

**AGREED RECORDS OF FISHERIES CONSULTATIONS
BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN UNION AND NORWAY FOR JANUARY 2021
(INTERIM ARRANGEMENT)**

ONLINE, 5 JANUARY 2021

1. A European Union Delegation headed by Mr Fabrizio DONATELLA and a Norwegian Delegation headed by Ms Ann Kristin WESTBERG met online during December 2020 and January 2021 to consult on an interim arrangement on mutual fisheries relations for January 2021, pending the conclusion of the bilateral consultations for 2021.
2. The Heads of Delegations agreed to recommend to their respective authorities the arrangements for the regulation of fisheries in Skagerrak in 2021, outlined in this Agreed Record.
3. The Norwegian Delegation informed the EU Delegation that they had established provisional quotas for 2021 based on the ICES advice for 2021 and applied the traditional allocation keys.
4. The EU Delegation informed the Norwegian Delegation that they had fixed provisional quotas for the period 01 January to 31 March 2021 equivalent to 25 % of the TAC set in the 2020 Agreed Record for Skagerrak and Kattegat.
5. The Delegations agreed to establish a preliminary limited mutual stand-alone access arrangement for Skagerrak for the month of January 2021 in order to alleviate some of the problems associated with the lack of a fully-fledged agreements on management of fisheries for shared stocks for 2021. The Delegations agreed that this *ad hoc* provisional arrangement is without prejudice to the outcome of the fisheries consultations for 2021, including the TACs and the exchange of fishing possibilities.
6. The Delegations agreed that vessels that had been authorized to fish, effectively fished in Skagerrak and reported catches in the waters of the other Party during January 2020 should be authorized to fish in January 2021 as well. The names of eligible vessels are listed in the exchange of letters of 5 January 2021 between the Heads of Delegations.
7. The Delegations agreed that these limitations described in paragraph 6 shall not apply to vessels below 12 meters length, and that all vessels below 12 meters will have access to the waters of the other party during the stipulated time period.

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