast of Scotland and North Ireland, the Northwest Coast of Scotland and North Ireland also known as the West of Scotland, Irish Sea, West of Ireland, Porcupine Bank, Western English Channel, Bristol Channel, Celtic Sea, South-West of Ireland, Bay of Biscay – North – Central – Offshore and West; Union and international waters of Faroes Grounds; international waters of North of Azores and East Greenland
25	Horse Mackerel	Trachurus trachurus	Bay of Biscay - South
26	Megrims	Lepidorhombus spp.	Norwegian Sea (EU waters), North Sea (EU waters)
27	Megrims	Lepidorhombus spp.	Union and international waters of Faroes Grounds; Rockall, Northwest Coast of Scotland and North Ireland, the Northwest Coast of Scotland and North Ireland also known as the West of Scotland; international waters of North of Azores and East Greenland
28	Megrims	Lepidorhombus spp.	Irish Sea
29	Megrims	Lepidorhombus spp.	Bay of Biscay – North – Central – Offshore and West of Bay of Biscay

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30	Megrims	Lepidorhombus spp.	Bay of Biscay - South, Portuguese Waters, Azores Grounds, CECAF 34.1.1
31	Northern Prawn	Pandalus borealis	Skagerrak and Kattegat
32 new	Northern Seabass	Dicentrarchus Labrax	Celtic Sea, Channel, Irish Sea, Southern North Sea
33	Norway lobster	Nephrops norvegicus	Norwegian Sea (EU waters), North Sea (EU waters)
34	Norway lobster	Nephrops norvegicus	Faroes Grounds (EU and international waters), Rockall, Northwest Coast of Scotland and North Ireland
35	Norway lobster	Nephrops norvegicus	Skagerrak and Kattegat, Union waters of subdivisions 22-32
36	Norway lobster	Nephrops norvegicus	Celtic Sea, Irish Sea
37	Norway lobster	Nephrops norvegicus	Bay of Biscay – North – Central – Offshore and West of Bay of Biscay
38	Norway pout	Trisopterus esmarkii	Skagerrak and Kattegat; EU waters of Norwegian Sea and North Sea
39	Plaice	Pleuronectes platessa	Eastern English Channel, Western English Channel
40 new	Plaice	Pleuronectes platessa	Union waters of the Norwegian Sea and the North Sea not covered by Skagerrak and Kattegat
41 new	Plaice	Pleuronectes platessa	Kattegat
42 new	Plaice	Pleuronectes platessa	Skagerrak
43	Plaice	Pleuronectes platessa	Irish Sea

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44 new	Plaice	Pleuronectes platessa	Baltic Sea
45	Saithe	Pollachius virens	Skagerrak and Kattegat, North Sea, EU waters of Norwegian Sea, Sound, Belt Sea
46	Saithe	Pollachius virens	Rockall, Northwest Coast of Scotland and North Ireland also known as the West of Scotland; EU and international waters of Faroes Grounds, North of Azores and East Greenland
47	Salmon	Salmo salar	Baltic main basin
48	Sandeel	Ammodytes tobianus	Union waters of Norwegian Sea; Kattegat and Skagerrak; North Sea
49 new	Sole	Solea spp.	Irish Sea
50	Sole	Solea spp.	Western English Channel
51	Sole	Solea spp.	Skagerrak and Kattegat, Sound, Belt Sea, Union waters of Subdivisions 22-32
52	Sole	Solea spp.	Eastern English Channel
53	Sole	Solea spp.	Bristol Channel and Celtic Sea North
54	Sole	Solea spp.	Bay of Biscay – North and Central
55	Sole	Solea spp.	Norwegian Sea (EU waters), North Sea (EU waters)
56	Sprat	Sprattus sprattus	Baltic Sea: 22-32
57	Sprat	Sprattus sprattus	Norwegian Sea (EU waters), North Sea (EU waters)
58 new	Whiting	Merlangius merlangus	North Sea, Union waters of Norwegian Sea, Union waters of the North Sea
59	Whiting	Merlangius merlangus	West of Ireland, Porcupine Bank, Eastern English Channel, Western English Channel, Bristol Channel, Celtic Sea North, Celtic Sea South, South-West of Ireland – East and West

new Stocks that were not in line with MSY in previous year.

