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Updates to Commission Proposal for a Council Regulation 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 (COM(2021) 661)

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The corrections include revised Tables A and B on bluefin tuna farming in Annex VI, Section 6 of the Commission Proposal, as well as corrections of errors in the fishing opportunities table for bigeye tuna in Annex ID of the Commission Proposal.

The Commission proposes to correct Tables A and B in Annex VI, Section 6 to represent the figures before the transfers conducted between some Member States in the course of 2021. These transfers were limited to 2021 and should not be referred to with respect to other years. As those figures may change in the course of 2022 subject to farming plans, the Commission proposes to correct the wording in the footnote in Table B. Moreover, the Commission proposes to correct the fishing opportunities table for bigeye tuna in order to enable future adjustments to the individual quotas of Member States in 2022 for this stock as explained in recital (28) of the Commission Proposal.

AMENDMENTS TO ANNEX ID

In Annex ID, the seventh fishing opportunities table for bigeye tuna is amended as follows:

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Species:	Bigeye tuna <i>Thunnus obesus</i>	Zone:	Atlantic Ocean (BET/ATLANT)
Spain	7 438,09 (1)(2)	Analytical TAC	
France	3 159,38 (1)(2)	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Portugal	2 823,84 (1)(2)	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Union	13 421,31 (1)(2)		
TAC	62 000 (1)(2)		
(1)	Catches of bigeye tuna by purse seiners (BET/*ATLPS) and long liners with an overall length of 20 meters and above (BET/ *ATLLL) shall be reported separately.		
(2)	As of June 2022, when catches reach 80 % of the quota, Member States are required to transmit the catches for these vessels on a weekly basis.		

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AMENDMENTS TO ANNEX VI

In Annex VI, Section 6 Tables A and B are amended as follows:

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Table A

Maximum tuna farming capacity and fattening capacity		
	Number of farms	Capacity (in tonnes)
Spain	10	11852
Italy	13	9564 12600
Greece	2	2100
Cyprus	3	3000
Croatia	7	7880
Malta	6	14511 12300
Portugal	1	500

Table B

Maximum input of wild caught bluefin tuna (in tonnes) ¹	
Spain	6850 6300
Italy	1739,5 3764
Greece	785
Cyprus	2195
Croatia	2947
Malta	10260,5 8786
Portugal	350

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¹ The figures in table B in section 6 ~~must~~ **may** be adapted in light of the farming plans submitted by Member States by 31 January 2022.