

AGREED RECORD OF THE FISHERIES CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE FAROE ISLANDS AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY FOR 2007

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1. A Delegation representing the Home Government of the Faroe Islands, headed by Mr. Andras KRISTIANSEN and a Delegation of the European Community, headed by Mr. Constantin ALEXANDROU, met in Tórshavn on 22 and 23 November 2006 for consultations on mutual fisheries relations in 2007. A list of participants is attached as Annex 4.
2. In conformity with the Agreement on fisheries between the European Community, of the one part, and the Government of Denmark and the Home Government of the Faroe Islands, of the other part, the Delegations agreed to recommend to their respective authorities that the allocations for 2007 set out in Annex 1 should be made to vessels of either Party fishing in the waters of the other Party.

Mackerel

- 3.1 The Delegations discussed issues relating to the management of mackerel. They referred to the fisheries consultations, which the European Community, the Faroe Islands, and Norway held in October 2006. The Delegations took note of the arrangement, which was reached in Edinburgh on 24 October 2006 and emphasised its importance for an effective and responsible management of the mackerel stock.

The Delegations also expressed satisfaction about this year's Annual meeting of the North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC), which has resulted in the establishment of management measures for mackerel.

- 3.2 The Delegations agreed to fix the mackerel quotas agreed upon for 2007 as set out in Annex 1 to this Agreed Record. The Delegations recalled that these figures are based upon a reference TAC of 422,551 tonnes.
- 3.3 The Faroese Delegation expressed the view that the provisions of Article 9 (1) of Council Regulation (EC) No. 894/97 would impair the fishing rights granted to the Faroe Islands for mackerel and horse mackerel in ICES fishing areas VIIe, f and h. Further the Faroese Delegation expressed its wish for extension of the areas for fishing these species to areas VIIb, VIId, VII g, VIIj and VIIIa.

Quotas in Greenland waters

- 4.1 Allocations to the Faroe Islands from the Community in Greenland waters for 2007 were agreed upon.
- 4.2 The Delegations acknowledged that the Faroe Islands had been participating in a fishery on capelin in the waters of East Greenland under this agreement for a number of years. Nevertheless, they recognised that following a reassessment of the biological situation, the quantity available to the Community had been severely curtailed and hence the quantity available to the Faroe Islands had been reduced. The Delegations agreed that as soon as the capelin in the waters of Greenland becomes available again at the levels of previous years and taking account of the Community's other commitments in its bilateral agreements, the Community will endeavour to make

quantities available to the Faroe Islands for the fishing year in question against reciprocal fishing opportunities for the Community on quotas under Faroe Islands jurisdiction.

The Community Delegation informed the Faroe Islands Delegation that in view of its direct commitment to provide capelin in its fisheries agreement with Iceland, first priority would be given to that agreement.

- 4.3 Faroe Islands Delegation regretted that it had not been possible to maintain the traditional allocation of Greenland halibut in the waters of East Greenland (ICES XIV/V). The Delegations agreed to consult on this issue as soon as possible.
- 4.4 The Community Delegation stressed the importance of an allocation of Greenland halibut and urged the relevant coastal States to reach an agreement on the management of the stock.

Blue ling and ling

- 5.1 The Community Delegation requested the continued possibility of taking by-catches within the blue ling and ling quota of roundnose grenadier and black scabbard fish at a level of no more than (1,080) tonnes, which would be counted against that quota.
- 5.2 With reference to the by-catch provisions under the conditions hitherto specified in Executive Order No. 9 of 26 January 1995, the Faroese Delegation agreed for 2007 to allow a maximum by-catch of (1,080) tonnes of roundnose grenadier and black scabbard within the quota for the blue ling and ling quota on an experimental basis. The Faroese Delegation stressed its intentions to gradually diminish this deviation from the 15% by-catch rule in the forthcoming years.

Saithe

6. The Community Delegation explored the possibility of amending the rules for the saithe fishery in such a way that a certain amount of unavoidable by-catch of cod and haddock shall be counted against the saithe quota in order to allow the saithe fishery to continue when the cod and haddock quota has been exhausted. The Faroese side referred to the very strict management regime in force for cod and haddock in Faroese waters and could not, therefore, at this stage agree to such an amendment.

Blue whiting

- 7.1 The Delegations noted with satisfaction that the coastal States had reached an agreement in December 2005 on a sharing arrangement for the blue whiting stock from 2006 onwards. The Delegations discussed issues relating to the management of blue whiting. The Delegations took note of the arrangement, which was reached in Tórshavn on 27 October 2006 and emphasised its importance for an effective and responsible management of the blue whiting.

The Delegations also agreed on the importance of ensuring an optimal biological, sustainable and economic utilisation of available fishing opportunities by Community and Faroese fisheries with due regard to the spatial limitation of relevant fishing grounds. In this context they agreed on the common advantages of having an appropriate access arrangement for shared migratory stocks in each other's zones.

The Faroese Delegation raised their concern about the current limitation of the possibility to catch blue whiting in ICES fishing areas IVa, VIa (south of 56°30'N) and VII (East of 12°W). The Delegations agreed to revert to this issue.

- 7.2 The Delegations discussed the blue whiting fishery pursued by the Faroe Islands in the Community zone and, in particular, the by-catch rule for argentine as at present. In order to make this fishery viable, it was agreed that the by-catch rule should only be enforced 24 hours after fishing has commenced. In the case of a fishery campaign shorter than 24 hours, the by-catch rule shall apply before the vessel leaves the fishing grounds.

Deep-sea species

8. The Delegations discussed the management of certain deep-sea species. They expressed concern about the state of these stocks in the light of recent scientific advice. As a continuation of the commitment to take due account of scientific advice in their future management decisions regarding these stocks, including decisions on mutual quota exchanges, the Delegations agreed to take some steps to reduce the mutual quota exchanges on these species.

Redfish

9. The Delegations discussed the management of redfish stocks in Faroese waters, the Irminger Sea and adjacent areas. They expressed concern about the state of the stocks in the light of recent scientific advice. The Delegations held the view that their future management decisions regarding these stocks, including mutual quota exchanges, should be taken with due regard to the scientific advice. They further agreed to reduce the quotas in Faroese and East Greenlandic waters.

Sandeel and Norway pout

10. Regarding the North Sea sandeel stock, the EC Delegation declared that, as in 2006, the Community would continue not to transfer its allocation of fishing possibilities of sandeel until an improvement in the stock size has been observed.

The Delegations recalled that in the Agreed Record of 25 November 2005 on mutual fishing in 2006, the Community had expressed its intention to establish a real-time monitoring system, and the Delegations had agreed to consult on the possible re-establishment of an allocation of sandeel to the Faroe Islands in an expeditious manner, as soon as the results of the monitoring system would become available, any allocation to the Faroe Islands to be balanced by allocations for similar fisheries to the Community fleet.

The Faroese Delegation noted that such a monitored experimental fishing had taken place in the 2006 season and considerable quantities had been caught. On this background the Faroese authorities had made a timely request for an allocation of sandeel for Faroese vessels, but without result. The Faroese Delegation requested the Community to allow up to 2 Faroese vessels to take part in any such monitored fishery

on the same terms as Community vessels, the possible catches to be counted against the quotas established for Faroese vessels for sprat in 2007.

The Delegations agreed that Faroese authorities would be timely informed of the possible opening of a monitored experimental fishery for sandeel in the North Sea in the 2007 season, and that 2 Faroese vessels should be admitted to participate in such fishery on the same terms as for Community vessels. Any Faroese catches under this scheme would be counted against the quota established for Faroese vessels for sprat in 2007. In the light of the results of the monitored experimental fishery, Faroese authorities might apply for a separate additional quota for sandeel, and the Community will consider such request in an expeditious manner, on the understanding that any additional quota should be balanced by allocations for similar fisheries to the Community fleet.

The Delegations noted that no directed fishery for Norway pout in Community waters is likely to be allowed in 2007. In the event that Norway pout fishery should be resumed in 2007, the Delegations agreed to consult on the possible re-establishment of an allocation of Norway pout to the Faroe Islands in an expeditious manner. Any allocation to the Faroe Islands in this respect should be balanced by allocations for similar fisheries to the Community fleet. In the event that Norway pout fishery should be resumed in future years due regard will be taken to the traditional Faroese participation in this fishery.

Full utilisation of quotas

11. The Delegations agreed to work together to ensure the optimum utilisation of fishing opportunities in each other's waters. To this end, they took note of the possibilities of swaps during the year in order to further optimise quotas and to the mutual benefit of both Parties.

Landings for industrial purposes

12. As regards landings for industrial purposes, it was agreed by the Delegations that such landings can only take place where adequate sampling systems are available to effectively monitor the landings of by-catches.

Atlanto-Scandian herring

13. The Delegations agreed on the importance of the Atlanto-Scandian herring fishery for their respective industries and on the need to ensure its rational and responsible exploitation. The Delegations hoped that despite the difficulties of the coastal States negotiations that an agreement would be reached in early December 2006 in Oslo.

The Delegations agreed to continue their constructive co-operation on responsible management and to revert to the issue of a bilateral exchange of fishing possibilities at the appropriate time.

Fishery regulations

- 14.1 The Delegations agreed that a Party intending to introduce or to amend fishery regulations applicable to vessels of the other Party shall inform the latter of such intentions at least two weeks in advance. Consultations shall be held, if so requested,

by either Party. Particular reference was made to the permanent closure of the Faroe Bank for a directed cod and haddock fishery.

- 14.2 As regards real time closures of areas due to high abundance of juvenile fish the competent authorities of the Faroe Islands will inform without delay Community Fishing Vessels operating in its waters. Community fishing vessels concerned have to leave the relevant area(s) within 6 Hours as from the time and date indicated in the notice sent to the vessel.

The competent authorities of the Faroe Islands will also inform without delay the European Commission and the relevant Member States of each closure. The European Commission will transmit before the end of 2006 the list with the authorities in the Community and their communication details. Upon request of the European Commission, the authorities of the Faroe Islands will submit a copy of the measure and the element justifying the adoption of this measure.

- 14.3 The Delegation of the Community informed the Delegation of the Faroe Islands that the Community intends to amend the existing technical measures for vessels fishing in Community waters.
- 14.4 The Delegation of the Faroe Islands informed the Community Delegation of their intention to introduce new regulations during 2007 to cover entry and exit from their waters, as well as new technical measures on mesh size and stowage plans.
- 14.5 Both Delegations agreed that such new measures as cited under points 14.3 and 14.4 above will at the earliest first be implemented four weeks after their notification to the other Party in order to allow vessels to adapt to the new situation.
- 14.6 The Delegations agreed to inform each other of the contact details for correspondence on legislative issues.

Licensing

15. The Delegations agreed that the licensing system for 2007 will be identical to the one laid down in the "Agreed Record of Conclusions of Licence Arrangements between the European Community and the Faroe Islands for 1999", signed in Brussels on 4 November 1998. They agreed to meet early in 2007 with a view to examining whether this agreement on licence arrangements needs to be reviewed.

Permitted fishing vessels

16. The Delegations agreed that both Parties would ensure that measures are in place to confirm to vessels, on entering the other Party's waters, whether or not they are included in the list of vessels that are permitted to fish.

Catch statistics

- 17.1 The Delegations agreed that each Party shall supply the other with monthly and, where deemed necessary by either Party, weekly catch statistics of fishing by its vessels in the other Party's zone. The Delegations also agreed to improve the existing procedures in order that the information so provided can be in the hands of the appropriate authorities with a minimum of delay.

- 17.2 It was also agreed to communicate to either Party, on an experimental basis, the composition of catches under the "Others" quotas based on the information contained in landing declarations in accordance with their respective legislation.
- 17.3 The Delegations agreed to inform each other of the contact details for correspondence on catch statistics.

Control and monitoring of Fisheries

18. The Delegations recognised the need for careful monitoring of fisheries covered by this arrangement to ensure the effective conservation of stocks. The Delegations agreed that the Parties should exchange officials as observers in relation to control and enforcement. The Delegations also agreed to continue the exchange of information, on a monthly basis and at more frequent intervals upon request, on landings by vessels of either Party and landings by third country vessels in the respective ports of the Parties.

Vessel Monitoring System

19. The Delegations expressed their satisfaction with the continuing co-operation on issues related to the Satellite Based Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) and noted that an agreement between the Parties had been concluded on 21 April 2005.

Electronic reporting system

20. The European Community Delegation informed the Faroese Delegation that on 21 November 2006 the Council of Ministers of the European Community adopted a regulation on the implementation of ERS and vessel detection system (VDS) at the Community level. The Delegations agreed to cooperate closely as regards drawing up rules on ERS for 3rd country vessels operating in Community waters.

IUU Fishing

21. The Delegations agreed that there is a strong need for improved and effective control and enforcement in order to combat IUU fishing. In this respect the Delegations noted that significant progress has been achieved within the framework of NEAFC and underlined the importance of a close co-operation to achieve additional progress to eliminate IUU. The Delegations agreed that measures on Port State Control would play an important role in combating IUU activities and that it would be necessary to closely monitor the implementation.

Weighing and inspection of pelagic landings

- 22.1 The Delegations agreed that a great deal of progress had been achieved during 2006 in implementing the measures adopted in 2004. It was noted that the standardised percentage for the deduction of water had been introduced by all Parties and the primary objective of introducing the obligation to weigh all fish landed had been achieved.

The Delegations noted that agreement had also been reached on Methods and Procedures for Weighing Pelagic Fish on a harmonised methodology for conducting

full inspections of landings. The measures agreed for the weighing and inspection of landings of mackerel, herring and horse mackerel are set down in Annex 2.

The Delegations agreed that it was necessary to continue to closely monitor the implementation of the measures agreed and to evaluate the application of the harmonised methodology for full inspections. The Delegations agreed that any situation which might undermine fair competition between the Parties must be avoided. In this regard it was agreed that information on the follow up of infringements should also continue to be exchanged.

The Delegations recognized the need to explain to each other in detail the regulations and practical measures in place to address and account for over fishing. The Delegations agreed that this issue should be examined by the Working Group.

- 22.2 The Delegations agreed that further consideration should be given to the development of the joint pilot project to place observers on board fishing vessels to monitor discards and high grading. The Delegation of the European Community informed the Faroese Delegation that this task might be allocated to the Community Fisheries Control Agency. It was also agreed that technical issues should be kept under review, such as tamper proofing and reliability of weighing equipment, problems of calibration of such equipment and the percentage of water content deduction. In this context the European Community Delegation expressed the view that 2% might be too low and not reflect the real water content. Both Delegations underlined the importance of applying a standardised deduction or water content by both Parties.

Working Group of Control Experts

23. The Delegations agreed that a Working Group of Control Experts should be established together with Norway in order to address the issues concerning landings of pelagic fish outlined above and to discuss other control problems of a mutual interest. In this regard it was noted that the European Community and Norway had agreed to consider the question of IUU fishing of arctic cod. It was agreed that the Working Group shall meet early in 2007 to address the control issues under the Terms of Reference set down in Annex 3.

Control of blue whiting fisheries

24. The European Community Delegation reaffirmed to the Faroese Delegation that the specific licence arrangement for the blue whiting fishery which entered into force 1 January 2006 whereby third-country vessels intending to fish for blue whiting in Community waters shall commence their fishing trip without any catch on board is still in force.

The Faroese Delegation informed the European Community Delegation of its intention in early 2007 to enhance the control of blue whiting fisheries in Faroese waters by introducing specific measures, such as closed areas, grids in trawls to reduce the by-catch of certain species and control points for fishing vessels.

Understanding on International Fisheries Relations

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25. The Delegations confirmed their commitment to their Understanding on International Fisheries Relations, signed in Brussels on 4 December 1986.

Special Area between the United Kingdom and the Faroe Islands

26. The Delegations took note of the relevant provisions of the Agreement signed 18 May 1999 between the Government of Denmark together with the Home Government of the Faroe Islands, on the one hand, and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, on the other hand, relating to the Maritime Delimitation in the area between the Faroe Islands and the United Kingdom.

Regarding third-party vessels licensed by both Parties to operate in the Special Area defined in the Agreement the Delegations agreed to implement the following system regarding reporting in the Special Area:

The Parties shall exchange information on licences given to third country vessels that will operate in the Special Area.

If both Parties have issued licences to a third country vessel, all relevant vessel information (registration number etc.) shall be submitted to the control authorities of both Parties.

If a third country vessel has obtained a licence from both Parties, the vessel shall report its total catches in the Special Area to both Parties. The catches shall be deducted from the quotas allocated by each Party, divided equally between them. If the quota allocated by one Party is exhausted, the catches shall be deducted from the quota allocated by the other Party.

A specific hail in and hail out system for the Special Area shall be introduced.

Catches taken in the Special Area shall be specified in the logbook.

Third country vessels shall be subject to VMS control by the Party issuing the licence(s). This VMS information shall be exchanged between the Parties.

The Parties agree to establish close collaboration between their relevant control and inspection authorities with a view to an efficient monitoring of the fishing activities in the Special Area.

The Parties agreed that it would be desirable that inspection vessels be present in the Special Area during certain periods of intensive fishing activities (e.g. during blue whiting migration through the area).

If a vessel is licensed by both Parties, each Party shall enforce its own technical measures.

Review of the Agreement

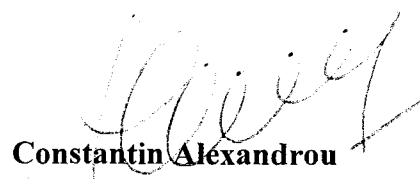
27. The Community Delegation informed the Faroese Delegations that in line with the Conclusions of the Council of Ministers of July 2004 on Fisheries Partnership Agreements, the European Commission is undertaking an evaluation of the current fisheries agreement between the European Community and the Faroe Islands.
28. The Delegations recognised the need for an overall assessment of the implementation of the Agreement, hereunder of the need for greater transparency in the composition of the quotas. To this end they would be looking at having, if appropriate, separate quotas for different species in the agreement for 2008. They agreed to have a meeting on the overall implementation of the Agreement no later than June 2007.

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ANNEX 1

QUOTAS FOR 2007

1. Each Party shall open the catch quotas indicated hereunder for the other in its fishery zone:

1.1. Quotas for Community vessels fishing in the Faroese zone in 2007

SPECIES	ICES-DIVISION	QUANTITY (TONNES)
Cod and Haddock	Vb	500
Saithe	Vb	2,700
Redfish	Vb	2,265
Blue Ling and Ling	Vb	3,065 ⁽¹⁾
Flatfish	Vb	300
Blue Whiting	Faroese waters	18,000
Mackerel	Vb	3,290 ⁽²⁾
Other Species	Vb	760 ⁽³⁾

- (1) By-catch of maximum of 1,080 tonnes of roundnose grenadier and black scabbard to be counted against this quota.
- (2) May also be fished in ICES Division IVa (EC Zone)
- (3) Excluding fish species of no commercial value
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1.2. Quotas for Faroese vessels fishing in the Community zone in 2007

SPECIES	FISHING AREAS (ICES OR NAFO)	QUANTITY (TONNES)
Ling, Tusk and Blue Ling	VIa ⁽¹⁾ , VIb	250 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾
Blue Ling	VIa ⁽¹⁾ , VIb	200 ⁽⁴⁾
Mackerel	VIa ⁽¹⁾ , VIIe, f, h	3,955 ⁽⁵⁾
Herring	VIa ⁽¹⁾	660
Horse Mackerel	IV, VIa ⁽¹⁾ , VIIe, f, h	2,550
Sprat	IV, VIa ⁽¹⁾	9,160 ⁽⁶⁾⁽⁷⁾⁽¹²⁾
Blue Whiting	II, V, VIa ⁽¹⁾ , VIb and VII ⁽⁸⁾ and IVa ⁽¹¹⁾	43,500 ⁽⁹⁾
Other White Fish (by-catches only)	IV, VIa ⁽¹⁾	150
Herring	IIIa N (Skagerrak) ⁽¹⁰⁾	500

- (1) North of 56°30'N.
- (2) To be fished by long line.
- (3) Of which an incidental catch of other species of 20% per ship, at any given time, is authorised in ICES Divisions VIa and b. However, this percentage may be exceeded in the first 24 hours following the beginning of the fishing on a specific ground. The total incidental catch of other species in Divisions VIa and b may not exceed 75 tonnes.
- (4) To be fished by trawl; by-catches of roundnose grenadier and black scabbard to be counted against this quota.
- (5) Of which 1,193 tonnes may be fished in ICES Division IV a North of 59° N (EC Zone) from 1 January to 15 February and from 1 October to 31 December; a quantity of 3,290 tonnes of the Faroe Islands' own quota may be fished in ICES Division VI a throughout the year.
- (6) Any by-catch of blue whiting shall be counted against the blue whiting quota established for fishing areas VIa, VIb and VII.
- (7) 1,832 tonnes can be caught as herring in fisheries using nets with mesh sizes less than 32mm. If the quota of 1,832 tonnes of herring is exhausted then all fisheries using nets with mesh sizes less than 32 mm is prohibited.
- (8) West of 12°00'W.
- (9) Catches of blue whiting may include unavoidable by-catches of argentine.
- (10) Limited in the West by a line drawn from the lighthouse of Hanstholm to the lighthouse of Lindesnes and in the South by a line drawn from the lighthouse of Skagen to the lighthouse of Tistlarna and from there to the nearest coast of Sweden.
- (11) The catches in ICES Division IVa shall be limited to no more than 25% of the quota
- (12) Catches, taken in the monitoring fisheries, corresponding to 2% of the effort and up to a maximum of 2.500 tonnes can be caught as sandeel.

1.3. Quotas for Faroese vessels fishing in Greenland waters in 2007

SPECIES	FISHING AREAS (ICES or NAFO)	QUANTITY (TONNES)
Northern deep-water Prawns (<i>Pandalus borealis</i>)	ICES XIV/V	1,150
Greenland Halibut	NAFO 0/1 ICES XIV/V	150 75
Redfish	ICES XIV/V	200



MEASURES TO BE APPLIED CONCERNING THE WEIGHING AND INSPECTION OF PELAGIC LANDINGS

The Delegations agreed that the following measures shall be applied to the weighing and inspection of landings exceeding 10 tons of mackerel, herring and horse mackerel:

1. All quantities of fresh herring, mackerel and horse mackerel landed must be weighed before sorting and processing. When determining the weight, any deduction for water shall not exceed 2 %.
2. For fish landed frozen the weight shall be determined by weighing all the boxes minus the tare weight (cardboard and plastic) or by multiplying the total number of boxes landed by the average weight of the boxes minus tare weight landed in the same shipment calculated in accordance with an agreed sampling methodology.
3. Landings shall take place in designated ports. Skippers of fishing vessels shall give prior notice of landing including notification of catch on board and give the logbook sheet to the competent authorities before commencing the discharge of catch.
4. The processor or buyer of the fish shall submit a copy of the sales note for the payment of the quantities landed to the competent authorities.
5. A minimum of 10% of landings and 15% of the quantities landed should be subject to a full inspection. A full inspection shall include:
 - a) cross-checks of the quantities by species indicated in the prior notice of landing and the quantities recorded in the vessel's logbook;
 - b) cross-checks of the quantities by species recorded in the vessel's logbook and the landing declaration;
 - c) cross-checks of the quantities by species recorded on the landing declaration and the sales note issued by the buyer.

In the case of vessels pumping catch ashore the weighing of the entire discharge from the vessels selected for inspection shall be monitored and a cross-check undertaken between the quantities by species recorded in the landing declaration or sales note and the record of weighing held by the buyer or processor of the fish.

In the case of freezer trawlers, the counting of boxes shall be monitored. The sample weighing of boxes/pallets carried out in order to determine the tare weight shall also be monitored.

It shall be verified that the vessel is empty, once the discharge has been completed.

6. In each case where the checks reveal a significant discrepancy it shall be followed up as an infringement.

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE WORKING GROUP ON CONTROL FOR 2007

The Delegations agreed that the Working Group of Control Experts shall meet before the end of April 2007 under the following terms of reference:

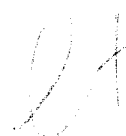
Weighing and inspection of pelagic landings

- Monitor the implementation of the measures set down in Annex 2 concerning the deduction of water, weighing of landings and inspections;
- Co-ordinate the exchange of inspectors;
- Consider the information exchanged between Parties on the follow-up to infringements concerning discrepancies between logbooks, quantities landed, landing declarations and sales notes and evaluate the application of the harmonised methodology for full inspections;
- Review technical issues, such as tamper proofing and reliability of weighing equipment, problems of calibration of such equipment and the percentage of water content deduction;
- Examine the level of landings by vessels outside the geographical area covered by the agreement between the Parties and assess the implementation of the measures agreed, where appropriate;
- Assess the introduction of a prohibition of discards of legal sized mackerel including high grading and slipping. This should involve the examination of how such a ban could be controlled as well as the cost-effectiveness implications. Develop parameters for carrying out pilot projects by the Parties for placing observers on board large vessels to monitor discards and size distribution of quantities of mackerel landed.

White fish landings

- Develop a procedure for the exchange of information on landings of Arctic cod by third country fishing vessels and reefers;
- Co-ordinate the exchange of inspectors to observe inspections of landings of Arctic cod by third country fishing vessels and reefers and invite Russian inspectors to participate in such exchanges;
- Review and consider existing control measures and regulations implemented by the Parties.

The Working Group will submit its report to the Parties well in advance of the annual consultations for 2008, and where appropriate make proposals for measures to be adopted.



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