

AGREED RECORD
OF CONCLUSIONS OF FISHERIES CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN
THE FAROE ISLANDS, THE EUROPEAN UNION, GREENLAND, ICELAND,
NORWAY AND THE UNITED KINGDOM ON THE MANAGEMENT OF
MACKEREL IN THE NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC FOR 2022

London, 27 October 2021

1. A delegation from the Faroe Islands, headed by Mr Herluf SIGVALDSSON, a delegation from the European Union headed by Mr Joost PAARDEKOOOPER, a delegation from Greenland, headed by Mr Jákup Emil HANSEN, a delegation from Iceland, headed by Mr Kristján Freyr HELGASON, a delegation from Norway headed by Ms Ann Kristin WESTBERG and a delegation from the United Kingdom headed by Mr Colin FAULKNER met in London on 19-21 October 2021 and on 27 October 2021 to consult on the management of mackerel in the North-East Atlantic for 2022. A delegation from the Russian Federation headed by Mr Vladimir BELYAEV participated via video-conference as observer.
2. The delegations agreed that the ICES MSY-advice of 794 920 tonnes should represent the level of catches of mackerel in the North-East Atlantic for 2022.
3. The delegations agreed that the Parties shall continue consulting on a comprehensive and inclusive quota-sharing arrangement as early as possible in 2022, with the best endeavours to reach a swift conclusion. In this context, Parties are invited to provide concrete proposals as from January 2022, taking into account the present situation.
4. The delegations agreed on Terms of Reference for a Working Group on mackerel distribution, as set out in Annex I of this Agreed Record. The Working Group should present its report by 28 February 2022. This report should inform the delegations on the distribution of the mackerel stock.
5. The delegations further agreed to exchange, by no later than 28 February 2022, details of all relevant regulations to provide an historical overview of the mackerel fisheries management by each party.
6. The delegations agreed to meet immediately after the presentation of the report of the Working Group.

7. The delegations exchanged final quota and catch information for 2019 and 2020, as well as preliminary information for 2021. This information is provided in Annex II of this Agreed Record.
8. The delegations agreed to continue to provide quota and catch information in the same format as set out in Annex II of this Agreed Record. The delegations also agreed to exchange information from 2021 and onwards regarding their fishing activities including exchanges and access provisions as outlined in Annex III of this Agreed Record.
9. The delegations agreed that each Party shall, by 1 May 2022, provide updated information according to paragraph 8 to the chair of the consultations for 2023. The chair shall forward this information as soon as possible to all Parties.
10. The delegations agreed that the United Kingdom would act as chair for the Coastal States consultations for 2023.

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ANNEX I

Terms of Reference for a Working Group on mackerel distribution

The Coastal States European Union, the Faroe Islands, Greenland, Iceland, Norway, and the United Kingdom, and the Fishing Party, the Russian Federation, agree to establish a Working Group to collect and collate information on the geographical distribution of the mackerel stock in the North-East Atlantic, based on internationally recognised data collection methods and on the distribution of catches from this stock.

The Working Group shall:

1. Present available fishery independent data on the geographical distribution on an annual, quarterly and/or monthly/survey basis for all life stages of Northeast Atlantic mackerel (biomass and abundance or their appropriate proxies) by the respective zones of fisheries jurisdiction and in international waters since 1977. Assess the utility of available data for the purposes of assessing the distribution of the stock in time and space.
2. For each Coastal State/Fishing Party, present total annual catch data by month and ICES statistical rectangle from 1977-2020, and by the respective zones of fisheries jurisdiction and international waters. In the event the data offers lower precision, data can be presented by quarter and/or ICES subdivision. Describe the quality and utility of the catch data for the purposes of assessing the distribution of the stock in time and space.

The Working Group should present a report by 28 February 2022.

ANNEX II

Reporting of quotas and catches of mackerel in the North-East Atlantic - 2019 to 2021

2019 Final	QUOTAS (tonnes)				CATCHES (tonnes)										
	Quota established	Balance 2018	Quota exchange	Quotas after transfers and flexibility	NEAFC Regulatory Area	European Union Zone	Faroese Fishing Zone	Greenland fishing zone	Icelandic Exclusive Economic Zone	Norwegian Economic Zone	Fishery Zone around Jan Mayen	Fishery Protection Zone around Svalbard	Russian Economic Zone	TOTAL CATCH	Balance to 2020
European Union *	322.077	40.260	253	362.590	19	327.648	2			318				327.987	34.603
Faroe Islands	82.339	7.624	-19.779	70.184	3.986	24.718	27.679			6.883				63.266	6.918
Iceland	140.240	13.625	-200	153.665	60.535	0	605	0	64.375	0	0	0	0	125.515	28.150
Norway	147.085	-6.271	5.726	146.540		129.355				29.729				159.084	-12.544
Greenland	70.411	0		70.411	23.805			6.655						30.460	0
Total CS	762.152	55.238	-14.000	803.390	88.345	481.721	28.286	6.655	64.375	36.930	0	0	0	706.312	57.127

Confirmed 12.10.2021

Updated 28.04.2021

* including 5 242 tonnes EU bycatch of MAC (in EU waters)

Russian Federation	108.840	6.152	14.000	128.992	114.082		12.462							126.544	2.448
Total all Parties	870.992	61.390	0	932.382	202.427	481.721	40.748	6.655	64.375	36.930	0	0	0	832.856	59.575

2020 Final	QUOTAS (tonnes)				CATCHES (tonnes)										
	Quota established	Balance 2019	Quota exchange	Quotas after transfers and flexibility	NEAFC Regulatory Area	European Union Zone	Faroese Fishing Zone	Greenland Fishing Zone	Icelandic Exclusive Economic Zone	Norwegian Economic Zone	Fishery Zone around Jan Mayen	Fishery Protection Zone around Svalbard	Russian Economic Zone	TOTAL CATCH	Balance to 2021
European Union *	454.482	32.208	271	486.961	63	447.272	169			334				447.838	39.123
Faroe Islands	116.188	6.918	-20.400	102.706	2.270	35.230	31.410							68.910	33.796
Iceland	152.141	21.036	-700	172.477	103.567		965		43.971					148.503	23.974
Norway	207.551	-12.544	6.329	201.336		178.385				33.161				211.546	-10.210
Greenland	59.934	0		59.934	26.613									26.613	0
Total CS	990.296	47.618	-14.500	1.023.414	132.513	660.887	32.544	0	43.971	33.495	0	0	0	903.410	86.683

12.10.2021

13.04.2021

26.04.2021

28.04.2021

14.05.2021

* including 5198 tonnes EU bycatch of MAC (in EU waters)

Russian Federation	130.282		14.383	144.665	117.301		11.515							128.816	15.849
Total all Parties	1.120.578	47.618	-117	1.168.079	249.814	660.887	44.059	0	43.971	33.495	0	0	0	1.032.226	102.532

04.05.2021

2021 Provisional	QUOTAS (tonnes)				CATCHES (tonnes)											
	Quota established	Balance 2020	Quota exchange	Quotas after transfers and flexibility	NEAFC Regulatory Area	European Union Zone	Faroese Fishing Zone	Greenland Fishing Zone	Icelandic Exclusive Economic Zone	Norwegian Economic Zone	Fishery Zone around Jan Mayen	Fishery Protection Zone around Svalbard	Russian Economic Zone	United Kingdom Economic Zone	TOTAL CATCH	Balance to 2022
European Union (*) (**)	198.063	39.123	453	237.639	15	99.061				12				24.217	123.305	114.406
Faroe Islands	167.048	33.796	-22.400	178.444	40.438		36.720			18.988					96.146	82.298
Iceland	140.627	22.368	-700	162.295	105.993		58		23.299					129.350	32.945	
Norway (***)	298.299	-10.210	6.349	294.438	6.123					243.475				249.598	44.840	
Greenland	60.000			60.000	34.055									34.055	0	
United Kingdom	222.288	-4.630	-453	217.205		977							106.780	107.757	109.448	
Total CS	1.086.325	80.447	-16.751	1.150.021	186.624	100.038	36.778	0	23.299	262.475	0	0	0	130.997	740.211	383.937

(*) including 1 049 tonnes EU bycatch of MAC in EU waters and 312 tonnes in UK waters

(**) Last update regarding exchanges: 12/10/2021

(***) Preliminary quota

Russian Federation	120.423		16.500	136.923	121.981		14.177								136.158	985
Total all Parties	1.206.748	80.447	-251	1.286.944	308.605	100.038	50.955	0	23.299	262.475	0	0	0	130.997	876.369	384.922

10.10.2021

ANNEX III

Transfers in 2021*										
				Transfer to						
Party	Quotas	Balance from	Total available	European Union	Faroe Islands	Greenland	Iceland	Norway	United Kingdom	Russian Federation
European Union (**)	198.314	39.123	237.437	---					305	
Faroe Islands	167.048	33.796	200.844		---		1.300	6.600		14.500
Greenland	60.000	0	60.000			---				
Iceland	140.627	22.368	162.295				---			2000***
Norway	298.299	-10.210	288.089	251				---		
United Kingdom	222.288	-4.630	217.658	758					---	
Russian Federation	120.423		136.923							---

Access arrangements in 2021							
Access to							
Party	European Union	Faroe Islands	Greenland	Iceland	Norway	United Kingdom	Russian Federation
European Union (*)	---				251	Full access	
Faroe Islands		---			83.524		
Greenland			---				
Iceland				---			n/a
Norway		83524			---		
United Kingdom	Full access					---	
Russian Federation							

*Transfers imply full access

** Last update regarding exchanges: 12/10/21

*** In this case, transfer does not imply full access