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## **UPDATES TO COMMISSION PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL REGULATION FIXING FOR 2022 THE FISHING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CERTAIN FISH STOCKS AND GROUPS OF FISH STOCKS APPLICABLE IN UNION WATERS AND FOR UNION FISHING VESSELS IN CERTAIN NON-UNION WATERS (COM(2021) 661)**

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# 1. EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

## A. Introduction

The Union held trilateral consultations with the UK and Norway on six shared and jointly managed stocks in the North Sea area, with the aim to agree on management of those stocks, including the fishing opportunities for the next year.

The Union held bilateral consultations with Norway on two shared and jointly managed stocks in the Skagerrak area, with the aim to agree on management of those stocks, including the fishing opportunities for the next year.

The Union held bilateral consultations with Norway on the exchange of quotas.

The Union conducted the trilateral consultations with the UK and Norway in accordance with the objectives and principles set out in Articles 2, 3, 28 and 33 of the CFP Regulation<sup>1</sup> as well as Article 5 of the North Sea<sup>2</sup> Multiannual Plan (MAP), and the Union position agreed by Council.

Consultations were conducted by the Commission in full coordination with the Council. The European Parliament was informed as appropriate.

When agreeing during the consultations to targeted and by-catch stocks TAC levels, the Commission acted in full compliance with the EU applicable legal framework. Similarly, when agreeing during the consultations to analytical and precautionary approach stocks, the Commission based itself on the best available scientific advice, as provided by the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES).

On 10 December 2021, the Commission agreed with the UK and Norway trilaterally, and with Norway bilaterally, on the setting of a number of TACs. The agreements in principle were laid down in Agreed Records, which were signed by the Heads of Delegation of the parties on 10 December 2021.

The conclusion of these consultations ensured agreed fishing opportunities for the EU, the UK and Norway in the North Sea and Skagerrak for 2022.

It is therefore proposed to set TACs corresponding to fishing opportunities as agreed in the Agreed Records of the above-mentioned consultations with the UK and with Norway. Such fishing opportunities for 2022 will allow for the conduct of fishing activities in an

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<sup>1</sup> 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 of 28.12.2013, p. 22.

<sup>2</sup> 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 of 16.7.2018, p. 1.

environmentally sustainable way in the long-term, managed in ways consistent with the objectives of achieving economic, social and employment benefits and contributing to the availability of food supplies, including promotion of a level playing field for Union operators where stocks are shared with third countries in both Union and third country waters.

## **B. 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 UK and with Norway TACs for stocks with  $F_{MSY}$  advice (advice with levels of fishing opportunities expressing fishing pressure that delivers the maximum sustainable yield – ‘MSY’).

One stock (North Sea cod) for which ICES issued advice for a 10% decrease of the TAC, was rolled over for 2022 despite the initial EU position to follow the advice. Other parties’ positions were based on the intermediate year assumptions of the 30 June 2021 ICES TAC overshoot forecasts which lead them to conclude that realised TAC overshoot for 2021 is unlikely to be as high as the 71% underlying the published ICES advice, but rather up to 22%. If the former assumption is taken, the ICES advice would have resulted in the MSY advice at +2,5%, furthermore the difference in the increase of biomass of the stock between the -10% and the rollover was considered insignificant by these parties. Given the lack of recovery and continued high levels of fishing mortality of this stock, the EU will continue with the cod avoidance measures introduced in 2020. 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.

Two TACs (North Sea haddock and North Sea whiting) for which ICES issued advice for possible increases were set at levels below the advice to take into account their interaction with cod in mixed fisheries. These fishing opportunities levels will contribute to the sustainable management of the North Sea cod stock, with significant increase in the biomass predicted. The increase advised by ICES for one other TAC (North Sea herring) was moderated in order to take account of the intermixing of the Western Baltic Spring Spawning (WBSS) herring with North Sea herring in the Skagerrak and Eastern North Sea.

## **C. Other considerations**

The WBSS herring stock is depleted. When concluding the bilateral consultations with Norway, the Union undertook to limit catches of herring in the Skagerrak and Kattegat to no more than 969 tonnes and to apply, as an ad-hoc arrangement for 2022, an inter-area flexibility for its quotas in the Skagerrak and Kattegat equal to 5,7 % of its A fleet TAC in waters of 4a and 4b. Corresponding footnotes should be added to the TAC tables in Annex IA of the Commission proposal.

## **2. AMENDMENTS TO THE ENACTING TERMS OF THE COMMISSION PROPOSAL COM(2021)661**

- The following recitals are inserted:

In 2021, the Union, the UK and Norway held trilateral consultations on six shared and jointly managed stocks in the North Sea area, with the aim to agree on management of those stocks including the fishing opportunities for the next year. These consultations were conducted between 28 October and 10 December 2021, on the basis of the Union position agreed by Council. The outcome of the consultations was documented in an Agreed Record, signed by the Head of Delegations of the EU, the UK and Norway on 10 December 2021. It is therefore proposed to set the relevant fishing opportunities at the level agreed with the UK and Norway, together with the other provisions of the Agreed Record.

In 2021, the Union and Norway held bilateral consultations on two shared and jointly managed stocks in the Skagerrak area, with the aim to agree on management of those stocks including the fishing opportunities for the next year, as well as exchanges of fishing opportunities. These consultations were conducted between 8 November and 10 December 2021, on the basis of the Union position agreed by Council. The outcome of the consultations was documented in three Agreed Records, signed by the Head of Delegations of the EU and Norway on 10 December 2021. It is therefore proposed to set the relevant fishing opportunities implementing the agreed record with Norway, together with the other provisions of the Agreed Record.

The fishing opportunities for North Sea cod should be established in order to ensure a level playing field for Union operators and to provide for the recovery of that stock. Functionally linked measures jointly agreed with the UK and Norway should be maintained to allow for the recovery and long-term sustainable management of the stock.

ICES noted in 2019 that the herring catches for Division 3.a should be as close to zero as possible given that without additional area and/or time restriction on the herring fishery, a catch of WBSS herring would be inevitable. Recent information by ICES indicates the increasing intermixing of WBSS herring with North Sea herring in the Skagerrak and North Sea, where the majority of WBSS catches now occur in the Skagerrak and to a lesser extent in the Eastern North Sea.

In the Agreed Record from the bilateral consultations between the EU and Norway for Skagerrak, the EU commits to limit its actual catches in the Skagerrak to 969 tonnes, while Norway agreed to transfer at least 95% of its quota to the North Sea to protect WBSS herring. Accordingly, it is proposed to limit the overall catches of C (HER/03A.) and D (HER/03A-BC) fleets for the relevant Member States by adding a special condition footnote to the TAC tables of those quotas, while maintaining the level of the quotas in the tables to reflect the relative stability and to regulate the associate inter-area flexibility (IAF). In the case of Norway, the maximum actual catches that could take place in EU waters of 3a would correspond to 167 tonnes (5% of its quota).

According to paragraph 13.11 of the Agreed Record from the bilateral consultations between the EU and Norway for Skagerrak, Norway and the EU should be able to fish up to 100% of their

Skagerrak herring quota in the North Sea in order to protect WBSS herring. Pending the conclusion of the bilateral consultations with the UK for 2022, it cannot be confirmed that the IAF into UK waters for 2022 for HER/03A will be maintained. Therefore, it is necessary to make explicit that IAF into UK waters would not be applicable in the relevant footnotes of the C fleets until the EU and the UK agreed on such flexibility in the bilateral EU-UK consultations.

In paragraph 13.12 of the Agreed Record from the bilateral consultations between the EU and Norway for Skagerrak, the EU announced its intention to use certain flexibility in the North Sea areas 4a and 4b equal to the EU part of 5.7% of the A-fleet level, or 21,038 tonnes. This IAF is based on the C fleet levels for the different Member States although also available for the D fleet.

#### AMENDMENTS TO ANNEX IA OF THE COMMISSION PROPOSAL

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

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	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
France	0		
Netherlands	0		
Union	50		
TAC	Not relevant		

Species:	Herring(1) <i>Clupea harengus</i>	Zone:	3a (HER/03A.)
Denmark	10 515 <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup> <sup>(4)</sup>	Analytical TAC	
Germany	168 <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup> <sup>(4)</sup>	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies	
Sweden	10 999 <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup>		
Union	21 682 <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup>		
Norway	3 337 <sup>(2)</sup>		
TAC	25 021		

(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. and HER/03A-BC may be fished in ICES Division 3a

Denmark	554
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Germany	8
Sweden	407
Union	969
Norway	167

- (3) Special condition: subject to the relevant access restrictions, up to the following amounts of the herring stocks HER/03A. and HER/03A-BC may be fished in United Kingdom and Union waters of 4a and 4b (HER/\*04-CD.).

Denmark	7805
Germany	125
Sweden	8165
Union	21038

Species:	Herring <i>Clupea harengus</i>	Zone:	Norwegian waters south of 62°N (HER/4N-S62)
Sweden	991	(1)	Analytical TAC
Union	991		Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
TAC	427 628		

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

Species:	Herring(1) <i>Clupea harengus</i>	Zone:	3a (HER/03A-BC)
Denmark	5 692	(2)(3)	Analytical TAC
Germany	51	(2)(3)	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
Sweden	916	(2)(3)	
Union	6 659	(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. and HER/03A-BC may be fished in ICES Division 3a:

Denmark	554
Germany	8
Sweden	407
Union	969

- (3) Special condition: up to the following amounts of the herring stocks HER/03A. and HER/03A-BC may be fished in Union waters of 4b (HER/\*04-CD.).

Denmark	7805
Germany	125
Sweden	8165
Union	21038

Species:	Herring(1) <i>Clupea harengus</i>	Zone:	4, 7d and United Kingdom waters of 2a (HER/2A47DX)
Belgium	41	Analytical TAC	
Denmark	7 823	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies	
Germany	41		
France	41		
Netherlands	41		
Sweden	38		
Union	8 025		
United Kingdom	149		
TAC	8 174		

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

Species:	Cod <i>Gadus morhua</i>	Zone:	Skagerrak (COD/03AN.)
Belgium	5	Analytical TAC	
Denmark	1 503	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Germany	38	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Netherlands	9		
Sweden	263		
Union	1 818		
TAC	1 893		

Species:	Cod <i>Gadus morhua</i>	Zone:	4; United Kingdom waters of 2a; that part of 3a not covered by the Skagerrak and Kattegat (COD/2A3AX4)
Belgium	339 <sup>(1)</sup>	Analytical TAC	
Denmark	1 948	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Germany	1 235	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
France	419 <sup>(1)</sup>		
Netherlands	1 101 <sup>(1)</sup>		
Sweden	13		
Union	5 055		
Norway	2 252 <sup>(2)</sup>		

United Kingdom 5 939 <sup>(1)</sup>

TAC 13 246

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

<sup>(2)</sup> May be taken in Union waters. Catches taken within this quota are to be deducted from Norway's share of the TAC.

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

Norwegian waters of 4 (COD/\*04N-)

Union 3 958

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

Analytical TAC

Union 382

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

Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply

TAC Not relevant

<sup>(1)</sup> By-catches of haddock, pollack, whiting and saithe are to be counted against the quota for these species.

Species:	Haddock <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>	Zone:	3a (HAD/03A.)
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Belgium 13

Analytical TAC

Denmark 2 223

Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies

Germany 141

Netherlands 3

Sweden 263

Union 2 643

TAC 2 761

Species:	Haddock <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>	Zone:	4; United Kingdom waters of 2a (HAD/2AC4.)
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Belgium 290 <sup>(1)</sup>

Analytical TAC

Denmark 1 993 <sup>(1)</sup>

Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies

Germany 1 268 <sup>(1)</sup>

France 2 211 <sup>(1)</sup>

Netherlands 217 <sup>(1)</sup>

Sweden 178 <sup>(1)</sup>



Union	6 157 <sup>(1)</sup>
Norway	10 333
United Kingdom	28 434 <sup>(1)</sup>

TAC 44 924

<sup>(1)</sup> 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).

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 of 4 (HAD/\*04N-)

Union 4 123

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

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

Species:	Whiting <i>Merlangius merlangus</i>	Zone:	3a  (WHG/03A.)
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Denmark	659	Precautionary TAC
Netherlands	2	
Sweden	70	
Union	731	
TAC	929	

Species:	Whiting <i>Merlangius merlangus</i>	Zone:	4; United Kingdom waters of 2a  (WHG/2AC4.)
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Belgium	504	Analytical TAC
Denmark	2 181	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
Germany	567	
France	3 378	
Netherlands	1 261	

Sweden	4
Union	7 795
Norway	2 664 <sup>(1)</sup>
United Kingdom	16 131

TAC 26 636

<sup>(1)</sup> May be taken in Union waters. Catches taken within this quota are to be deducted from Norway's share of the TAC.

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 of 4 (WHG/\*04N-)

Union 4 782

Species:	Whiting and pollack <i>Merlangius merlangus</i> and <i>Pollachius pollachius</i>	Zone:	Norwegian waters south of 62°N (W/P/4N-S62)
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Sweden 190 <sup>(1)</sup> Precautionary TAC

Union 190

TAC Not relevant

<sup>(1)</sup> By-catches of cod, haddock and saithe are to be counted against the quota for these species.

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

Union 0

TAC Not relevant

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)
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Denmark 34 176 <sup>(1)</sup> Analytical TAC

Germany 13 288 <sup>(1)</sup> Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies

Spain 28 974 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>

France 23 784 <sup>(1)</sup>

Ireland	26 465	(1)
Netherlands	41 673	(1)
Portugal	2 692	(1)(2)
Sweden	8 454	(1)
Union	179 506	(1)(2)
Norway	31 500	
Faroe Islands	0	
United Kingdom	71 774	

TAC Not relevant

- (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.): 0 %
- (2) Transfers of this quota may be effected to 8c, 9 and 10; 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:

114 554

Species:	Blue whiting <i>Micromesistius poutassou</i>	Zone:	8c, 9 and 10; Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1  (WHB/8C3411)
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Spain	23 202	Analytical TAC
Portugal	5 801	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
Union	29 003	(1)

TAC Not relevant

- (1) Special condition: from the EU 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:

114 554

Species:	Blue whiting <i>Micromesistius poutassou</i>	Zone:	United Kingdom and Union waters of 2, 4a, 5, 6 north of 56° 30' N and 7 west of 12° W  (WHB/24A567)
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Norway	114 554	(1)(2)	Analytical TAC
Faroe Islands	0		Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies

TAC Not relevant

(1) To be counted against quota established by Norway.

(2) To be fished in Union waters of ICES 4, 6 and 7.

Species:	Ling <i>Molva molva</i>	Zone:	Norwegian waters of 4 (LIN/04-N.)
Belgium	5	Precautionary TAC	
Denmark	667	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Germany	19	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
France	8		
Netherlands	1		
Union	700		
TAC	Not relevant		

Species:	Norway lobster <i>Nephrops norvegicus</i>	Zone:	Norwegian waters of 4 (NEP/04-N.)
Denmark	200	Analytical TAC	
Germany	0	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Union	200	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
TAC	Not relevant		

Species:	Northern prawn <i>Pandalus borealis</i>	Zone:	3a (PRA/03A.)
Denmark	1 349	Analytical TAC	
Sweden	727	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Union	2 076	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
TAC	3 888		

Species:	Northern prawn <i>Pandalus borealis</i>	Zone:	United Kingdom and Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a (PRA/2AC4-C)
Denmark	735	Precautionary TAC	
Netherlands	7		
Sweden	30		
Union	772		

United Kingdom 218

TAC 990

Species:	Northern prawn <i>Pandalus borealis</i>	Zone:	Norwegian waters south of 62°N (PRA/4N-S62)
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Denmark 200 Analytical TAC  
Sweden 123 <sup>(1)</sup> Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply  
Union 323 Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply

TAC Not relevant

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

Species:	Plaice <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>	Zone:	Skagerrak (PLE/03AN.)
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Belgium 88 Analytical TAC  
Denmark 11 391 Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies  
Germany 58  
Netherlands 2 191  
Sweden 610  
Union 14 338

TAC 16 816

Species:	Plaice <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>	Zone:	4; United Kingdom waters of 2a; that part of 3a not covered by the Skagerrak and the Kattegat (PLE/2A3AX4)
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Belgium 4 844 Analytical TAC  
Denmark 15 744 Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies  
Germany 4 541  
France 908  
Netherlands 30 277  
Union 56 314  
Norway 8 798  
United Kingdom 33 268

TAC 125 692

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

Norwegian waters of 4 (PLE/\*04N-)

Union	30 883	
Species:	Saithe <i>Pollachius virens</i>	Zone: 3a and 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a (POK/2C3A4)
Belgium	14 <sup>(1)</sup>	Analytical TAC
Denmark	1 706 <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
Germany	4 307 <sup>(1)</sup>	
France	10 137 <sup>(1)</sup>	
Netherlands	43 <sup>(1)</sup>	
Sweden	234 <sup>(1)</sup>	
Union	16 441 <sup>(1)</sup>	
Norway	23 499 <sup>(2)</sup>	
United Kingdom	5 010 <sup>(1)</sup>	
TAC	44 950	

<sup>(1)</sup> 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).

<sup>(2)</sup> May only 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 the abovementioned quotas, no more than the quantities given below may be taken in the following zones:

Norwegian waters of 4 (POK/\*04N-)

14 908

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

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

Species:	Mackerel <i>Scomber scombrus</i>	Zone:	3a and 4; 3b, 3c and Subdivisions 22-32 (MAC/2A34.)
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Belgium	510	<sup>(1)(2)</sup>	Analytical TAC
Denmark	17468	<sup>(1)(2)</sup>	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
Germany	531	<sup>(1)(2)</sup>	Article 6a(1) of this Regulation applies
France	1605	<sup>(1)(2)</sup>	
The Netherlands	1615	<sup>(1)(2)</sup>	
Sweden	4833	<sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup>	
Union	26 562	<sup>(1)(2)</sup>	
Norway	Not relevant	<sup>(4)</sup>	
United Kingdom	Not relevant	<sup>(1)(2)</sup>	

TAC Not relevant

(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 the abovementioned quotas, no more than the quantities given below may also be taken in the two following zones:

	Norwegian waters of 2a (MAC/*02AN-)	Faroese waters (MAC/*FRO1)
Belgium	0	0
Denmark	0	0
Germany	0	0
France	0	0
The Netherlands	0	0
Sweden	0	0
Union	0	0

(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 and whiting and saithe are to be counted against the quotas for those 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, in tonnes, which may be fished in 3a (MAC/\*03A.):

0

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

	3a	United Kingdom and Union waters of 3a and 4bc	4b	4c	United Kingdom and international waters of 2a, 5b, 6, 7, 8d, 8e, 12 and 14
	(MAC/*03A.)	(MAC/*3A4BC)	(MAC/*04B.)	(MAC/*04C.)	(MAC/*2A6.)
<b>Belgium</b>	0	0	0	0	306
<b>Denmark</b>	0	4130	0	0	10480
<b>Germany</b>	0	0	0	0	319
<b>France</b>	0	490	0	0	963
<b>The Netherlands</b>	0	490	0	0	969
<b>Sweden</b>	0	0	390	10	2900
<b>Union</b>	0	5 110	390	10	15 937
<b>United Kingdom</b>	0	Not relevant	0	0	Not relevant
<b>Norway</b>	0	0	0	0	0

Species:	Mackerel	Zone:	6, 7, 8a, 8b, 8d and 8e; Union and international waters of 5b; international waters of 2a, 12 and 14
	<i>Scomber scombrus</i>		(MAC/2CX14-)



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Germany	16 498	<sup>(1)(2)</sup>	Analytical TAC
Spain	18	<sup>(1)(2)</sup>	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
Estonia	137	<sup>(1)(2)</sup>	Article 6a(1) of this Regulation applies
France	11 000	<sup>(1)(2)</sup>	
Ireland	54 992	<sup>(1)(2)</sup>	
Latvia	101	<sup>(1)(2)</sup>	
Lithuania	101	<sup>(1)(2)</sup>	
The Netherlands	24 059	<sup>(1)(2)</sup>	
Poland	1 162	<sup>(1)(2)</sup>	
Union	108 067	<sup>(1)(2)</sup>	
Norway	0	<sup>(2)(4)</sup>	
Faroe Islands	0	<sup>(5)</sup>	
United Kingdom	Not relevant	<sup>(1)(2)</sup>	

TAC Not relevant

(1) Special condition: up to 100 % may be fished in United Kingdom waters of 4a (MAC/\*4A-UK) exclusively within the periods 1 January to 14 February and 1 August to 31 December.

(2) 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).

(3) May be fished in 2a, 6a north of 56° 30' N, 4a, 7d, 7e, 7f and 7h (MAC/\*AX7H).

(4) 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.

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(5) 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°(EU zone) (MAC/\*24N59).

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Special condition: within the limits of the abovementioned 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	Faroese waters
	(MAC/*4A-UK)	(MAC/*2AN)	(MAC/*FRO2)
Germany	16 498	0	0
Spain	18	0	0
Estonia	137	0	0
France	11 000	0	0
Ireland	54 922	0	0
Latvia	101	0	0
Lithuania	101	0	0
The Netherlands	24 059	0	0
Poland	1 162	0	0
Union	108 067	0	0
United Kingdom	Not relevant	0	0

Species:	Mackerel <i>Scomber scombrus</i>	Zone:	Norwegian waters of 2a and 4a (MAC/2A4A-N)
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Denmark	pm	Analytical TAC
Union	pm	Article 6a(1) of this Regulation applies

TAC Not relevant

Species:	Industrial fish	Zone:	Norwegian waters of 4 (I/F/04-N.)
Sweden	800 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	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.):

400

Species:	Other species	Zone:	Norwegian waters of 4 (OTH/04-N.)
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Belgium 22 Precautionary TAC

Denmark 2 000

Germany 225

France 93

Netherlands 160

Sweden Not relevant (1)

Union 2 500 (2)

TAC Not relevant

(1) Quota allocated by Norway to Sweden of 'other species' at a traditional level.

(2) Species not covered by other TACs.

Species:	Hake <i>Merluccius merluccius</i>	Zone:	Norwegian waters of 4 (HKE/04-N.)
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Belgium 17 Precautionary TAC

Denmark 1 600

Germany 180

France 74

Netherlands 128

Sweden Not relevant

Union 2 000

TAC Not relevant

### 3. AMENDMENTS TO ANNEX IB OF THE COMMISSION PROPOSAL

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

Species:	Herring <i>Clupea harengus</i>	Zone:	United Kingdom, Faroese, Norwegian and international waters of 1 and 2 (HER/1/2-)
		Analytical TAC	
Belgium	9 <sup>(1)</sup>		
Denmark	8 377 <sup>(1)</sup>		
Germany	1 467 <sup>(1)</sup>		
Spain	28 <sup>(1)</sup>		
France	361 <sup>(1)</sup>		
Ireland	2 169 <sup>(1)</sup>		
Netherlands	2 998 <sup>(1)</sup>		
Poland	424 <sup>(1)</sup>		
Portugal	28 <sup>(1)</sup>		
Finland	130 <sup>(1)</sup>		
Sweden	3 104 <sup>(1)</sup>		
United Kingdom	8 183 <sup>(1)</sup>		
Union	19 095 <sup>(1)</sup>		
Faroe Islands	0 <sup>(2)</sup>		
Norway	0 <sup>(3)</sup>		
<b>TAC</b>	<b>598 588</b>		

<sup>(1)</sup> When reporting catches to the Commission the quantities fished in each of the following areas shall also be reported: NEAFC Regulatory Area and Union waters.

<sup>(2)</sup> To be counted against the catch limits of the Faroe Islands.

<sup>(3)</sup> To be counted against the catch limits of Norway.

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	0
Denmark	0
Germany	0
Spain	0

France	0
Ireland	0
Netherlands	0
Poland	0
Portugal	0
Finland	0
Sweden	0

Species: Cod <i>Gadus morhua</i>	Zone: Norwegian waters of 1 and 2 (COD/1N2AB.)
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Germany	1 240	Analytical TAC
Greece	154	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Spain	1 381	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Ireland	154	
France	1 138	
Portugal	1 381	
Union	10 259	

TAC Not relevant

Species: Haddock <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>	Zone: Norwegian waters of 1 and 2 (HAD/1N2AB.)
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Germany	281	Analytical TAC
France	169	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Union	450	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply

TAC Not relevant

Species: Saithe <i>Pollachius virens</i>	Zone: Norwegian waters of 1 and 2 (POK/1N2AB.)
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Germany	603	Analytical TAC
France	97	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Union	700	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply

TAC Not relevant

Species: Greenland halibut <i>Reinhardtius hippoglossoides</i>	Zone: Norwegian waters of 1 and 2 (GHL/1N2AB.)
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Germany	100	<sup>(1)</sup>	Analytical TAC
Union	100	<sup>(1)</sup>	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply

TAC Not relevant

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

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Species:	Other species	Zone:	Norwegian waters of 1 and 2 (OTH/1N2AB.)
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Germany	71	<sup>(1)</sup>	Analytical TAC
France	29	<sup>(1)</sup>	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Union	100	<sup>(1)</sup>	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply

TAC Not relevant

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

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