

**AGREED RECORD OF CONCLUSIONS OF FISHERIES CONSULTATIONS
BETWEEN NORWAY AND THE EUROPEAN UNION ON THE
MANAGEMENT OF MACKEREL IN THE NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC FOR 2015**

BERGEN, 21 NOVEMBER 2014

1. A Delegation from Norway, headed by Ms Ann Kristin WESTBERG, and a Delegation from the European Union, headed by Mr John SPENCER, met in London on 23 and 24 October and in Bergen on 21 November 2014 to consult on the management of mackerel in the North-East Atlantic for 2015.
2. The Delegations recalled the Agreed Record of Conclusions of Fisheries Consultations between the European Union and Norway on the management of mackerel in the North-East Atlantic (hereinafter referred to as the ten year management arrangement), signed in London on 26 January 2010 as well as the Agreed Record between the European Union and Norway on amendment to the ten year management arrangement signed on 12 March 2014.
3. The Delegations recalled the agreement on a Coastal State arrangement between the European Union, the Faroe Islands and Norway reached in London on 12 March 2014, and the Agreed Record of Conclusions of Fisheries Consultations between Norway, the Faroe Islands and the European Union on the management of mackerel in the North-East Atlantic for 2015, signed in Bergen on 21 November 2014.
4. The Delegations agreed to recommend to their respective authorities the arrangements for the management of mackerel in 2015, as set out in Annexes I and II, and Table I of this Agreed Record.

Bergen, 21 November 2014

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ACCESS AND TRANSFER ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FISHERIES OF MACKEREL IN 2015

The following arrangements between Norway and the European Union shall apply in 2015:

1. The fishery conducted under the access arrangement shall be conducted in accordance with the technical regulations (including opening and closing dates) applicable to the waters of the Party granting access.
2. The European Union and Norway shall have full access to fish their respective shares of the North Sea TAC in the waters of the other Party in the waters of ICES Division IVa. The mutual access regime and TAC are set out in Table 1 of this Agreed Record.
3. The European Union shall, within the sharing arrangement mentioned under point 2, be allocated an additional fixed component of 1,865 tonnes, which may be fished in ICES Divisions IVa and IIIa, including the Norwegian Economic Zone of those areas.
4. Norway shall transfer a quota of 18,852 tonnes, equivalent to 10.8% of the Norwegian catch limit in the Norwegian Sea¹, to the European Union for fishing in ICES Divisions IIa and IVa.
5. The European Union shall transfer a quota of 18,852 tonnes, identical to the quota specified under point 4, to Norway for fishing in European Union waters of ICES Divisions IIa, VIa (north of 56° 30'), VIIId, e, f, h and IVa.
6. The following access arrangements shall apply for 2015:

For the European Union:

- a. Full access to the Norwegian Economic Zone of ICES Division IVa for the mackerel quotas that the European Union authorises to be fished in its own waters of ICES Division IVa.
- b. Access to the Norwegian Economic Zone of ICES Division IIa for a tonnage equivalent to 20% of the tonnage permitted under point 6.a above. Deducted from this quantity is any catch taken in ICES Division IIa under the reciprocal exchange of quotas mentioned in point 4.

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¹ Norwegian Sea TAC – 174,551 tonnes

For Norway:

- c. Full access to the EU Zone of ICES Division IVa for the mackerel quotas that Norway authorises to be fished in the Norwegian Economic Zone of ICES Division IVa.
 - d. Access to the EU Zone of ICES Division VIa (north of 56° 30') for a tonnage equivalent to 20% of the tonnage permitted under point 6.c above. Deducted from this quantity is any catch taken in ICES Division VIa under the reciprocal exchange of quotas mentioned in point 5.
7. The Delegations noted that an Agreed Record between Norway and the European Union on a license arrangement for 2015 was signed in Bergen on 21 November 2014. This license arrangement shall apply in 2015.

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**Conditions for Norwegian vessels intending to fish mackerel
in European Union waters**

The following provisions shall apply to Norwegian vessels intending to fish for mackerel in EU waters:

- a) Vessels may only commence their fishing trip after having received authorisation from the competent authority of the coastal Member State concerned. Such vessels shall only enter European Union waters after passing through one of the following control areas:
- ICES rectangle 48 E2 in Division VIa;
 - ICES rectangle 50 F1 in Division IVa;
 - ICES rectangle 46 F1 in Division IVa;
 - ICES rectangle 53 F0 in Division IIa.

At least four hours prior to entering one of the control areas, upon entering European Union waters, the master of the vessel shall contact the UK Fisheries Monitoring Centre (Edinburgh) by e-mail at the following address: ukfcc@scotland.gsi.gov.uk or by telephone (+44 131 271 9700).

The notification shall specify the name, international radio call sign and port letters and number (PLN) of the vessel, the total quantity by species on board and the control area through which the vessel will enter EU waters. The vessel shall not commence fishing until it has received acknowledgement of the notification and instructions on whether or not the master is required to present the vessel for inspection. Each acknowledgement shall have a unique authorisation number which the master shall retain until the fishing trip is terminated.

- b) Vessels that enter European Union waters with no catch on board shall be exempt from the requirements laid down in paragraph a).
- c) The fishing trip shall be considered as being terminated when the vessel leaves EC waters or enters a European Union port where its catch is fully discharged.

Vessels shall only leave the European Union waters after passing through one of the control areas.

Upon leaving European Union waters, the master of the vessel shall give at least two hours prior notification of entering one of the control areas, to the Fisheries Monitoring Centre in Edinburgh by e-mail or telephone as provided for in paragraph a).

The notification shall specify the name, international radio call sign and port letters and number (PLN) of the vessel, the total quantity by species on board and the control area through which the vessel intends to pass. The vessel shall not leave the control area until it has received acknowledgement of the notification and instructions on whether or not the master is required to present the vessel for inspection. Each acknowledgement shall have a unique authorisation number which the master shall retain until the vessel leaves the European Union waters.

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TABLE 1

MACKEREL QUOTAS IN THE NORTH SEA FOR 2015

Species and ICES Area	TAC	Zonal Attachment				Transfer from Norway to European Union ⁽⁶⁾	Transfer from EU to Norway ⁽⁶⁾	Quota to Norway		Quota to European Union	
		Norway		European Union				Total	EU Zone ⁽¹⁾	Total	Norwegian Zone ⁽¹⁾
		%	Tonnes	%	Tonnes						
Mackerel IV, IIIa	96,851 ⁽²⁾		63,324		33,527 ⁽²⁾	-----	-----	63,324 ⁽³⁾	63,324 ⁽³⁾	33,527 ⁽⁴⁾	33,527 ⁽⁴⁾

⁽¹⁾ Any part of this allocation not taken may be added to the allocation in the Party's own zone

⁽²⁾ Includes a fixed component of 1,865 tonnes

⁽³⁾ May be fished in ICES Division IVa only, except for 3,000 tonnes, which may be fished in ICES Division IIIa

⁽⁴⁾ Of which no more than 6,000 tonnes may be fished in ICES Divisions IVb, IVc and IIIa

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