

**AGREED RECORD OF FISHERIES CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN
THE EUROPEAN UNION AND NORWAY FOR 2016**

16 DECEMBER 2015

- 1 A European Union Delegation, headed by Mr Jacques VERBORGH, and a Norwegian Delegation, headed by Ms Ann Kristin WESTBERG, consulted on mutual fisheries relations for 2016.
- 2 The Delegations referred to the Agreed Record of Fisheries Consultations between Norway and the European Union for 2016, signed in Bergen on 4 December 2015 and, in particular, to section 5.10 of that Agreed Record.
- 3 Further to the arrangements recommended in the Agreed Record of 4 December 2015, the Delegations agreed to recommend to their respective authorities the following additional fishery arrangements for 2016 as outlined in this Agreed Record.

4 JOINTLY MANAGED STOCKS

4.1 Cod

- 4.1.1 The EU Delegation considered that the trials on fully documented fisheries represented an important initiative that facilitates the transition towards the full implementation of the landing obligation in the EU. The trials have already demonstrated behavioural changes in fishing practices that contribute to the reduction of discards and a diminution of fishing mortality. The EU Delegation proposed that the trials should be continued for one final year in 2016.
- 4.1.2 The Delegations agreed that an additional 12% is made available to the EU Member States share of the cod TAC in 2016 in order to facilitate the continuation of the trials. The Delegations agreed that 2016 would be the final year with additional quotas for this trial. Furthermore, the Delegations agreed that an additional 12% would be added to the Norwegian quota for cod in the North Sea and Skagerrak in 2016.
- 4.1.3 The Norwegian Delegation is still of the view that the trials do not give sufficient evidence on full documentation of the fishery and should therefore only be considered as a supplement to other control measures. There is grave concern that the quotas needed for these trials lead to catches higher than the TAC implied from agreed total landings. Such quotas should preferably have been covered by the ICES advice.
- 4.1.4 However, in light of the changes introduced in the reform of the CFP on the landing obligation, the Norwegian Delegation could accept a continuation of the extra quotas in relation to these trials in 2016, under the condition that 2016 would be the last year where the Parties added extra quotas for these trials.

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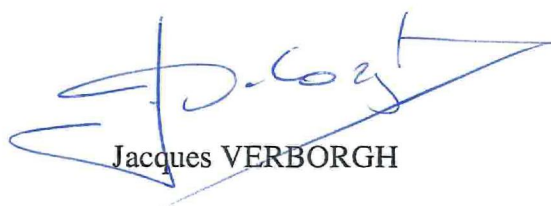


4.1.5 The Delegations agreed to replace Table 1 of the Agreed Record of Fisheries Consultations between Norway and the European Union for 2016, signed in Bergen on 4 December 2015, with Table 1 attached to this Agreed Record.

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For the European Union Delegation

For the Norwegian Delegation



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TABLE 1

2016 JOINT STOCK QUOTAS IN THE NORTH SEA

Species and ICES Area	TAC	Zonal Attachment ⁽⁷⁾				Transfer from Norway to European Union ⁽⁵⁾	Transfer from EU to Norway ⁽⁵⁾	Quota to Norway		Quota to European Union	
		Norway		European Union				Total	EU Zone ⁽¹⁾	Total	Norwegian Zone ⁽¹⁾
		%	Tonnes	%	Tonnes						
Cod IV	33,651 ⁽⁸⁾	17	5,721	83	27,930	-----	-----	5,721	5,721	27,930	24,276
Haddock IV	61,933 ⁽²⁾	23	14,245	77	47,688		-----	14,245	14,245	47,688	35,473
Saithe IV, IIIa	65,696	52	34,162	48	31,534	-----	250	34,412	34,412	31,284	31,284
Whiting IV	13,678 ⁽²⁾	10	1,368	90	12,310	300	-----	1,068	1,068	12,610	8,543
Plaice IV	131,714	7	9,220 ⁽⁶⁾	93	122,494		-----	9,220	9,220	122,494	50,264
Herring IV, VIIId	518,242	29	150,290	71	367,952	-----	-----	150,290	50,000 ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾	367,952	50,000 ⁽⁴⁾

(1) Any part of this allocation not taken may be added to the allocation in the Party's own zone.
 (2) TAC to include industrial by-catches.
 (3) Limited to ICES Divisions IVa and IVb.
 (4) An additional quantity of maximum 10,000 tonnes will be granted if such an increase is called for.
 (5) The Delegations may consider in 2016 possible further transfers.
 (6) Of which 300 tonnes may be fished in the Skagerrak
 (7) Based on the Nantes Report
 (8) An additional amount of 4,038 tonnes is available to the Parties (Norway: 686 tonnes, EU 3,352 tonnes) under point 4.1 of this Agreed Record