

AGREED RECORD

OF CONCLUSIONS OF FISHERIES CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN UNION, THE FAROE ISLANDS, ICELAND, NORWAY AND THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION ON THE MANAGEMENT OF THE NORWEGIAN SPRING-SPAWNING (ATLANTO-SCANDIAN) HERRING STOCK IN THE NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC IN 2017

LONDON, 27 OCTOBER 2016

1. A Delegation from the European Union, headed by Mr Joost PAARDEKOOPEL, a Delegation from the Faroe Islands, headed by Mr Herluf SIGVALDSSON, a Delegation from Iceland, headed by Mr Sigurgeir THORGEIRSSON, a Delegation from Norway, headed by Ms Sigrun M HOLST, and a Delegation from the Russian Federation, headed by Mr Alexandr KRYSOV, met in London on 26 and 27 October 2016 to consult on the management of the Norwegian spring-spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring stock in the North-East Atlantic in 2017.
2. A Delegation from Greenland, headed by Ms Katrin Vilhelm POULSEN, attended as observer.
3. The Delegations agreed that the level of total catches of Norwegian spring-spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring in the North-East Atlantic should be no more than 646,075 tonnes, corresponding to the long-term management plan adopted by the Coastal States in 1999 (Annex I). The Delegations agreed that establishing unilateral quotas for 2017 does not in any way imply the acceptance of the level of these quotas by any Party.
4. The Delegations encouraged the Parties to develop and coordinate their scientific research activities in order to improve the information available for the assessment and the management of this stock.
5. The Delegations agreed that each Party may transfer unutilised quantities of up to 10% of the quota established by the Party for 2016 to the quota established by that Party for 2017. Such transfer shall be in addition to the quota established by the Party concerned for 2017.
6. The Delegations agreed that each Party may authorise fishing by its vessels of up to 10% beyond the quota established by the Party. All quantities fished beyond the established quota shall be deducted from the quota established by that Party for the following year.
7. The Delegations exchanged quota and catch information for 2014, 2015 (final) as well as preliminary information for 2016 (Annex II). The Delegations also exchanged information with regard to their fishing activities including exchanges and access provisions (Annex III).

The Delegations agreed to continue to provide information regarding quotas and catches in the same format as set out in Annex II to this Agreed Record. Each Party shall, by 1 May 2017, provide updated information to the Russian Federation as host of the consultations on management measures for 2018 regarding their total catches in 2015 and 2016; on any allocation of quotas to other Parties in 2017; and on their total provisional catches in 2017. The Russian Federation shall forward this information as soon as possible to all Parties to this Agreed Record.

8. The Delegations agreed that the Parties may fish Norwegian spring-spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring within their quotas in their respective zones of fisheries jurisdiction and in international waters. The Delegations agreed to forward to NEAFC a proposal for a recommendation for a regulatory measure to apply to NEAFC waters in 2017.
9. The Delegations agreed that further arrangements by the Parties, including arrangements for access, quota transfers and other conditions for fishing in the respective zones of fisheries jurisdiction, are regulated by bilateral arrangements.

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**ARRANGEMENT ON THE LONG-TERM MANAGEMENT OF THE
NORWEGIAN SPRING-SPAWNING (ATLANTO-SCANDIAN) HERRING STOCK**

The Parties agreed to implement a long-term management plan for the Norwegian spring-spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring stock, which is consistent with a precautionary approach, intended to constrain harvesting within safe biological limits and designed to provide for sustainable fisheries. The plan shall consist of the following:

1. Every effort shall be made to maintain a level Spawning Stock Biomass (SSB) greater than the critical level (B_{lim}) of 2,500,000 tonnes.
2. For 2017 and subsequent years, the Parties agreed to restrict their fishing on the basis of a TAC consistent with a fishing mortality rate of less than 0.125 for appropriate age groups as defined by ICES, unless future scientific advice requires modification of this fishing mortality rate.
3. Should the SSB fall below a reference point of 5,000,000 tonnes (B_{pa}), the fishing mortality rate, referred to under paragraph 2, shall be adapted in the light of scientific estimates of the conditions then prevailing to ensure a safe and rapid recovery of the SSB to a level in excess of 5,000,000 tonnes. The basis for such adaptation should be at least a linear reduction in the fishing mortality rate from 0.125 at B_{pa} (5,000,000 tonnes) to 0.05 at B_{lim} (2,500,000 tonnes).
4. The Parties shall, as appropriate, review and revise these management measures and strategies on the basis of any new advice provided by ICES.

Reporting of quotas and catches of Norwegian spring-spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring in the North-East Atlantic - 2014 to 2016

2014	QUOTAS (tonnes)					CATCHES (tonnes)									
	Coastal State share/share	Balance from 2013	Quota exchange	Quotas after transfers and flexibility	NEAFC Regulatory Area	European Union Zone	Faroe Fishing Zone	Greenland fishing zone	Icelandic Exclusive Economic Zone	Norwegian Economic Zone	Fishery Zone around Jan Mayen	Fishery Protection Zone around Svalbard	Russian Economic Zone	TOTAL CATCH	Balance
European Union	27,244	2,630	0	29,874	11,113	0	0	0	0	9,170	0	3,269	0	23,552	6,322
Faroe Islands	40,000	-1,858	-12,100	26,042	2,805	0	24,093	0	0	0	0	0	0	26,898	-856
Iceland	60,722	3,947	619	65,288	5,273	0	6,848	0	46,210	0	0	0	0	58,331	6,957
Norway	255,277	-3,205	-619	251,453	7,255	0	0	0	255,848	28	0	0	0	263,131	-11,678
Russian Federation	53,650	1,032	10,000	64,682	5,588	0	5,795	0	0	23,717	4,974	20,209	0	60,283	4,399
Total Coastal States	436,893	2,646	-2,100	437,339	32,034	0	36,736	0	46,210	288,735	5,002	23,478	0	432,195	5,144
Greenland	15,000	0	2,100	17,100	0	0	2,022	11,187	0	0	0	0	0	13,209	3,891
Total all Parties	451,893	2,546	0	454,439	32,034	0	38,758	11,187	46,210	288,735	5,002	23,478	0	445,404	9,035

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European Union	18,424	2,724	0	21,148	13,409	108	649	0	0	20	0	0	0	14,186	6,962
Faroe Islands	40,000	-856	-12,100	27,044	2,897	187	22,780	0	0	0	0	0	0	25,864	1,180
Iceland	41,063	6,072	419	47,554	419	0	3,089	0	39,119	0	0	0	0	42,627	4,927
Norway	172,638	-1,678	-419	160,541	0	0	0	0	176,173	0	0	0	0	176,173	-15,632
Russian Federation	36,498	0	10,000	46,498	5,744	0	9,433	0	0	25,286	656	4,734	0	45,853	645
Total Coastal States	308,623	-3,738	-2,100	302,785	22,469	295	35,951	0	39,119	201,479	856	4,734	0	304,703	-1,918
Greenland	20,000	0	2,100	22,100	0	0	2,058	11,069	0	0	0	0	0	13,127	8,973
Total all Parties	328,623	-3,738	0	324,885	22,469	295	38,009	11,069	39,119	201,478	656	4,734	0	317,830	7,055

2016 - provisional	QUOTAS (tonnes)					CATCHES (tonnes)									
	Coastal State share/share	Balance from 2015	Quota exchange	Quotas after transfers and flexibility	NEAFC Regulatory Area	European Union Zone	Faroe Fishing Zone	Greenland fishing zone	Icelandic Exclusive Economic Zone	Norwegian Economic Zone	Fishery Zone around Jan Mayen	Fishery Protection Zone around Svalbard	Russian Economic Zone	TOTAL CATCH	Balance
European Union	20,629	1,842	0	22,471	0	0	0	0	0	13,256	0	0	0	13,256	9,215
Faroe Islands	56,087	1,180	-12,500	44,767	0	0	2,940	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,940	41,827
Iceland	45,979	4,106	0	50,085	185	0	25	0	45,170	0	0	0	0	45,340	4,705
Norway	193,294	-15,632	0	177,662	0	0	0	0	115,961	0	0	0	0	115,961	61,701
Russian Federation	40,624	78	10,000	50,702	1,242	0	9,883	0	0	18,237	0	0	0	28,362	21,340
Total Coastal States	356,613	-8,426	-2,500	345,687	1,427	0	12,848	0	45,170	147,454	0	0	0	206,899	138,788
Greenland	20,000	0	2,500	22,500	0	0	2,411	17,881	0	0	0	0	0	20,282	2,208
Total all Parties	376,613	-8,426	0	368,187	1,427	0	15,259	17,881	45,170	147,454	0	0	0	227,191	140,996

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Transfers and access arrangements for Norwegian spring-spawning (Atlanto-Scandian herring in the North-East Atlantic in 2016

Transfers in 2016 ¹

	Quotas	Transfer from 2015	Total available	Transfer to					
				European Union	Faroe Islands	Iceland	Norway	Greenland	Russian Federation
European Union	20,629	1,842	22,471	---	0	0	0	0	0
Faroe Islands	56,087	1,180	57,267	0	---	0	0	2,500	10,000
Iceland	45,979	4,106	50,085	0	0	---	0	0	0
Norway	193,294	-15,746	177,548	0	0	0	---	0	0
Russian Federation	40,624	3,628	44,252	0	0	0	0	0	---
Greenland	20,000	0	20,000	0	0	0	0	---	0

¹ - Transfers imply full access

Access arrangements for 2016

	Access to					
	European Union	Faroe Islands	Iceland	Norway	Greenland	Russian Federation
European Union	---	6,000	0	18,566	0	0
Faroe Islands	6,000	---	100%	0	0	0
Iceland	0	100%	---	0	0	0
Norway	18,566	0	0	---	0	0
Russian Federation	0	0	0	100%	0	---
Greenland	0	0	0	0	---	0

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