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Updates to Commission proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2023 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters, as well as fixing for 2023 and 2024 such fishing opportunities for certain deep-sea fish stocks (COM(2022) 559)

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1. AMENDMENTS IN RELATION TO RED SEABREAM

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Red seabream (*Pagellus bogaraveo*) in International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) subarea 10 (waters around the Azores) is a stock listed in Annex 36, table F, of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA) between the EU and the United Kingdom (UK)¹. That annex lists stocks that are only present in one Party's waters; in this case the stock is only present in EU waters. It is proposed to set the fishing opportunities for red seabream in ICES subarea 10, and that the EU inform the UK of the quota allocated to it for that stock.

On 10 June 2022, ICES published its scientific advice² for red seabream in ICES subarea 10 for 2023. ICES provides precautionary advice for that deep-sea stock. In line with established practice, it is proposed to set the total allowable catches (TACs) for that deep-sea stock for 2023 and 2024 in accordance with the ICES advice for 2023. This represents a decrease of -22% compared to the TACs set for 2021 and 2022. When the Commission receives advice for that stock for 2024, where justified on the basis of that advice, the Commission may submit a proposal for an amendment of the 2024 TAC.

AMENDMENTS TO THE ANNEXES

In Annex IA, Part F, the fishing opportunities table for red seabream (*Pagellus bogaraveo*) in EU and international waters of ICES subarea 10 is replaced by the following:

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Species:	Red seabream <i>Pagellus bogaraveo</i>		Zone:	Union and international waters of 10 (SBR/10-)
Year	2023	2024	Precautionary TAC	
Spain	4	4		
Portugal	467	467		
Union	471	471		
United Kingdom	4	4		
TAC	475	475		

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¹ Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of the other part (OJ L 149, 30.4.2021, p. 10).

² <https://doi.org/10.17895/ices.advice.19453799>

2. AMENDMENTS IN RELATION TO CCAMLR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

At its 2022 annual meeting, the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) adopted catch limits for target and by-catch species for the period from 1 December 2022 to 30 November 2023. Those measures should be implemented in EU law.

AMENDMENTS TO THE RECITALS

Recital (31) is replaced by the following:

“(31) At its 2022 annual meeting, the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) adopted catch limits for target and by-catch species for the period from 1 December 2022 to 30 November 2023. Those measures should be implemented in Union law.”

AMENDMENTS TO THE ANNEXES

In Annex VII, Tables A and B, and Part A of the Appendix, are replaced by the following:

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Table A

Authorised Member States, subareas and maximum number of fishing vessels

Member State	Subarea	Maximum number of vessels
Spain	48.6	1
Spain	88.1	1
Spain	88.2	1

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Table B

TACs and by-catch limits

The TACs set out in the table below, which are adopted by CCAMLR, are not allocated to CCAMLR members and hence the Union’s share is undetermined. Catches are monitored by the CCAMLR Secretariat, which will communicate to the Contracting Parties when fishing is to be ceased due to TAC exhaustion.

Subarea	Region	Season	SSRUs or research blocks	Antarctic toothfish (<i>Dissostichus mawsoni</i>) catch limit (in tonnes)/SSRUs or research blocks	Antarctic toothfish (<i>Dissostichus mawsoni</i>) catch limit (in tonnes)/whole subarea ³	By-catch limit (in tonnes)/SSRUs or research blocks		
						Skates and rays (<i>Rajiformes</i>)	Grenadiers (<i>Macrourus</i> spp.) ⁴	Other species
48.6	Whole subarea	1 December 2022 to 30 November 2023	48.6_2	123	485	6	19	19
			48.6_3	37		1	5	5
			48.6_4	157		7	25	25
			48.6_5	168		8	2	26
88.1	Whole subarea		A, B, C, G ⁵ ('N70')	664	3495	33	106	33

³ The target species is Antarctic toothfish (*Dissostichus mawsoni*). Any Patagonian toothfish (*Dissostichus eleginoides*) caught shall be counted towards the overall catch limit for Antarctic toothfish (*Dissostichus mawsoni*).

⁴ In area 88.1 and in SSRUs A and B in area 88.2, where the catch of grenadiers (*Macrourus* spp.) taken by a single vessel in any two 10-day periods (i.e. from day 1 to day 10, day 11 to day 20, or day 21 to the last day of the month) in any SSRU exceeds 1 500 kg in each 10-day period and exceeds 16 % of the catch of Antarctic toothfish (*Dissostichus* spp.) by that vessel in that SSRU, the vessel shall cease fishing in that SSRU for the remainder of the season.

⁵ All areas outside the Ross Sea region marine protected area and north of 70° S.

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						Skates and rays (<i>Rajiformes</i>)	Grenadiers (<i>Macrourus</i> spp.) ⁴	Other species
		1 December 2022 to 31 August 2023	G, H, I, J, K ⁶ ('S70')	2307		115	316	115
			Special Research Zone of the Ross Sea Region marine protected area ('SRZ')	425		21	72	21
88.2	Whole subarea	1 December 2022 to 31 August 2023	A, B ⁷ (N70)	Included in the catch limit for N70 in sub-area 88.1		Included in the by-catch limits for N70 in sub-area 88.1		
			A, B ⁸ (S70)	Included in the catch limit for S70 in sub-area 88.1		Included in the by-catch limits for S70 in sub-area 88.1		
			Part of SSRU_A within SRZ	Included in the catch limit for SRZ in sub-area 88.1		Included in the by-catch limits for SRZ in sub-area 88.1		
			88.2_1	230		11	36	36
			88.2_2	268		13	42	42
			88.2_3	208		10	33	33
			88.2_4	185		9	29	29

⁶ All areas outside the Ross Sea region marine protected area and south of 70° S.

⁷ All areas outside the Ross Sea region marine protected area and north of 70° S.

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						Skates and rays (<i>Rajiformes</i>)	Grenadiers (<i>Macrourus</i> spp.) ⁴	Other species
		14 December 2022 to 31 August 2023	88.2_H	122		6	19	19

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Part A

Research blocks 48.6 coordinates

Research block 48.6_2 coordinates

54° 00' S 01° 00' E

55° 00' S 01° 00' E

55° 00' S 02° 00' E

55° 30' S 02° 00' E

55° 30' S 04° 00' E

56° 30' S 04° 00' E

56° 30' S 07° 00' E

56° 00' S 07° 00' E

56° 00' S 08° 00' E

54° 00' S 08° 00' E

54° 00' S 09° 00' E

53° 00' S 09° 00' E

53° 00' S 03° 00' E

53° 30' S 03° 00' E

53° 30' S 02° 00' E

54° 00' S 02° 00' E

Research block 48.6_3 coordinates

64° 30' S 01° 00' E

66° 00' S 01° 00' E

66° 00' S 04° 00' E

65° 00' S 04° 00' E

65° 00' S 07° 00' E

64° 30' S 07° 00' E

Research block 48.6_4 coordinates

68° 20' S 10° 00' E

68° 20' S 13° 00' E

69° 30' S 13° 00' E

69° 30' S 10° 00' E

69° 45' S 10° 00' E

69° 45' S 06° 00' E

69° 00' S 06° 00' E

69° 00' S 10° 00' E

Research block 48.6_5 coordinates

71° 00' S 15° 00' W

71° 00' S 13° 00' W

70° 30' S 13° 00' W

70° 30' S 11° 00' W

70° 30' S 10° 00' W

69° 30' S 10° 00' W

69° 30' S 09° 00' W

70° 00' S 09° 00' W

70° 00' S 08° 00' W

69° 30' S 08° 00' W

69° 30' S 07° 00' W

70° 30' S 07° 00' W

70° 30' S 10° 00' W

71° 00' S 10° 00' W

71° 00' S 11° 00' W

71° 30' S 11° 00' W

71° 30' S 15° 00' W

Research blocks 88.2 coordinates

Research block 88.2_1 coordinates

73° 48' S 108° 00' W

73° 48' S 105° 00' W

75° 00' S 105° 00' W

75° 00' S 108° 00' W

Research block 88.2_2 coordinates

73° 18' S 119° 00' W

73° 18' S 111° 30' W

74° 12' S 111° 30' W

74° 12' S 119° 00' W

Research block 88.2_3 coordinates

72° 12' S 122° 00' W

70° 50' S 115° 00' W

71° 42' S 115° 00' W

73° 12' S 122° 00' W

Research block 88.2_4 coordinates

72° 36' S 140° 00' W

72° 36' S 128° 00' W

74° 42' S 128° 00' W

74° 42' S 140° 00' W

List of small-scale research units (SSRUs)

Region	SSRU	Boundary line
88.1	A	From 60° S 150° E, due east to 170° E, due south to 65° S, due west to 150° E, due north to 60° S.
	B	From 60° S 170° E, due east to 179° E, due south to 66°40' S, due west to 170° E, due north to 60° S.
	C	From 60° S 179° E, due east to 170° W, due south to 70° S, due west to 178° W, due north to 66°40' S, due west to 179° E, due north to 60° S.
	D	From 65° S 150° E, due east to 160° E, due south to coast, westward along coast to 150° E, due north to 65° S.
	E	From 65° S 160° E, due east to 170° E, due south to 68° 30' S, due west to 160° E, due north to 65° S.
	F	From 68° 30' S 160° E, due east to 170° E, due south to coast, westward along coast to 160° E, due north to 68° 30' S.
	G	From 66° 40' S 170° E, due east to 178° W, due south to 70° S, due west to 178° 50' E, due south to 70° 50' S, due west to 170° E, due north to 66°40' S.
	H	From 70° 50' S 170° E, due east to 178° 50' E, due south to 73° S, due west to coast, northward along coast to 170° E, due north to 70° 50' S.
	I	From 70° S 178° 50' E, due east to 170° W, due south to 73° S, due west to 178° 50' E, due north to 70° S.
	J	From 73° S at coast near 170° E, due east to 178° 50' E, due south to 80° S, due west to 170° E, northward along coast to 73° S.
	K	From 73° S 178° 50' E, due east to 170° W, due south to 76° S, due west to 178° 50' E, due north to 73° S.
	L	From 76° S 178° 50' E, due east to 170° W, due south to 80° S, due west to 178° 50' E, due north to 76° S.
	M	From 73° S at coast near 169° 30' E, due east to 170° E, due south to 80° S, due west to coast, northward along coast to 73° S.
88.2	A	From 60° S 170° W, due east to 160° W, due south to coast, westward along coast to 170° W, due north to 60° S.
	B	From 60° S 160° W, due east to 150° W, due south to coast, westward along coast to 160° W, due north to 60° S.
	C	From 70° 50' S 150° W, due east to 140° W, due south to coast, westward along coast to 150° W, due north to 70° 50' S.
	D	From 70° 50' S 140° W, due east to 130° W, due south to coast, westward along coast to 140° W, due north to 70° 50' S.

Region	SSRU	Boundary line
	E	From $^{\circ}70^{\circ} 50' S^{\circ}130^{\circ} W$, due east to $^{\circ}120^{\circ} W$, due south to coast, westward along coast to $^{\circ}130^{\circ} W$, due north to $^{\circ}70^{\circ} 50' S$.
	F	From $^{\circ}70^{\circ} 50' S^{\circ}120^{\circ} W$, due east to $^{\circ}110^{\circ} W$, due south to coast, westward along coast to $^{\circ}120^{\circ} W$, due north to $^{\circ}70^{\circ} 50' S$.
	G	From $^{\circ}70^{\circ} 50' S^{\circ}110^{\circ} W$, due east to $^{\circ}105^{\circ} W$, due south to coast, westward along coast to $^{\circ}110^{\circ} W$, due north to $^{\circ}70^{\circ} 50' S$.
	H	From $^{\circ}65^{\circ} S^{\circ}150^{\circ} W$, due east to $^{\circ}105^{\circ} W$, due south to $^{\circ}70^{\circ} 50' S$, due west to $^{\circ}150^{\circ} W$, due north to $^{\circ}65^{\circ} S$.
	I	From $^{\circ}60^{\circ} S^{\circ}150^{\circ} W$, due east to $^{\circ}105^{\circ} W$, due south to $^{\circ}65^{\circ} S$, due west to $^{\circ}150^{\circ} W$, due north to $^{\circ}60^{\circ} S$.

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3. AMENDMENTS IN RELATION TO COMMON SOLE

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In line with established practice, the landing obligation exemptions deduction for common sole (*Solea solea*) in ICES division 8a and 8b (Bay of Biscay) should be capped to match the ICES projected discards based on the average discard ratio over 2015–2021. The landing obligation exemptions deduction of -2,41% therefore needs to be revised to -2,25%. The fishing opportunities for that stock should be replaced accordingly.

AMENDMENTS TO THE ANNEXES

In Annex IA, Part A, the fishing opportunities table for common sole (*Solea solea*) in ICES division 8a and 8b is replaced by the following:

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Species:	Common sole <i>Solea solea</i>	Zone:	8a and 8b (SOL/8AB.)
Belgium	33	Analytical TAC	
Spain	6		
France	2 406		
Netherlands	180		
Union	2 625		
TAC	2 685		

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