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INFORMATION

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Agreed Record of Conclusions of fisheries consultations between the European Union and Norway on the management of mackerel in the Northeast Atlantic for 2020 (London, 17 October 2019)

Delegations will find attached the Agreed Record of Conclusions on the above-mentioned subject, as received from the European Commission services.

**AGREED RECORD OF CONCLUSIONS OF FISHERIES CONSULTATIONS
BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN UNION AND NORWAY ON THE
MANAGEMENT OF MACKEREL IN THE NORTHEAST ATLANTIC FOR 2020**

LONDON, 17 OCTOBER 2019

1. A European Union Delegation, headed by Mr. Fabrizio DONATELLA and a Norwegian Delegation headed by Ms. Ann Kristin WESTBERG met in London on 15-17 October 2019 to consult on the management of mackerel in the Northeast Atlantic.
2. The Delegations recalled the Agreed Record of Conclusions of Fisheries Consultations between the European Union and Norway on the Management of Mackerel in the Northeast Atlantic (hereinafter referred to as the 2010 Management Arrangement), signed in Brussels on 26 January 2010. Furthermore the Delegations recalled the Agreed Record between the European Union and Norway on amendment to the Agreed Record of Conclusions of Fisheries Consultations on the Management of Mackerel in the North-East Atlantic of 26 January 2010, signed in London on 12 March 2014, as well as the Agreed Record of Conclusions of Consultations between the European Union and Norway on Management of Mackerel in the Northeast Atlantic, signed in Bergen on 29 November 2018.
3. The Delegations recalled the Agreed Record on the Fisheries Arrangement between the European Union, the Faroe Islands and Norway on the Management of Mackerel in the North-East Atlantic from 2014 to 2018 (hereinafter referred to as the 2014 Mackerel Arrangement). The Delegations also recalled the extension of the 2014 Mackerel Arrangement, signed in Bergen on 29 November 2018.
4. The Delegations also recalled the Agreed Record of Conclusions of Fisheries Consultations between the European Union, the Faroe Islands and Norway on the management of mackerel in the Northeast Atlantic for 2020, signed in London on 17 October 2019.
5. The Delegations agreed to recommend to their respective authorities the arrangements for the management of mackerel in 2020, as set out in Annexes I and II, and Table I of this Agreed Record.

London, 17 October 2019

For the Delegation of the European Union



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ACCESS AND TRANSFER ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FISHERIES OF MACKEREL IN 2020

The following arrangements between Norway and the European Union shall apply in 2020:

1. The fishery conducted under the access arrangement shall be conducted in accordance with the technical regulations (including opening and closing dates) applicable to the waters of the Party granting access.
2. Norway and the European Union shall have full access to fish their respective shares of the North Sea TAC in the waters of the other Party in the waters of ICES Division 4a. The mutual access regime and TAC are set out in Table 1 of this Agreed Record.
3. The European Union shall, within the sharing arrangement mentioned under point 2, be allocated an additional fixed component of 1,865 tonnes, which may be fished in ICES Divisions 4a and 3a, including the Norwegian Economic Zone of those areas.
4. Norway shall transfer a quota of 16,492 tonnes, equivalent to 10.8% of the Norwegian catch limit in the Norwegian Sea¹, to the European Union for fishing in ICES Divisions 2a and 4a.
5. The European Union shall transfer a quota of 16,492 tonnes, identical to the quota specified under point 4, to Norway for fishing in European Union waters of ICES Divisions 2a, 6a (north of 56° 30'), 7d, e, f, h and 4a.
6. The following access arrangements shall apply for 2020:

For the European Union:

- a. Full access to the Norwegian Economic Zone of ICES Division 4a for the mackerel quotas that the European Union authorises to be fished in its own waters of ICES Division 4a.
- b. Access to the Norwegian Economic Zone of ICES Division 2a for a tonnage equivalent to 20% of the tonnage permitted under point 6.a above. Deducted from this quantity is any catch taken in ICES Division 2a under the reciprocal exchange of quotas mentioned in point 4.



¹ Norwegian Sea TAC – 152,701 tonnes

For Norway:

- c. Full access to the EU Zone of ICES Division 4a for the mackerel quotas that Norway authorises to be fished in the Norwegian Economic Zone of ICES Division 4a.
 - d. Access to the EU Zone of ICES Division 6a (north of 56° 30') for a tonnage equivalent to 20% of the tonnage permitted under point 6.c above. Deducted from this quantity is any catch taken in ICES Division 6a under the reciprocal exchange of quotas mentioned in point 5.
7. The Delegations noted that an Agreed Record between the European Union and Norway on a licence arrangement for 2020 was signed in London on 17 October 2019. This licence arrangement shall apply in 2020.



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CONDITIONS FOR NORWEGIAN VESSELS INTENDING TO FISH MACKEREL IN EUROPEAN UNION WATERS

The following provisions shall apply to Norwegian vessels intending to fish for mackerel in EU waters:

- a) Vessels may only commence their fishing trip after having received authorisation from the competent authority of the coastal Member State concerned. Such vessels shall only enter European Union waters after passing through one of the following control areas:
- ICES rectangle 48 E2 in Division 6a;
 - ICES rectangle 50 F1 in Division 4a;
 - ICES rectangle 46 F1 in Division 4a;
 - ICES rectangle 53 F0 in Division 2a.

At least four hours prior to entering one of the control areas, upon entering European Union waters, the master of the vessel shall contact the UK Fisheries Monitoring Centre (Edinburgh) by e-mail at the following address: ukfmc@gov.scot or by telephone (+44 131 271 9700).

The notification shall specify the name, international radio call sign and port letters and number (PLN) of the vessel, the total quantity by species on board and the control area through which the vessel will enter EU waters. The vessel shall not commence fishing until it has received acknowledgement of the notification and instructions on whether or not the master is required to present the vessel for inspection. Each acknowledgement shall have a unique authorisation number which the master shall retain until the fishing trip is terminated.

- b) Vessels that enter European Union waters with no catch on board shall be exempt from the requirements laid down in paragraph a).
- c) The fishing trip shall be considered as being terminated when the vessel leaves EC waters or enters a European Union port where its catch is fully discharged.

Vessels shall only leave the European Union waters after passing through one of the control areas.

Upon leaving European Union waters, the master of the vessel shall give at least two hours prior notification of entering one of the control areas, to the Fisheries Monitoring Centre in Edinburgh by e-mail or telephone as provided for in paragraph a).

The notification shall specify the name, international radio call sign and port letters and number (PLN) of the vessel, the total quantity by species on board and the control area through which the vessel intends to pass. The vessel shall not leave the control area until it has received acknowledgement of the notification and instructions on whether or not the master is required to present the vessel for inspection. Each acknowledgement shall have a unique authorisation number, which the master shall retain until the vessel leaves the European Union waters.



TABLE 1

MACKEREL QUOTAS IN THE NORTH SEA FOR 2020

Species and ICES Area	TAC	Zonal Attachment				Transfer from Norway to European Union	Transfer from EU to Norway	Quota to Norway		Quota to European Union	
		Norway		European Union				Total	EU Zone ⁽¹⁾	Total	Norwegian Zone ⁽¹⁾
		%	Tonnes	%	Tonnes						
Mackerel 4, 3a	84,961 ⁽²⁾		55,397		29,564 ⁽²⁾	-----	-----	55,397 ⁽³⁾	55,397 ⁽³⁾	29,564 ⁽⁴⁾	29,564 ⁽⁴⁾

⁽¹⁾ Any part of this allocation not taken may be added to the allocation in the Party's own zone

⁽²⁾ Includes a fixed component of 1,865 tonnes

⁽³⁾ May be fished in ICES Division 4a only, except for 3,000 tonnes, which may be fished in ICES Division 3a

⁽⁴⁾ Of which no more than 6,000 tonnes may be fished in ICES Divisions 4b, 4c and 3a



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