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Updates to Commission Proposal COM (2020) 344 for a Council Regulation amending Council Regulation (EU) 2020/123 as regards certain fishing opportunities

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Consultation of the United Kingdom

As this non-paper adds to the Commission Proposal for a Regulation that is to be adopted during the transition period provided for in the Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, the Commission will consult the United Kingdom in accordance with Article 130(1) of that Agreement.

1. Amendment to the Commission proposal regarding fishing opportunities for Norway Pout

1. The following recital is inserted in the Commission Proposal:

“According to the ICES advice, catches of Norway pout (*Trisopterus esmarkii*) in ICES subarea 4 and division 3a in the period from 1 November 2019 to 31 October 2020 should not exceed 167 105 tonnes. From this stock, the European Union reserved a share of 92 000 tonnes, and set a preliminary Union quota of 65 000 tonnes in Council Regulation (EU) 2019/1838. Following the consultations, in December 2019, the EU transferred from the remaining reserved amount only 14 500 and 5 000 tonnes respectively to Norway and the Faroe Islands. As a result, the remaining 7 500 tonnes should be added to the current Union quota.”

2. In Article 1(1) of the Commission Proposal, point (d) is inserted:

(d) In Annex IA, the fishing opportunities table for Norway pout and associated by-catches in Union waters of ICES division 3a and Union waters of ICES division 2a and ICES subarea 4 is replaced by the following:

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Species:	Norway pout and associated by-catches	Zone: 3a; Union waters of 2a and 4	
	<i>Trisopterus esmarkii</i>	(NOP/2A3A4.)	
Year	2019	2020	
Denmark	54 949 ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾	72 433 ⁽¹⁾⁽⁶⁾	Analytical TAC
Germany	11 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	14 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽⁶⁾	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
The Netherlands	40 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	53 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽⁶⁾	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Union	55 000 ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾	72 500 ⁽¹⁾⁽⁶⁾	
Norway	14 500 ⁽⁴⁾	0 ⁽⁴⁾	
Faroe Islands	5 000 ⁽⁵⁾	0 ⁽⁵⁾	
TAC	Not relevant	Not relevant	

(1) Up to 5 % of the quota may consist of by-catches of haddock and whiting (OT2/*2A3A4). By-catches of haddock and 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.

(2) Quota may be fished in Union waters of ICES zones 2a, 3a and 4 only.

(4) A sorting grid shall be used.

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A sorting grid shall be used. Includes a maximum of 15 % of unavoidable by-catches (NOP/*2A3A4), to be counted against this quota.

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