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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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1. AMENDMENTS IN RELATION TO EU-NO-UK STOCKS

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Introduction

The EU held trilateral consultations with the United Kingdom and Norway on six shared and jointly managed stocks occurring within the areas under the jurisdiction of the three parties, with the aim to agree on the management of these stocks, including the fishing opportunities for 2024.

The EU conducted the trilateral consultations in accordance with the objectives and principles set out in Articles 2, 3, 28 and 33 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013¹ as well as Article 5 of the North Sea multiannual plan² (MAP), and the Commission non-paper on the approach to be taken in the consultations with the United Kingdom and Norway to agree on fishing opportunities for shared stocks for 2024, endorsed by the Council on 12 October 2023. Consultations were conducted by the Commission in full coordination with the Council. The PECH Committee of the European Parliament was involved through periodic information and update sessions.

On 8 December 2023, the Commission agreed with the United Kingdom and Norway on the setting of fishing opportunities for 6 jointly managed stocks, which are transposed into 18 TACs. The agreement was laid down in the Agreed Record, which was signed by the Heads of Delegation of the Parties on 8 December 2023.

It is therefore proposed to set TACs corresponding to fishing opportunities for 2024 as agreed in the Agreed Record of the above-mentioned consultations with the United Kingdom and with Norway.

General approach

In line with the core conservation objective of the Common Fisheries Policy as set out in Article 2(2) of the CFP Regulation, also recalled in Article 3(1) of the North Sea MAP, the Union agreed with the United Kingdom and with Norway on 18 TACs for stocks with F_{MSY} advice (advice with levels of fishing opportunities expressing fishing pressure that delivers the maximum sustainable yield – ‘MSY’).

For three of those 6 stocks (9 TACs: North Sea, Skagerrak and Kattegat, eastern English Channel North Sea herring; North Sea and Skagerrak plaice; and North Sea, Rockall and West of Scotland,

¹ Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy, amending Council Regulations (EC) No 1954/2003 and (EC) No 1224/2009 and repealing Council Regulations (EC) No 2371/2002 and (EC) No 639/2004 and Council Decision 2004/585/EC (OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 22).

² Regulation (EU) 2018/973 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2018 establishing a multiannual plan for demersal stocks in the North Sea and the fisheries exploiting those stocks, specifying details of the implementation of the landing obligation in the North Sea and repealing Council Regulations (EC) No 676/2007 and (EC) No 1342/2008 (OJ L 179, 16.7.2018, p. 1).

Skagerrak and Kattegat saithe), the fishing opportunities were set in line with the ICES advice and in accordance with the provisions of the North Sea MAP.

For Northern shelf cod (4 TACs: North Sea, Eastern Channel, Skagerrak and West of Scotland), the fishing opportunities were set below the MSY to support the recovery of the southern sub-stock, which ICES estimates to be below the reference point for B_{pa} . Moreover, for Northern shelf cod, the EU will continue with the functionally linked measures first applied since 2020³. These measures include specific selectivity measures, area closures for protection of spawning aggregations of cod as well as the possibility for Member States to introduce National Cod Avoidance Plans.

For two of those 6 stocks (5 TACs: North Sea, West of Scotland and Skagerrak haddock and North Sea and Eastern Channel whiting), fishing opportunities were set at $F_{MSY\ lower}$ to take into account their interaction with cod in mixed fisheries. These fishing opportunities levels will contribute to the sustainable management of the Northern shelf cod stock, while reducing risks of choke in areas where haddock and whiting is found in high abundance.

| Stock | TAC | % change compared to 2023 |
|---|---|---------------------------|
| Northern shelf cod (4 TACs: North Sea, Eastern Channel, Skagerrak and West of Scotland) | 31 301 tonnes (below F_{MSY}) | +15% |
| North Sea haddock (3 TACs: North Sea, Skagerrak-Kattegat, West of Scotland) | 118 955 tonnes ($F_{MSY\ lower}$) | +74% |
| North Sea herring (5 TACs: 3 TACs for targeted fishery and 2 TACs for bycatches in North Sea, Eastern Channel, Skagerrak-Kattegat) | A fleet: 510 323 tonnes B fleet: 7 716 tonnes C fleet: 29 735 tonnes D fleet: 6 659 tonnes | NA |
| Plaice (2 TACs : North Sea, Skagerrak) | 154 663 tonnes (F_{MSY}) | +2,6% |
| Saithe (2 TACs : North Sea and West of Scotland) | 73 815 tonnes (F_{MSY}) | +25% |
| Whiting | 95 596 tonnes ($F_{MSY\ lower}$) | +124% |

³ Ref. Article 16 of Council Regulation (EU) 2023/194

| Stock | TAC | % change compared to 2023 |
|---|-----|---------------------------|
| (2 TACs: North Sea and Eastern Channel) | | |

AMENDMENTS TO THE RECITALS

Recitals (57), (57a), (57b) and (57c) are replaced by the following:

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(57) In 2023, the Union, the United Kingdom and Norway held trilateral consultations on six shared and jointly managed stocks occurring within the areas under the jurisdiction of the three parties, with the aim to agree on the management of those stocks including the fishing opportunities for 2024. These consultations were conducted between 3 November and 8 December 2023, on the basis of the EU position endorsed by the Council on 12 October 2023. The outcome of the consultations was documented in an Agreed Record, signed by the Head of Delegations on 8 December 2023. It is therefore proposed to set the relevant fishing opportunities at the level agreed with the United Kingdom and Norway, together with the other provisions of the Agreed Record.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES

Articles 6a, relating to the application of provisional TACs, is deleted.

AMENDMENTS TO THE ANNEXES

In Annex IA, the relevant fishing opportunities tables are replaced by the following:

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| Table 11 | | | |
|-----------------|------------------------|---|---|
| Species: | Herring(1) | Zone: | Union, United Kingdom and Norwegian waters of 4 north of 53°30'N (HER/4AB.) |
| | <i>Clupea harengus</i> | | |
| Denmark | 77 901 | Analytical TAC | |
| Germany | 48 599 | Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies | |
| France | 21 784 | | |
| Netherlands | 56 425 | | |

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|----------------|------------------------|
| Sweden | 4 748 |
| Union | 209 557 |
| Faroe Islands | 0 |
| Norway | 147 994 ⁽²⁾ |
| United Kingdom | 96 736 |

TAC 510 323

⁽¹⁾ Catches of herring taken in fisheries using nets with mesh sizes equal to or larger than 32 mm.

⁽²⁾ Catches taken within this quota are to be deducted from Norway's share of the TAC. Within the limit of this quota, no more than the following quantity may be taken in Union waters of 4b (HER/*04B-C):

2 700

Special condition: within the limits of these quotas, no more than the quantities given below may be taken by the Union in Norwegian waters south of 62°N:

Norwegian waters south of 62°N (HER/*4N-S62)

Union 2 700

Table 14

| Species: | Herring(1) <i>Clupea harengus</i> | Zone: | 4 and 7d; United Kingdom waters of 2a (HER/2A47DX) |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| Belgium | 38 | Analytical TAC | |
| Denmark | 7 388 | Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies | |
| Germany | 38 | | |
| France | 38 | | |
| Netherlands | 38 | | |
| Sweden | 36 | | |
| Union | 7 576 | | |
| United Kingdom | 140 | | |
| TAC | 7 716 | | |

⁽¹⁾ Exclusively for catches of herring taken as by-catch in fisheries using nets with mesh sizes smaller than 32 mm.

Table 15

| Species: | Herring(1) <i>Clupea harengus</i> | Zone: | 4c and 7d(2) (HER/4CXB7D) |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| Belgium | 9 171 ⁽³⁾ | Analytical TAC | |
| Denmark | 1 223 ⁽³⁾ | Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies | |
| Germany | 763 ⁽³⁾ | | |
| France | 13 741 ⁽³⁾ | | |
| Netherlands | 24 429 ⁽³⁾ | | |
| Union | 49 327 ⁽³⁾ | | |
| United Kingdom | 6 809 ⁽³⁾ | | |
| TAC | 510 323 | | |

⁽¹⁾ Exclusively for catches of herring taken in fisheries using nets with mesh sizes equal to or larger than 32 mm.

⁽²⁾ Except Blackwater stock, i.e. the herring stock in the maritime region of the Thames estuary within a zone delimited by a rhumb line running due south from Landguard Point (51°56'N, 1°19,1'E) to latitude 51°33'N and hence due west to a point on the coast of the United Kingdom.

(3) Special condition: up to 50 % of this quota may be taken in 4b (HER/*04B.).

Table 22

| Species: | Cod <i>Gadus morhua</i> | Zone: | 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a; the part of 3a not covered by the Skagerrak and Kattegat (COD/2A3AX4) |
|----------------|----------------------------|---|---|
| Belgium | 607 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | Analytical TAC | |
| Denmark | 3 490 | Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |
| Germany | 2 212 ⁽²⁾ | Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |
| France | 750 ⁽¹⁾ | | |
| Netherlands | 1 972 ⁽¹⁾ | | |
| Sweden | 23 | | |
| Union | 9 054 | | |
| Norway | 4 233 ⁽³⁾ | | |
| United Kingdom | 11 613 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | | |
| TAC | 24 900 | | |

(1) Special condition: of which up to 5% may be fished in: 7d (COD/*07D.).

(2) Special condition: of which up to 10% may be fished in United Kingdom, European Union and international waters of 6a north of 58°30' (COD/*5BE6A).

(3) Of which no more than the following quantity may be taken in Union waters (COD/*3AX4-EU). Catches taken within this quota are to be deducted from Norway's share of the TAC.

3 522

Special condition: within the limits of these quotas, no more than the quantity given below may be taken in the following zone: Norwegian waters of 4 (COD/*04N-)

| | |
|-------|-------|
| Union | 6 551 |
|-------|-------|

Table 28

| Species: | Cod <i>Gadus morhua</i> | Zone: | 7d (COD/07D.) |
|----------------|----------------------------|---|------------------|
| Belgium | 62 ⁽¹⁾ | Analytical TAC | |
| France | 1 218 ⁽¹⁾ | Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |
| Netherlands | 36 ⁽¹⁾ | Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |
| Union | 1 316 ⁽¹⁾ | | |
| United Kingdom | 134 ⁽²⁾ | | |
| TAC | 1 450 | | |

(1) Special condition: of which up to 5% may be fished in 4, the part of 3a not covered by the Skagerrak and Kattegat and United Kingdom waters of 2a (COD/*2A3X4).

(2) Special condition: of which up to 5% may be fished in United Kingdom and Union waters of 4, the part of 3a not covered by the Skagerrak and Kattegat and United Kingdom waters of 2a (COD/*2A3X4X).

Table 39

| Species: | Haddock <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i> | Zone: | 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a (HAD/2AC4.) |
|----------|--|----------------|---|
| Belgium | 601 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | Analytical TAC | |

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|----------------|--------|-------------------|---|
| Denmark | 4 128 | ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies |
| Germany | 2 627 | ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | |
| France | 4 579 | ⁽¹⁾ | |
| Netherlands | 450 | ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | |
| Sweden | 383 | ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | |
| Union | 12 768 | ⁽¹⁾ | |
| Norway | 23 327 | ⁽³⁾ | |
| United Kingdom | 65 326 | | |

TAC 101 421

⁽¹⁾ Special condition: of which up to 10% may be fished in United Kingdom, Union and international waters of 6a north of 58°30'N (HAD/*6AN58).

⁽²⁾ Special condition: of which up to 5% may be fished in 3a (HAD/*03A.).

⁽³⁾ Of which 19 410 tonnes may be taken in Union waters (HAD/*04-EU). Catches taken within this quota are to be deducted from Norway's share of the TAC.

Special condition: within the limits of these quotas, no more than the quantities given below may be taken in the following zones: Norwegian waters of 4 (HAD/*04N-)

Union 7 907

Table 42

| | | | |
|----------|--|-------|---|
| Species: | Haddock <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i> | Zone: | 6a; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b (HAD/5BC6A.) |
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|----------------|-------|----------------|---|
| Belgium | 28 | ⁽¹⁾ | Analytical TAC |
| Germany | 28 | ⁽¹⁾ | Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies |
| France | 1 244 | ⁽¹⁾ | |
| Ireland | 891 | ⁽¹⁾ | |
| Union | 2 191 | ⁽¹⁾ | |
| United Kingdom | 9 110 | | |

TAC 11 301

⁽¹⁾ Special condition: of which up to 25% may be fished in United Kingdom and Union waters of 2a and 4 (HAD/*2AC4.).

Table 46

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|----------|--|-------|---|
| Species: | Whiting <i>Merlangius merlangus</i> | Zone: | 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a (WHG/2AC4.) |
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|----------------|--------|----------------|---|
| Belgium | 1 223 | | Analytical TAC |
| Denmark | 5 291 | | Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies |
| Germany | 1 376 | | |
| France | 18 912 | | |
| Netherlands | 3 058 | | |
| Sweden | 11 | | |
| Union | 18 912 | | |
| Norway | 7 670 | ⁽¹⁾ | |
| United Kingdom | 49 610 | | |

TAC 76 697

(1) Of which 6 382 tonnes may be taken in Union waters (WHG/*04-EU). Catches taken within this quota are to be deducted from Norway's share of the TAC.

Special condition: within the limits of these quotas, no more than the quantity given below may be taken in the following zone: Norwegian waters of 4 (WHG/*04N-)

Union 10 953

Table 79

| | |
|---|--|
| Species: Plaice <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i> | Zone: 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a; the part of 3a not covered by the Skagerrak and the Kattegat (PLE/2A3AX4) |
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| | | |
|----------------|-----------|---|
| Belgium | 5 809 | Analytical TAC |
| Denmark | 18 878 | Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies |
| Germany | 5 446 | |
| France | 1 089 | |
| Netherlands | 36 303 | |
| Union | 67 525 | |
| Norway | 9 549 (1) | |
| United Kingdom | 36 105 | |

TAC 136 413

(1) Of which 7 946 tonnes may be taken in Union waters (PLE/*3AX4-EU). Catches taken within this quota are to be deducted from Norway's share of the TAC.

Special condition: within the limits of these quotas, no more than the quantities given below may be taken in the following zone: Norwegian waters of 4 (PLE/*04N-)

Union 31 003

Table 87

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|---|--|
| Species: Saithe <i>Pollachius virens</i> | Zone: 3a and 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a (POK/2C3A4) |
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|----------------|------------|---|
| Belgium | 20 (1) | Analytical TAC |
| Denmark | 2 343 (1) | Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies |
| Germany | 5 916 (1) | |
| France | 13 922 (1) | |
| Netherlands | 59 (1) | |
| Sweden | 322 (1) | |
| Union | 22 582 (1) | |
| Norway | 35 901 (2) | |
| United Kingdom | 8 393 | |

TAC 66 876

(1) Special condition: of which up to 15% may be fished in United Kingdom, Union and international waters of 6a north of 58°30'N (POK/*6AN58).

(2) Of which 28 937 tonnes may be taken in Union waters of 4 and in 3a (POK/*3A4-C). Catches taken within this quota are to be deducted from Norway's share of the TAC.

Special condition: within the limits of these quotas, no more than the quantity given below may be taken in the following zone:
 Norwegian waters of 4 (POK/*04N-)

| | |
|-------|--------|
| Union | 19 976 |
|-------|--------|

Table 88

| | | |
|---|----------------------|---|
| Species: Saithe <i>Pollachius virens</i> | | Zone: 6; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b, 12 and 14 (POK/56-14) |
| Germany | 318 ⁽¹⁾ | Analytical TAC |
| France | 3 161 ⁽¹⁾ | Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies |
| Ireland | 106 ⁽¹⁾ | |
| Union | 3 585 ⁽¹⁾ | |
| Norway | 0 | |
| United Kingdom | 3 354 | |
| TAC | 6 939 | |

⁽¹⁾ Special condition: of which up to 30% may be fished in United Kingdom and Union waters of 2a and 4 (POK/*2AC4C)

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2. AMENDMENTS IN RELATION TO EU-NO STOCKS

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The EU held bilateral consultations with Norway on one shared and jointly managed stock, whiting in the Skagerrak⁴, with the aim to agree on the management of this stock, including fishing opportunities for 2024. These consultations also covered the exchange of quotas and access arrangements. The EU conducted the bilateral consultations with Norway in accordance with the objectives and principles set out in Articles 2, 3, 28 and 33 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013⁵ as well as Article 5 of the North Sea multiannual plan⁶ (MAP), and the Commission non-paper on the approach to be taken in the consultations with Norway to agree on fishing opportunities for shared stocks for 2024 endorsed by the Council on 12 October 2023. Consultations were conducted by the Commission in full coordination with the Council.

The bilateral consultations were successfully concluded on 8 December 2023 and the outcome was documented in three Agreed Records⁷. It is therefore proposed to update the Commission proposal, as updated by the Commission services' non-paper of 7 December 2023, and set the relevant fishing opportunities at the level agreed with Norway, together with the other provisions of the Agreed Records.

AMENDMENTS TO THE RECITALS

Recital (58) is replaced by the following:

- (59) The Union held bilateral consultations with Norway on one shared and jointly managed stock in the Skagerrak area (whiting), with the aim to agree on the management of this stock and fishing opportunities for 2024, as well as exchange of quotas and access arrangements. These consultations were conducted between 30 October and 8 December 2023, on the basis of the EU position endorsed by the Council on 12 October 2023. The outcome of the consultations was documented in Agreed Records, signed by the Head of Delegations on 8 December 2023. It is therefore proposed to set the relevant fishing

⁴ Whiting (*Merlangius merlangus*) in Division 3.a (Skagerrak and Kattegat).

⁵ Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy, amending Council Regulations (EC) No 1954/2003 and (EC) No 1224/2009 and repealing Council Regulations (EC) No 2371/2002 and (EC) No 639/2004 and Council Decision 2004/585/EC (OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 22).

⁶ Regulation (EU) 2018/973 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2018 establishing a multiannual plan for demersal stocks in the North Sea and the fisheries exploiting those stocks, specifying details of the implementation of the landing obligation in the North Sea and repealing Council Regulations (EC) No 676/2007 and (EC) No 1342/2008 (OJ L 179, 16.7.2018, p. 1).

⁷ Agreed record of fisheries consultations between the European Union and Norway for 2024; Agreed record of conclusions of fisheries consultations between Norway and the European Union on the regulation of fisheries in Skagerrak and Kattegat for 2024; and Protocol of fisheries consultations between Norway and the European Union, on behalf of Sweden, for 2024.

opportunities at the level agreed with Norway, together with the other provisions of the Agreed Records.

AMENDMENTS TO THE ANNEXES

In Annex IA, Part B, the relevant fishing opportunities tables are replaced by the following:

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| Table 8 | | | |
|----------------|------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Species: | Tusk <i>Brosme brosme</i> | Zone: | Norwegian waters of 4 (USK/04-N.) |
| Belgium | 0 | Precautionary TAC | |
| Denmark | 50 | Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |
| Germany | 0 | | |
| France | 0 | | |
| Netherlands | 0 | | |
| Union | 50 | | |
| TAC | Not relevant | | |

| Table 10 | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|---|------------------|
| Species: | Herring(1) <i>Clupea harengus</i> | Zone: | 3a (HER/03A.) |
| Denmark | 12 498 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ | Analytical TAC | |
| Germany | 200 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ | Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |
| Sweden | 13 073 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ | Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |
| Union | 25 771 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ | | |
| Norway | 3 964 ⁽²⁾ | | |
| TAC | 29 735 | | |

⁽¹⁾ Catches of herring taken in fisheries using nets with mesh sizes equal to or larger than 32 mm.

⁽²⁾ Only the following amounts of the herring stocks HER/03A. (HER/*03A.) and HER/03A-BC (HER/*03A-BC) may be fished in 3a:

| | |
|---------|-----|
| Denmark | 554 |
| Germany | 8 |
| Sweden | 407 |
| Union | 969 |
| Norway | 167 |

⁽³⁾ Special condition: up to 50% of this amount may be fished in United Kingdom waters of 4 (HER/*04-UK), and 50% may be fished in Union waters of 4b (HER/*4B-EU).

Table 12

| | | | |
|----------------|--|---|--|
| Species: | Herring <i>Clupea harengus</i> | Zone: | Norwegian waters south of 62°N (HER/4N-S62) |
| Sweden | 1 128 ⁽¹⁾ | Analytical TAC | |
| Union | 1 128 | Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |
| TAC | Not relevant | | |
| ⁽¹⁾ | By-catches of cod, haddock, pollack, whiting and saithe are to be counted against the quota for these species. | | |

Table 13

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|--|---|--------------------|---------|-----|---------|---|--------|-----|-------|-----|
| Species: | Herring <i>Clupea harengus</i> | Zone: | 3a (HER/03A-BC) | | | | | | | | |
| Denmark | 5 692 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ | Analytical TAC | | | | | | | | | |
| Germany | 51 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ | Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies | | | | | | | | | |
| Sweden | 916 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ | | | | | | | | | | |
| Union | 6 659 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ | | | | | | | | | | |
| TAC | 6 659 ⁽²⁾ | | | | | | | | | | |
| ⁽¹⁾ | Exclusively for catches of herring taken as by-catch in fisheries using nets with mesh sizes smaller than 32 mm. | | | | | | | | | | |
| ⁽²⁾ | Only the following amounts of the herring stocks HER/03A. (HER/*03A) and HER/03A-BC (HER/*03A-BC) may be fished in 3a: | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Denmark</td> <td>554</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Germany</td> <td>8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sweden</td> <td>407</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Union</td> <td>969</td> </tr> </table> | | | Denmark | 554 | Germany | 8 | Sweden | 407 | Union | 969 |
| Denmark | 554 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Germany | 8 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sweden | 407 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Union | 969 | | | | | | | | | | |
| ⁽³⁾ | Special condition: up to 50% of this quota may be fished in Union waters of 4 (HER/*4-EU-BC). | | | | | | | | | | |

Table 21

| | | | |
|-------------|----------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Species: | Cod <i>Gadus morhua</i> | Zone: | Skagerrak (COD/03AN.) |
| Belgium | 9 | Analytical TAC | |
| Denmark | 2 848 | Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |
| Germany | 71 | Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |
| Netherlands | 18 | | |
| Sweden | 498 | | |
| Union | 3 444 | | |
| TAC | 3 559 | | |

Table 23

| | | | |
|----------|----------------------------|----------------|--|
| Species: | Cod <i>Gadus morhua</i> | Zone: | Norwegian waters south of 62°N (COD/4N-S62) |
| Sweden | 382 ⁽¹⁾ | Analytical TAC | |

Union 382 Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply

TAC Not relevant

⁽¹⁾ By-catches of haddock, pollack, whiting and saithe are to be counted against the quota for those species.

Table 34

| | | | |
|-------------|----------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Species: | Anglerfishes <i>Lophiidae</i> | Zone: | Norwegian waters of 4 (ANF/04-N.) |
| Belgium | 33 | Precautionary TAC | |
| Denmark | 842 | Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |
| Germany | 13 | | |
| Netherlands | 12 | | |
| Union | 900 | | |
| TAC | Not relevant | | |

Table 38

| | | | |
|-------------|--|---|------------------|
| Species: | Haddock <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i> | Zone: | 3a (HAD/03A.) |
| Belgium | 30 | Analytical TAC | |
| Denmark | 5 022 | Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies | |
| Germany | 319 | | |
| Netherlands | 6 | | |
| Sweden | 594 | | |
| Union | 5 971 | | |
| TAC | 6 233 | | |

Table 40

| | | | |
|----------|--|---|--|
| Species: | Haddock <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i> | Zone: | Norwegian waters south of 62°N (HAD/4N-S62) |
| Sweden | 707 ⁽¹⁾ | Analytical TAC | |
| Union | 707 | Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |
| TAC | Not relevant | | |

⁽¹⁾ By-catches of cod, pollack, whiting and saithe are to be counted against the quota for these species.

Table 45

| | | | |
|----------|---------|-------|----|
| Species: | Whiting | Zone: | 3a |
|----------|---------|-------|----|

| <i>Merlangius merlangus</i> | | (WHG/03A.) |
|-----------------------------|-----|-------------------|
| Denmark | 562 | Precautionary TAC |
| Netherlands | 2 | |
| Sweden | 60 | |
| Union | 624 | |
| TAC | 676 | |

Table 50

| Species: | Whiting and pollack <i>Merlangius merlangus</i> and <i>Pollachius pollachius</i> | Zone: | Norwegian waters south of 62°N (W/P/4N-S62) |
|---|--|-------------------|--|
| Sweden | 190 ⁽¹⁾ | Precautionary TAC | |
| Union | 190 | | |
| TAC | Not relevant | | |
| ⁽¹⁾ By-catches of cod, haddock and saithe are to be counted against the quota for these species. | | | |

Table 53

| Species: | Hake <i>Merluccius merluccius</i> | Zone: | Norwegian waters of 4 (HKE/04-N.) |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Belgium | 16 | Precautionary TAC | |
| Denmark | 1 496 | | |
| Germany | 169 | | |
| France | 69 | | |
| Netherlands | 120 | | |
| Sweden | Not relevant | | |
| Union | 1 870 | | |
| TAC | Not relevant | | |

Table 70

| Species: | Ling <i>Molva molva</i> | Zone: | Norwegian waters of 4 (LIN/04-N.) |
|-------------|----------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Belgium | 4 | Precautionary TAC | |
| Denmark | 477 | Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |
| Germany | 13 | | |
| France | 5 | | |
| Netherlands | 1 | | |
| Union | 500 | | |
| TAC | Not relevant | | |

Table 72

| | | | |
|----------|--|---|--------------------------------------|
| Species: | Norway lobster <i>Nephrops norvegicus</i> | Zone: | Norwegian waters of 4 (NEP/04-N.) |
| Denmark | 250 | Analytical TAC | |
| Germany | 0 | Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |
| Union | 250 | Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |
| TAC | Not relevant | | |

Table 77

| | | | |
|----------|--|---|--|
| Species: | Northern prawn <i>Pandalus borealis</i> | Zone: | Norwegian waters south of 62°N (PRA/4N-S62) |
| Denmark | 50 | Analytical TAC | |
| Sweden | 123 ⁽¹⁾ | Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |
| Union | 123 | Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |
| TAC | Not relevant | | |

⁽¹⁾ By-catches of cod, haddock, pollack, whiting and saithe are to be counted against the quotas for these species.

Table 78

| | | | |
|-------------|--|---|--------------------------|
| Species: | Plaice <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i> | Zone: | Skagerrak (PLE/03AN.) |
| Belgium | 87 | Analytical TAC | |
| Denmark | 11 339 | Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies | |
| Germany | 58 | | |
| Netherlands | 2 181 | | |
| Sweden | 607 | | |
| Union | 14 272 | | |
| TAC | 18 250 | | |

Table 89

| | | | |
|----------|------------------------------------|---|--|
| Species: | Saithe <i>Pollachius virens</i> | Zone: | Norwegian waters south of 62°N (POK/4N-S62) |
| Sweden | 880 ⁽¹⁾ | Analytical TAC | |
| Union | 880 | Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |
| TAC | Not relevant | | |

⁽¹⁾ By-catches of cod, haddock, pollack and whiting are to be counted against the quota for these species.

Table 118

| | | | |
|----------------|--|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Species: | Industrial fish | Zone: | Norwegian waters of 4 (I/F/04-N.) |
| Sweden | 800 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | Precautionary TAC | |
| Union | 800 | | |
| TAC | Not relevant | | |
| ⁽¹⁾ | By-catches of cod, haddock, pollack, whiting and saithe to be counted against the quotas for these species. | | |
| ⁽²⁾ | Special condition: of which no more than the following amount of horse mackerel (JAX/*04-N.): To be established | | |

Table 120

| | | | |
|----------------|--|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Species: | Other species | Zone: | Norwegian waters of 4 (OTH/04-N.) |
| Belgium | 14 | Precautionary TAC | |
| Denmark | 1 320 | | |
| Germany | 149 | | |
| France | 61 | | |
| Netherlands | 106 | | |
| Sweden | Not relevant ⁽¹⁾ | | |
| Union | 1 650 ⁽²⁾ | | |
| TAC | Not relevant | | |
| ⁽¹⁾ | Quota of 'other species' allocated by Norway to Sweden at a traditional level. | | |
| ⁽²⁾ | Species not covered by other TACs. | | |

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In Annex IB, Tables 2, 10, 15, 18, 22, 27 are replaced by the following:

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Table 2

| | | | |
|----------|----------------------------|---|---|
| Species: | Cod <i>Gadus morhua</i> | Zone: | Norwegian waters of 1 and 2 (COD/1N2AB.) |
| Germany | 2 269 | Analytical TAC | |
| Greece | 282 | Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |
| Spain | 2 533 | Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |
| Ireland | 282 | | |
| France | 2 084 | | |
| Portugal | 2 533 | | |
| Union | 9 983 | | |
| TAC | Not relevant | | |

Table 10

| | | | |
|----------|--|---|---|
| Species: | Haddock <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i> | Zone: | Norwegian waters of 1 and 2 (HAD/1N2AB.) |
| Germany | 312 | Analytical TAC | |
| France | 188 | Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |
| Union | 500 | Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |
| TAC | Not relevant | | |

Table 15

| | | | |
|----------|------------------------------------|---|---|
| Species: | Saithe <i>Pollachius virens</i> | Zone: | Norwegian waters of 1 and 2 (POK/1N2AB.) |
| Germany | 474 | Analytical TAC | |
| France | 76 | Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |
| Union | 550 | Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |
| TAC | Not relevant | | |

Table 18

| | | | |
|----------------|---|---|---|
| Species: | Greenland halibut <i>Reinhardtius hippoglossoides</i> | Zone: | Norwegian waters of 1 and 2 (GHL/1N2AB.) |
| Germany | 175 ⁽¹⁾ | Analytical TAC | |
| Union | 175 ⁽¹⁾ | Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |
| TAC | Not relevant | | |
| ⁽¹⁾ | Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries are permitted under this quota. | | |

Table 22

| | | | |
|----------|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| Species: | Redfish <i>Sebastes mentella</i> | Zone: | Norwegian waters of 1 and 2 (REB/1N2AB.) |
| Germany | 851 | Analytical TAC | |
| Spain | 106 | Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |
| France | 93 | Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |
| Portugal | 450 | | |
| Union | 1 500 | | |
| TAC | Not relevant | | |

Table 27

| | | | |
|----------|--------------------|---|---|
| Species: | Other species | Zone: | Norwegian waters of 1 and 2 (OTH/1N2AB.) |
| Germany | 125 ⁽¹⁾ | Analytical TAC | |
| France | 50 ⁽¹⁾ | Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |
| Union | 175 ⁽¹⁾ | Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |

TAC Not relevant

(1) Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries are permitted under this quota.

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In Annex V, Part A is replaced by the following:

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PART A

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF FISHING AUTHORISATIONS
FOR UNION FISHING VESSELS FISHING IN THIRD-COUNTRY WATERS

| Area of fishing | Fishery | Number of fishing authorisations | Allocation of fishing authorisations amongst Member States | | Maximum number of vessels present at any time |
|--|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|-----|---|
| | | | | | |
| Norwegian waters and fishery zone around Jan Mayen | Herring, north of 62°00'N | 59 | DK | 25 | 51 |
| | | | DE | 5 | |
| | | | FR | 1 | |
| | | | IE | 8 | |
| | | | NL | 9 | |
| | | | PL | 1 | |
| | | | SE | 10 | |
| | Demersal species, north of 62°00'N | 66 | DE | 16 | 41 |
| | | | IE | 1 | |
| | | | ES | 20 | |
| | | | FR | 18 | |
| | | | PT | 9 | |
| | | | Unallocated | 2 | |
| | Industrial species, south of 62°00'N | 450 | DK | 450 | 141 |
| Svalbard waters; international | Fishery for snow crab with pots | 20 | EE | 1 | Not applicable |
| | | | ES | 1 | |
| | | | LV | 11 | |

| Area of fishing | Fishery | Number of fishing authorisations | Allocation of fishing authorisations amongst Member States | | Maximum number of vessels present at any time |
|--|---------|----------------------------------|--|---|---|
| waters of 1 and 2b ⁽¹⁾ | | | LT | 4 | |
| | | | PL | 3 | |
| ⁽¹⁾ The allocation of fishing opportunities available to the Union in the Spitzbergen and Bear Island zone is without prejudice to the rights and obligations deriving from the 1920 Treaty of Paris. | | | | | |

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3. AMENDMENTS IN RELATION TO EU-UK STOCKS

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The EU and the United Kingdom signed the Written Record on fishing opportunities for 2024 on 6 December 2023. In that Written Record, they noted that, for some of the stocks included in Table 3 and Table 5 of Annex 1 to that Written Records, TACs are subject to trilateral EU- United Kingdom --Norway consultations. These trilateral consultations successfully concluded with the signature of the Agreed Record on 8 December 2023.

The EU and the United Kingdom subsequently held additional bilateral consultations on 8 December 2023 on fishing opportunities for 2024 for the stocks for which TACs were set in the trilateral consultations between the United Kingdom, the European Union and Norway, including Celtic Sea whiting and West of Scotland cod, in accordance with Article 498 of the TCA and in line with paragraph 4 of the Written record of fisheries consultations between the United Kingdom and the European Union for 2024 signed on 6 December 2023 (“the Written Record of 6 December 2023”).

The outcome of the additional bilateral consultations was documented in an Addendum to the Written Record of 6 December 2023, which was signed on 8 December 2023. It is therefore proposed to set the level of the relevant fishing opportunities as set out in that supplementary Written Record.

AMENDMENTS TO THE ANNEXES

In Annex IA, the relevant fishing opportunities tables are replaced by the following:

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| Table 25 | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|---|
| Species: Cod <i>Gadus morhua</i> | | Zone: 6a; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b east of 12°00'W (COD/5BE6A) |
| Belgium | 2 | Analytical TAC |
| Germany | 18 | Article 8 of this Regulation applies |
| France | 196 | Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply |
| Ireland | 77 | Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply |
| Union | 293 | |
| United Kingdom | 1 099 | |
| TAC | 1 392 | |

| Table 49 | | |
|---|-----|--|
| Species: Whiting <i>Merlangius merlangus</i> | | Zone: 7b, 7c, 7d, 7e, 7f, 7g, 7h, 7j and 7k (WHG/7X7A-C) |
| Belgium | 225 | Analytical TAC |

| | | |
|----------------|--------|---|
| France | 13 835 | Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply |
| Ireland | 6 411 | Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply |
| Netherlands | 112 | |
| Union | 20 583 | ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾ |
| United Kingdom | 2 663 | ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ |

TAC 23 709

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- (1) Of which up to 540 tonnes may be fished in United Kingdom, Union and international waters of 7b, 7c, 7e, 7f, 7g, 7h, 7j and 7k. Exclusively for bycatches. No directed fisheries for whiting are permitted under this 'of which'.
- (2) Of which up to 2 123 tonnes may be fished in United Kingdom and Union waters of 7d.
- (3) Of which up to 4 178 tonnes may be fished in United Kingdom, Union and international waters of 7b, 7c, 7e, 7f, 7g, 7h, 7j and 7k. Exclusively for bycatches. No directed fisheries for whiting are permitted under this 'of which'.
- (4) Of which up to 16 405 tonnes may be fished in United Kingdom and Union waters of 7d.
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4. AMENDMENTS IN RELATION TO COASTAL STATES STOCKS

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The bilateral EU-Norway consultations successfully concluded on 8 December 2023. The Commission proposal, as updated by the Commission services' non-paper of 21 November 2023, should therefore be updated to set EU and Member States quotas for the blue whiting stock to be fished in EU and international waters, and waters to which the EU vessels are granted access by third countries, which had been marked as '*pro memoria*'. These quotas should be set at a level that takes into account the transfers to Norway under the annual exchange of fishing opportunities for 2024. It is also proposed to update the relevant access provisions agreed during these bilateral consultations.

Moreover, in order to avoid overlapping provisions on the same subject matter, it is proposed to delete Table 59 relating to access in EU waters for Norway and the Faroe Islands to fish for blue whiting (*Micromesistius poutassou*). Such provisions are already covered in footnotes under the TAC for blue whiting in United Kingdom, Union and international waters of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8a, 8b, 8d, 8e, 12 and 14 (WHB/1X14).

AMENDMENTS TO THE ANNEXES

In Annex IA, Part B, Table 59 is deleted and Tables 56, 57, 58, 99 and 100 are replaced by the following:

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| Table 56 | | | |
|----------|---|----------------|--|
| Species: | Blue whiting <i>Micromesistius poutassou</i> | Zone: | Norwegian waters of 2 and 4 (WHB/24-N.) |
| Denmark | 0 | Analytical TAC | |
| Union | 0 | | |
| TAC | 1 529 754 | | |

| Table 57 | | | |
|-------------|---|---|--|
| Species: | Blue whiting <i>Micromesistius poutassou</i> | Zone: | United Kingdom, Union and international waters of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8a, 8b, 8d, 8e, 12 and 14 (WHB/1X14) |
| Denmark | 77 396 ⁽¹⁾ | Analytical TAC | |
| Germany | 30 093 ⁽¹⁾ | Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies | |
| Spain | 65 615 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | | |
| France | 53 862 ⁽¹⁾ | | |
| Ireland | 59 933 ⁽¹⁾ | | |
| Netherlands | 94 377 ⁽¹⁾ | | |
| Portugal | 6 095 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | | |
| Sweden | 19 145 ⁽¹⁾ | | |

| | | |
|----------------|--------------|--------|
| Union | 406 516 | (1)(3) |
| Norway | 48 000 | (4)(5) |
| Faroe Islands | Not relevant | |
| United Kingdom | Not relevant | |

TAC 1 529 754

- (1) Special condition: within a total access limit of pm tonnes for the Union, Member States may fish up to the following percentage of their quotas in Faroese waters (WHB/*05-F.): To be established %
- (2) Transfers of this quota may be effected to 8c, 9 and 10 and to Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1. However, such transfers shall be notified in advance to the Commission.
- (3) Special condition: from the Union quotas in United Kingdom, Union and international waters of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8a, 8b, 8d, 8e, 12 and 14 (WHB/*NZJM1) and in 8c, 9 and 10; Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1 (WHB/*NZJM2), the following quantity may be fished in the Norwegian Economic Zone or in the fishery zone around Jan Mayen:
10 000
- (4) Can be fished in Union waters of 4, 6a North of 56°30'N, 6b and 7 West of 12°W (WHB/*46AB7-EU).
- (5) Special condition: from the Norwegian quota, the following quantity may be fished in Union waters of 4, 6a North of 56°30'N, 6b and 7 West of 12°W (WHB/*46AB7):
150 000

Table 58

| | | | |
|----------|---|---|--|
| Species: | Blue whiting <i>Micromesistius poutassou</i> | Zone: | 8c, 9 and 10; Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1 (WHB/8C3411) |
| Spain | 47 154 | Analytical TAC | |
| Portugal | 11 788 | Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies | |
| Union | 58 942 | (1) | |

TAC 1 529 754

- (1) Special condition: from the Union quotas in Union and international waters of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8a, 8b, 8d, 8e, 12 and 14 (WHB/*NZJM1) and in 8c, 9 and 10; Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1 (WHB/*NZJM2), the following quantity may be fished in the Norwegian Economic Zone or in the fishery zone around Jan Mayen:
10 000

Table 99

| | | | |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| Species: | Mackerel <i>Scomber scombrus</i> | Zone: | 3a; United Kingdom and Union waters of 2a, 3b, 3c; 3d and 4 (MAC/2A34.) |
| Belgium | 476 | (1)(2) Analytical TAC | |
| Denmark | 16 292 | (1)(2) Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies | |
| Germany | 496 | (1)(2) | |
| France | 1 498 | (1)(2) | |
| Netherlands | 1 508 | (1)(2) | |
| Sweden | 4 247 | (1)(2)(3) | |
| Union | 24 517 | (1)(2) | |
| Norway | Not relevant | (4) | |
| United Kingdom | Not relevant | (1)(2) | |

TAC 739 386

- (1) Special condition: up to 60% may be fished in United Kingdom and international waters of 2a, 5b, 6, 7, 8d, 8e, 12 and 14 (MAC/*2AX14).
- (2) Within the limits of these quotas, no more than the quantities given below may also be taken in the two following zones:

| | Norwegian waters of 2a (MAC/*02 AN-) | Faroese waters (MAC/*FRO 1) |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Belgium | 0 | To be established |
| Denmark | 0 | To be established |
| Germany | 0 | To be established |
| France | 0 | To be established |
| Netherlands | 0 | To be established |
| Sweden | 0 | To be established |
| Union | 0 | To be established |

- (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) To be deducted from Norway's share of the TAC (access quota). This amount includes the following Norwegian share in the North Sea TAC:

0

This quota may be fished in 4a only (MAC/*04A.), except for the following amount, which may be fished in 3a (MAC/*03A.):

0

Special condition: within the limits of these quotas, no more than the quantities given below may be taken in the following zones:

| | 3a (MAC/*03A.) | United Kingdom and Union waters of 3a, 4b and 4c (MAC/*3A4BC) | 4b (MAC/*04B.) | 4c (MAC/*04C.) | United Kingdom and international waters of 2a, 5b, 6, 7, 8d, 8e, 12 and 14 (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 | 2 548 |
| Union | 0 | 5 110 | 390 | 10 | 14 710 |

| | | | | | |
|----------------|---|--------------|---|---|--------------|
| United Kingdom | 0 | Not relevant | 0 | 0 | Not relevant |
| Norway | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Table 100

| | | | |
|----------------|-------------------------|--------|--|
| Species: | Mackerel | Zone: | 6, 7, 8a, 8b, 8d and 8e; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b; international waters of 2a, 12 and 14 (MAC/2CX14-) |
| | <i>Scomber scombrus</i> | | |
| Germany | 14 268 | (1) | Analytical TAC |
| Spain | 15 | (1) | Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies |
| Estonia | 119 | (1) | |
| France | 9 513 | (1) | |
| Ireland | 47 560 | (1) | |
| Latvia | 88 | (1) | |
| Lithuania | 88 | (1) | |
| Netherlands | 20 808 | (1) | |
| Poland | 1 005 | (1) | |
| Union | 93 464 | (1) | |
| Norway | 0 | (2)(3) | |
| Faroe Islands | To be established | (4) | |
| United Kingdom | Not relevant | (1) | |
| TAC | 739 386 | | |

- (1) Special condition: of which up to 25% can be made available for exchanges to be fished by Spain, France and Portugal in 8c, 9 and 10 and Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1 (MAC/*8C910).
- (2) May be fished in 2a, 6a north of 56°30'N, 4a, 7d, 7e, 7f and 7h (MAC/*AX7H).
- (3) The amount of access limit indicated below (MAC/*N5630), in tonnes, may be fished by Norway north of 56° 30' N. The amounts not counted under footnote (2) shall be counted against the catch limit established by Norway.
- 0
- (4) This amount shall be deducted from the Faroe Islands catch limit (access quota). It may be fished only in 6a north of 56°30'N (MAC/*6AN56). However, from 1 January to 15 February and from 1 October to 31 December this quota may also be fished in 2a, 4a north of 59°N (MAC/*24N59).

Special condition: within the limits of these quotas, no more than the quantities given below may be taken in the following zones and periods:

| | | |
|--|------------------------|--------------|
| United Kingdom waters of 4a. During the periods from 1 January to 14 February and from 1 August to 31 December | Norwegian waters of 2a | Faroe waters |
| (MAC/*4 A-UK) | (MAC/*2A N-) | (MAC/*FRO 2) |

| | | | |
|----------------|--------------|---|-------------------|
| Germany | 14 268 | 0 | To be established |
| Spain | 15 | 0 | To be established |
| Estonia | 119 | 0 | To be established |
| France | 9 513 | 0 | To be established |
| Ireland | 47 560 | 0 | To be established |
| Latvia | 88 | 0 | To be established |
| Lithuania | 88 | 0 | To be established |
| Netherlands | 20 808 | 0 | To be established |
| Poland | 1 005 | 0 | To be established |
| Union | 93 464 | 0 | To be established |
| United Kingdom | Not relevant | 0 | To be established |

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In Annex IB, Table 1 is replaced by the following:

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| Table 1 | | | |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|--|
| Species: | Herring <i>Clupea harengus</i> | Zone: | United Kingdom, Faroese, Norwegian and international waters of 1 and 2 (HER/1/2-) |
| Belgium | 8 | Analytical TAC | |
| Denmark | 7 797 | | |
| Germany | 1 365 | | |
| Spain | 26 | | |
| France | 336 | | |
| Ireland | 2 019 | | |
| Netherlands | 2 791 | | |
| Poland | 395 | | |
| Portugal | 26 | | |
| Finland | 121 | | |
| Sweden | 2 889 | | |
| Union | 17 773 | | |
| United Kingdom | Not relevant | | |
| TAC | 390 010 | | |

Special condition: within the limits of the abovementioned quotas, no more than the quantities given below may be taken in the following zones:

Norwegian waters north of 62°N and the fishery zone around Jan Mayen (HER/*2AJMN)

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2, 5b north of 62°N (Faroese waters) (HER/*25B-F)

| | |
|-------------|-------------------|
| Belgium | To be established |
| Denmark | To be established |
| Germany | To be established |
| Spain | To be established |
| France | To be established |
| Ireland | To be established |
| Netherlands | To be established |
| Poland | To be established |
| Portugal | To be established |
| Finland | To be established |
| Sweden | To be established |

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5. AMENDMENTS IN RELATION TO FISHING OPPORTUNITIES IN GREENLAND WATERS

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In accordance with the procedure provided for in the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union, of the one part, and the Government of Greenland and the Government of Denmark, of the other part, and the Protocol implementing that Agreement⁸, the Joint Committee established the level of fishing opportunities available for the EU in Greenland waters in 2024. The level of fishing opportunities available for the EU in Greenland waters in 2024 was documented in the minutes of the Joint Committee meeting held from 21 to 23 November 2023 in Brussels.

It is therefore proposed that the relevant fishing opportunities be fixed at the level set out in those minutes, taking into account the transfers to Norway under the annual exchange of fishing opportunities.

The level of the fishing opportunities established for shrimp (*Pandalus borealis*) in Greenland waters of ICES subareas 5 and 14 take into account a reserve of 150 tonnes, which are to be used as currency in the event of potential purchase to Norway of additional shrimp quota in Norwegian waters of ICES subarea 4 in June 2024.

AMENDMENTS TO THE RECITALS

Recital (60) is replaced by the following:

“(60) In accordance with the procedure provided for in the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union, of the one part, and the Government of Greenland and the Government of Denmark, of the other part, and the Protocol implementing that Agreement⁹, the Joint Committee established the level of fishing opportunities available for the Union in Greenland waters in 2024. The level of fishing opportunities available for the Union in Greenland waters in 2024 was documented in the minutes of the Joint Committee meeting held from 21 to 23 November 2023 in Brussels. The relevant fishing opportunities should therefore be fixed at the level set out in those minutes, and taking into account the transfers to Norway under the annual exchange of fishing opportunities.”

AMENDMENTS TO THE ANNEXES

In Annex IB, Tables 3, 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 24, 25 and 30 are replaced by the following:

⁸ OJ L 175, 18.5.2021, p. 3.

⁹ OJ L 175, 18.5.2021, p. 3.

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Table 3

| | | | |
|----------------|---|---|--|
| Species: | Cod <i>Gadus morhua</i> | Zone: | Greenland waters of NAFO 1F and Greenland waters of 5, 12 and 14 (COD/N1GL14) |
| Germany | 1 950 ⁽¹⁾ | Analytical TAC | |
| Union | 1 950 ⁽¹⁾ | Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |
| TAC | Not relevant | | |
| ⁽¹⁾ | May not be fished from 1 March to 31 May within the 'Kleine Bank management area' bounded by the lines joining the following coordinates: | | |
| | Point | Latitude | Longitude |
| | 1 | 65°00'N | 38°00'W |
| | 2 | 65°00'N | 35°15'W |
| | 3 | 64°00'N | 35°15'W |
| | 4 | 64°00'N | 38°00'W |

Table 6

| | | | |
|----------------|--|---|--|
| Species: | Grenadiers <i>Macrourus spp.</i> | Zone: | Greenland waters of 5 and 14 (GRV/514GRN) |
| Union | 60 ⁽¹⁾ | Analytical TAC Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |
| TAC | Not relevant ⁽²⁾ Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | | |
| ⁽¹⁾ | Special condition: roundnose grenadier (<i>Coryphaenoides rupestris</i>) (RNG/514GRN) and roughhead grenadier (<i>Macrourus berglax</i>) (RHG/514GRN) shall not be targeted. They shall only be taken as by-catch and shall be reported separately. | | |
| ⁽²⁾ | The amount below, in tonnes, is allocated to Norway. Special condition for this amount: roundnose grenadier (<i>Coryphaenoides rupestris</i>) (RNG/514GRN) and roughhead grenadier (<i>Macrourus berglax</i>) (RHG/514GRN) shall not be targeted. They shall only be taken as by-catch and shall be reported separately. 40 | | |

Table 7

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|----------------|--|---|--|
| Species: | Grenadiers <i>Macrourus spp.</i> | Zone: | Greenland waters of NAFO 1 (GRV/N1GRN.) |
| Union | 45 ⁽¹⁾ | Analytical TAC Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |
| TAC | Not relevant ⁽²⁾ Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | | |
| ⁽¹⁾ | Special condition: roundnose grenadier (<i>Coryphaenoides rupestris</i>) (RNG/N1GRN.) and roughhead grenadier (<i>Macrourus berglax</i>) (RHG/N1GRN.) shall not be targeted. They shall only be taken as by-catch and shall be reported separately. | | |
| ⁽²⁾ | The amount below, in tonnes, is allocated to Norway. Special condition for this amount: roundnose grenadier (<i>Coryphaenoides rupestris</i>) (RNG/N1GRN.) and roughhead grenadier (<i>Macrourus berglax</i>) (RHG/N1GRN.) shall not be targeted. They shall only be taken as by-catch and shall be reported separately. 55 | | |

Table 13

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|----------|--|----------------|--|
| Species: | Northern prawn <i>Pandalus borealis</i> | Zone: | Greenland waters of 5 and 14 (PRA/514GRN) |
| Denmark | 1 650 | Analytical TAC | |

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|---------------|-------|---|
| France | 1 650 | Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply |
| Union | 3 300 | Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply |
| Norway | 1 700 | |
| Faroe Islands | 0 | |

TAC Not relevant

Table 14

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|----------|--|---|--|
| Species: | Northern prawn <i>Pandalus borealis</i> | Zone: | Greenland waters of NAFO 1 (PRA/N1GRN.) |
| Denmark | 1 250 | Analytical TAC | |
| France | 1 250 | Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |
| Union | 2 500 | Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |

TAC Not relevant

Table 20

| | | | |
|----------|--|---|---|
| Species: | Greenland halibut <i>Reinhardtius hippoglossoides</i> | Zone: | Greenland waters of NAFO 1 (GHL/N1G-S68) |
| Germany | 1 700 ⁽¹⁾ | Analytical TAC | |
| Union | 1 700 ⁽¹⁾ | Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |
| Norway | 325 ⁽¹⁾ | Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |

TAC Not relevant

⁽¹⁾ To be fished south of 68°N.

Table 21

| | | | |
|---------------|--|---|--|
| Species: | Greenland halibut <i>Reinhardtius hippoglossoides</i> | Zone: | Greenland waters of 5, 12 and 14 (GHL/5-14GL) |
| Germany | 4 000 | Analytical TAC | |
| Union | 4 000 ⁽¹⁾ | Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |
| Norway | 650 | Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |
| Faroe Islands | 0 | | |

TAC Not relevant

⁽¹⁾ To be fished by no more than six vessels at the same time.

Table 24

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|----------|---|---|--|
| Species: | Redfish (pelagic) <i>Sebastes spp.</i> | Zone: | Greenland waters of NAFO 1F and Greenland waters of 5, 12 and 14 (RED/N1G14P) |
| Germany | 0 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ | Analytical TAC | |
| France | 0 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ | Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |
| Union | 0 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ | Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |
| Norway | 0 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | | |

Faroe
Islands

0 (1)(2)(4)

TAC Not relevant

- (1) May only be fished from 10 May to 31 December.
- (2) May only be fished in Greenland waters within the Redfish Conservation Area bounded by the lines joining the following coordinates:
- | Point | Latitude | Longitude |
|-------|----------|-----------|
| 1 | 64°45'N | 28°30'W |
| 2 | 62°50'N | 25°45'W |
| 3 | 61°55'N | 26°45'W |
| 4 | 61°00'N | 26°30'W |
| 5 | 59°00'N | 30°00'W |
| 6 | 59°00'N | 34°00'W |
| 7 | 61°30'N | 34°00'W |
| 8 | 62°50'N | 36°00'W |
| 9 | 64°45'N | 28°30'W |
- (3) Special condition: this quota may also be fished in international waters of the Redfish Conservation Area mentioned above (RED/*5-14P).
- (4) May only be fished in Greenland Waters of 5 and 14 (RED/*514GN).

Table 25

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|----------|--|---|--|
| Species: | Redfish (demersal) <i>Sebastes spp.</i> | Zone: | Greenland waters of NAFO 1F and Greenland waters of 5 and 14 (RED/N1G14D) |
| Germany | 1 085 (1) | Analytical TAC | |
| France | 5 (1) | Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |
| Union | 1 090 (1) | Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply | |

TAC Not relevant

- (1) May only be fished by trawl, and only North and West of the line defined by the following coordinates:
- | Point | Latitude | Longitude |
|-------|----------|-----------|
| 1 | 59°15'N | 54°26'W |
| 2 | 59°15'N | 44°00'W |
| 3 | 59°30'N | 42°45'W |
| 4 | 60°00'N | 42°00'W |
| 5 | 62°00'N | 40°30'W |
| 6 | 62°00'N | 40°00'W |
| 7 | 62°40'N | 40°15'W |
| 8 | 63°09'N | 39°40'W |
| 9 | 63°30'N | 37°15'W |
| 10 | 64°20'N | 35°00'W |
| 11 | 65°15'N | 32°30'W |
| 12 | 65°15'N | 29°50'W |

Table 30

| | | | |
|----------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Species: | By-catches(1) | Zone: | Greenland waters (B-C/GRL) |
| Union | 600 | Precautionary TAC | |

Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply

TAC Not relevant

⁽¹⁾ By-catches of grenadiers (*Macrourus spp.*) shall be reported in line with the following fishing opportunities tables:
grenadiers in Greenland waters of 5 and 14 (GRV/514GRN) and grenadiers in Greenland waters of NAFO 1
(GRV/N1GRN.)
