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**Updates to Commission proposal for a Council Regulation fixing
for 2024, 2025 and 2026 the fishing opportunities for certain fish
stocks,
applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in
certain non-Union waters, and amending Regulation (EU)
2023/194 as regards deep-sea stocks [COM(2023) 587]**

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Commission proposal, as updated by the Commission services' non-paper of 12 December 2023, should be updated.

AMENDMENTS TO THE RECITALS

Recital 34a is replaced by the following:

“(34a) Since 2021, the Union does not have access to fish its mackerel quota in Norwegian waters of 2a and 4a (MAC/2A4A-N). In order for the Union to access that quota, it is proposed to allocate new fishing opportunities to a TAC (MAC/2A34-N) covering the geographic scope of the North Sea (MAC/2A34) and Norwegian Waters (MAC/2A4A-N) TACs with a new relative stability key. Part of the fishing opportunities allocated to the MAC/2A34-N should be transferred by Denmark to the holders of quotas in the Western Waters TAC (MAC/2CX14-) based on the existing relative stability key for that TAC.”

AMENDMENTS TO THE ANNEXES

In Annex XI, point 2 is replaced as follows:

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Species:	Mackerel	Zone:	Union waters of 3a, 3b, 3c and 3d; United Kingdom waters of 2a; Union and United Kingdom waters of 4; Norwegian waters of 2a and 4a (MAC/2A34-N)
	<i>Scomber scombrus</i>		
Belgium	501	(1)(2)	Analytical TAC
Denmark	29 446	(1)(2)(4)	Article 8(2) of this Regulation applies
Germany	523	(1)(2)	
France	1 579	(1)(2)	
Netherlands	1 589	(1)(2)	
Sweden	4 743	(1)(2)(3)	
Union	38 381	(1)(2)	
TAC	782 066		

⁽¹⁾ Special condition: within the limits of these quotas, no more than the quantities given below may be taken in the following zones. Up to 60% of the allocated quota to Member States under MAC/2A34 may be fished in United Kingdom and international waters of 2a, 5b, 6, 7, 8d, 8e, 12 and 14 (MAC/*2AX14).

	3a	United Kingdom and Union waters of 3a, 4b and 4c	4b	4c	United Kingdom and international waters of 2a, 5b, 6, 7, 8d, 8e, 12 and 14
	(MAC/*03A.)	(MAC/*3A4BC)	(MAC/*04B.)	(MAC/*04C.)	(MAC/*2AX14)
Belgium	0	0	0	0	301
Denmark	0	4 130	0	0	10 312
Germany	0	0	0	0	314
France	0	490	0	0	947
Netherlands	0	490	0	0	953
Sweden	0	0	390	10	2 846
Union	0	5 110	390	10	15 673

- (2) Within the limits of these quotas, and in agreement with the relevant coastal State, no more than the quantities given below may also be taken in the two following zones:

	Norwegian waters of 2a (MAC/*02AN-)	Faroese waters (MAC/*FRO1)
Belgium	0	0
Denmark	0	0
Germany	0	0
France	0	0
Netherlands	0	0
Sweden	0	0
Union	0	0

- (3) Special condition: including the following tonnage to be taken in Norwegian waters of 2a and 4a (MAC/*2A4AN):

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When fishing under this special condition, by-catches of cod, haddock, pollack, whiting and saithe are to be counted against the quotas for these species.

- (4) Within the limits of this quota, the following transfers are made by Denmark which may be fished in United Kingdom and Union waters of 6, 7, 8d; Union waters of 8a, 8b and 8e; international waters of 12 and 14; and United Kingdom and international waters of 2a and 5b (MAC/*2A14):

Post transfer	
Germany	749
Spain	1
Estonia	6
France	499
Ireland	2 495
Latvia	5
Lithuania	5
Netherlands	1 092
Poland	53

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In Annex IA, Part B, the relevant fishing opportunities table is replaced by the following:

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Belgium	476	(1)(2)	Analytical TAC
Denmark	27 882	(1)(2)(4)	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
Germany	496	(1)(2)	
France	1 498	(1)(2)	
Netherlands	1 508	(1)(2)	
Sweden	4 569	(1)(2)(3)	
Union	36 429	(1)(2)	
TAC	739 386		

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	3a	United Kingdom and Union waters of 3a, 4b and 4c	4b	4c	United Kingdom and international waters of 2a, 5b, 6, 7, 8d, 8e, 12 and 14
	(MAC/*03A.)	(MAC/*3A4B C)	(MAC/*04 B.)	(MAC/*04C.)	(MAC/*2AX14)
Belgium	0	0	0	0	286
Denmark	0	4 130	0	0	9 775
Germany	0	0	0	0	298
France	0	490	0	0	899
Netherlands	0	490	0	0	905
Sweden	0	0	390	10	2 741
Union	0	5 110	390	10	14 903

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	Norwegian waters of 2a (MAC/*02AN -)	Faroese waters (MAC/*FR O1)
Belgium	0	0
Denmark	0	0

Germany	0	0
France	0	0
Netherlands	0	0
Sweden	0	0
Union	0	0

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Post transfer	
Germany	531
Spain	1
Estonia	4
France	354
Ireland	1 769
Latvia	3
Lithuania	3
Netherlands	774
Poland	37