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Updates to Commission Proposal COM (2021) 280 for a Council Regulation amending Council Regulation (EU) 2021/92 as regards certain fishing opportunities in Union and non-Union waters

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Explanatory memorandum

The fishing opportunities for the sprat TACs in ICES division 3a (Kattegat/Skagerrak), and ICES subarea 4 (North Sea) have been agreed by the Coastal States after consultations between the European Union, Norway and the United Kingdom. The figures provided in the TAC tables below remain provisional pending the formal conclusion and signature of the Agreed Record by the Delegations.

Changes to the Regulation

1. Recital 2 in the Commission Proposal is replaced by the following:

“According to the ICES advice of 13 April 2021, catches of sprat (*Sprattus sprattus*) in ICES division 3a (Kattegat/Skagerrak), and ICES subarea 4 (North Sea) should be no more than 106 715 tonnes for the period from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022. The fishing opportunities for sprat should therefore be set at 87 186 tonnes in Union waters of ICES division 2a and ICES subarea 4, and at 19 529 tonnes in ICES division 3a for that period, in line with the maximum sustainable yield.”

2. In Part B of the Annex, points (1) and (2) are replaced by the following:

“(1) the fishing opportunities table for sprat and associated by-catches in Union waters of ICES division 3a is replaced by the following:

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Species:	Sprat and associated by-catches <i>Sprattus sprattus</i>	Zone:	3a (SPR/03A.)
Denmark	13 086 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Analytical TAC	
Germany	27 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾		
Sweden	4 951 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾		
Union	18 064 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾		
TAC	19 529 ⁽²⁾		
(1)	Up to 5 % of the quota may consist of by-catches of whiting and haddock (OTH/*03A.). By-catches of whiting and haddock counted against the quota pursuant to this provision and by-catches of species counted against the quota pursuant to Article 15(8) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 shall, together, not exceed 9% of the quota.		
(2)	This quota may only be fished from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022. Transfers of this quota may be effected to United Kingdom and Union waters of 2a and 4. However, such transfers shall be notified in advance to the Commission and to the UK.		

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(2) the fishing opportunities table for sprat and associated by-catches in United Kingdom and Union waters of ICES subarea 4 and United Kingdom ICES division of 2a is replaced by the following:

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Species:	Sprat and associated by-catches		Zone
	<i>Sprattus sprattus</i>		United Kingdom and Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a (SPR/2AC4-C)
Belgium	993	(1)(2)	Analytical TAC
Denmark	78 553	(1)(2)	
Germany	993	(1)(2)	
France	993	(1)(2)	
The Netherlands	993	(1)(2)	
Sweden	1 330	(1)(2)(3)	
Union	83 055	(1)(2)	
Norway	0	(1)	
Faroe Islands	0	(1)(4)	
United Kingdom	3 331	(1)	
TAC	87 186	(1)	
(1)	The quota may only be fished from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.		
(2)	Up to 2 % of the quota may consist of by-catches of whiting (OTH/*2AC4C). By-catches of whiting counted against the quota pursuant to this provision and by-catches of species counted against the quota pursuant to Article 15(8) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 shall, together, not exceed 9% of the quota.		
(3)	Including sandeel.		
(4)	May contain up to 4% of by-catch of herring.		

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