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Delegations will find attached a Commission non-paper on the above-mentioned proposal.

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Updates to Commission proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2023 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters, as well as fixing for 2023 and 2024 such fishing opportunities for certain deep-sea fish stocks (COM(2022) 559)

1. EXPLANATORY NOTE

The European Union (EU) and the United Kingdom (UK) exercised their respective roles by consulting each other for the setting of fishing opportunities for shared stocks for 2023 and, for certain shared deep-sea stocks, for 2023 and 2024, as Parties to the Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA)¹, and considering their potentially differing policy considerations and orientations.

The EU consulted with the UK in accordance with i) Articles 498(2), 498(4) and 498(6) of the TCA; ii) the objectives and principles set out in Articles 2, 3, 28 and 33 of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) Regulation²; iii) Articles 4 and 5 of the Western Waters³ and North Sea⁴ multiannual plans (MAPs); and iv) the Council Decision establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the Union in the consultations with the UK to agree on total allowable catches⁵. In accordance with Article 494(3)(c) of the TCA, the EU based its position on the best available scientific advice, principally that provided by the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES).

These consultations were conducted, on the EU side, by the Commission in coordination with the Council. The European Parliament was informed as appropriate.

On 16 December 2022, the EU agreed with the UK on the setting of a large number of total allowable catches (TACs) for 2023 for jointly managed stocks and, for 2023 and 2024, for certain deep-sea stocks, listed in Annex 35 of the TCA. The agreement in principle was laid down in the Written Record for 2023, which was endorsed by the Council on 20 December 2022 and signed by the Heads of Delegation of the UK, and by the Commission

¹ Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of the other part (OJ L 149, 30.4.2021, p. 10).

² 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).

³ Regulation (EU) 2019/472 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 March 2019 establishing a multiannual plan for stocks fished in the Western Waters and adjacent waters, and for fisheries exploiting those stocks, amending Regulations (EU) 2016/1139 and (EU) 2018/973, and repealing Council Regulations (EC) No 811/2004, (EC) No 2166/2005, (EC) No 388/2006, (EC) No 509/2007 and (EC) No 1300/2008 (OJ L 83 of 25.3.2019, p. 1).

⁴ 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).

⁵ Council Decision (EU) 2021/1875 of 22 October 2021 concerning the position to be adopted on behalf of the Union in the annual consultations with the United Kingdom to agree on total allowable catches (OJ L 378, 26.10.2021, p. 6).

representative on behalf of the EU on the same day, in accordance with Article 498(6) of the TCA and in line with Council Decision (EU) 2021/1875.

It is therefore necessary to implement TACs corresponding to fishing opportunities agreed in the Written Record for 2023 and, for certain deep-sea stocks, for 2023 and 2024, into the EU legal framework. The Written Record also documents certain fish stocks that are present in EU waters only (Annex 36.F of the TCA) and stocks that are only consultative and listed in Annex 37 of the TCA. Such fishing opportunities for 2023 and 2024 will allow that fishing activities are environmentally sustainable in the long-term and that they are managed in a way that is consistent with the following objectives: (i) achieving economic, social and employment benefits; (ii) contributing to the availability of food supplies, and (iii) promoting a level-playing field for EU operators as regards stocks that are shared with the UK.

In line with Article 498 of the TCA, the TACs agreed by the EU and the UK, and documented in the Written Record for 2023, correspond to the EU quota shares set out in Annex 35 of the TCA and Annex 36.F of the TCA. The Commission's general approach to setting those TACs is based on the ICES advice for 2023, and is in line with the objectives set out in Articles 494(1) and 494(2) of the TCA and with the principles referred to in Article 494(3) of the TCA.

The consultations resulted in 39 TACs set in line with ICES MSY advice, in addition to seabass (a non-quota stock), which was also set at MSY level. For seven TACs for stocks with MSY assessment and zero catch advice, the consultations resulted in TACs not being set in line with ICES advice. That is, for four demersal stocks (Cod Celtic Sea, Cod West of Scotland, Cod in the Irish Sea, and Whiting Irish Sea), for one pelagic stock (Western horse mackerel) and for one deep-sea stock (Red Seabream), TACs were agreed with the UK at by-catch levels. For one stock (Herring Celtic Sea), a monitoring TAC was agreed with the UK, following the ICES advice regarding the level of such TAC.

- Cod Celtic Sea is a target stock under the Western Waters MAP. A TAC was agreed between the EU and the UK for unavoidable by-catches in the mixed demersal fishery at a level of 644 tonnes (a roll-over from 2022), staying within the F_{MSY} ranges and leading to an increase in biomass greater than 90 %.
- Cod West of Scotland is a by-catch stock under the Western Waters MAP. A TAC was agreed with the UK at 1 210 tonnes, staying within the F_{MSY} ranges. This will result in an increase in the stock size above 12% compared to the 2022 biomass level.
- Whiting Irish Sea is a by-catch stock under the Western Waters MAP. The EU and UK agreed to roll over the TAC and set it at 721 tonnes, as there was no new advice for 2023.

In relation to the above, the Commission has recently adopted a Delegated Regulation⁶ introducing remedial measures for Cod and Whiting, and extending the existing technical measures until 31 December 2023, with the aim of reducing by-catches of *inter alia* Cod in the Celtic Sea and West of Scotland, and Whiting.

- For Western horse mackerel, to avoid a choke effect that would lead to the premature closure of other important fisheries, a by-catch only TAC was agreed at 13 400 t, leading to an estimated increase of a 4.96% in the spawning stock biomass (SSB) in 2024 compared to 2023. This is based on the Pelagic Advisory Council's Rebuilding Plan for this stock, which was reviewed by ICES and considered precautionary.
- Red Seabream is a by-catch stock under the Western Waters MAP. A TAC was agreed with the UK at 105 tonnes based on a rollover to avoid the choking of the targeted and associated hake, megrim and anglerfish fisheries.

In relation to the above, and as a follow-up to commitments in the Written Record to work jointly in the Specialised Committee on Fisheries (SCF), the Commission will propose new technical measures with the aim of reducing unwanted catches and supporting the long-term recovery of this stock.

The consultations also covered 21 TACs for stocks with precautionary advice (see the Annex for further detail). In agreeing TACs with the UK, the EU took into account the corresponding ICES headline advice and the precautionary approach provided for in Article 2(2) of the CFP Regulation. Except for 3 stocks, those TACs have been agreed in line with, or below, the ICES advice levels.

- Regarding Blue Ling (International 12) and Blue Ling North Sea, TACs were agreed with UK above the precautionary advice at respectively 77 tonnes and 27 tonnes in order to avoid the choking of other fisheries to which Blue Ling is a by-catch.
- Regarding Black Scabbardfish the TAC was agreed with the UK at 1 813 tonnes for the whole stock because of technical issues with the ICES advice that, unlike in previous years, was not split between areas. For this reason, the TAC was agreed only for 2023. The EU and the UK will engage in the SCF in 2023 with a view to agreeing on an appropriate way to split the total stock advice for BSF/56712- and BSF/8910-.

Finally, 10 TACs for stocks with combined MSY and precautionary advice have been agreed with the UK in line with the ICES advice. This includes the five Skates and Rays group TACs, Megrim in the Celtic Sea and Bay of Biscay, Nephrops in the Celtic Sea and North Sea, and Greater silver smelt in Western waters.

TACs that deviate by more than 20% from the previously established TAC level

At the time of the adoption of the Western Waters and North Sea MAPs, the Commission made a statement that, where it proposes the setting of TACs that deviate by more than 20% from the previously established TAC level, these cases will be listed in the explanatory memorandum of the Commission proposal, providing, where appropriate, the underlying reasons for the TAC variations.

⁶ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) .../... amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1241 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards technical measures for certain demersal and pelagic fisheries in the Celtic Sea, the Irish Sea and the West of Scotland.

In the context of the shared stocks with the UK, such explanations are hereby provided, for the main variations of the TACs included in this non-paper.

TAC code	Name	2022 TAC (t)	2023 TAC (t) ⁷	Percentage change (rounded)	Justification
ALF/3X14-	Alfonsinos (3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,12,14)	224	179	-20%	Following scientific advice, in agreement with the United Kingdom.
ARU/567	Greater Silver Smelt (Western)	11 626	8 124	-30%	Following scientific advice, in agreement with the United Kingdom.
HAD/6B1214	Haddock (Rockall)	5 825	4 078	-30%	Following scientific advice, in agreement with the United Kingdom.
HAD/7X7A34	Haddock (Celtic Sea)	15 000	11 901	-21%	Following scientific advice, in agreement with the United Kingdom.
HER/5B6ANB	Herring (West of Scotland)	3 480	1 212	-65%	Following scientific advice, in agreement with the United Kingdom.
HER/7EF	Herring (Western Channel and Bristol Channel)	930	558	-40%	Following scientific advice, in agreement with the United Kingdom.
JAX/2A-14	Horse Mackerel (Western)	61 416	13 400	-78%	Zero catch advice by ICES. Bycatch only TAC and agreement with UK on a recovery plan.
L/W/2AC4-C	Lemon Sole and Witch (North Sea)	4 287	3 140	-27%	Following scientific advice, in agreement with the United Kingdom.
NEP/*07U16	Nephrops (Porcupine Bank)	2 804	3 787	+35%	Following scientific advice, in agreement with the United Kingdom.

⁷ As set out in the Written Record before TAC deductions resulting from exemptions under the Landing Obligation.

TAC code	Name	2022 TAC (t)	2023 TAC (t) ⁷	Percentage change (rounded)	Justification
PLE/07A.	Plaice (Irish Sea)	2 747	2 039	-26%	Following scientific advice, in agreement with the United Kingdom.
PLE/7DE	Plaice (English Channel)	9 138	6 775	-26%	Following scientific advice, in agreement with the United Kingdom.
PLE/7FG	Plaice (7fg)	1 735	402	-77%	Following scientific advice, in agreement with the United Kingdom.
RJE/7FG	Small-eyed- Ray (7fg)	123	86	-30%	Following scientific advice, in agreement with the United Kingdom.
RJU/7DE	Undulate Ray (English Channel)	234	3 192	+1 264%	Following scientific advice, in agreement with the United Kingdom.
SOL/07A.	Sol (Irish Sea)	787	605	-23%	Following scientific advice, in agreement with the United Kingdom.
SOL/07D.	Sole (Eastern Channel)	2 380	1 747	-27%	Following scientific advice, in agreement with the United Kingdom.
SOL/07E.	Sole (Western Channel)	1 810	1 394	-23%	Following scientific advice, in agreement with the United Kingdom.
SOL/24-C.	Sole (North Sea)	15 330	9 152	-40%	Following scientific advice, in agreement with the United Kingdom.
T/B/2AC4-C	Turbot and Brill (North Sea)	5 487	3 747	-32%	Following scientific advice, in agreement with the United Kingdom.

TAC code	Name	2022 TAC (t)	2023 TAC (t) ⁷	Percentage change (rounded)	Justification
WHG/56-14	Whiting (West of Scotland)	1 800	2 636	+46%	Increase in the direction of the advice, in agreement with the United Kingdom.

Stocks removed from the list of prohibited species

Picked dogfish⁸: while between 2010 and 2022, all targeted fishery was prohibited, the ICES advice for 2023 indicates the possibility of reopening the fishery⁹. The EU and the UK therefore agreed to remove picked dogfish from the list of prohibited species.

The ICES advice was historically split into three TACs (DGA/03-A, DGS/2AC4-C and DGS/15X14), of which only one is covered in the TCA (DGS/15X14). The EU and the UK agreed that the full amount of advised catches would inform the 2023 TACs and that the splitting would be based on the relative shares from 2009 (the last year when a targeted fishery was possible).

Taking into account the biological distribution of the stock and bearing in mind the importance of responsible international fisheries management, the EU and the UK agreed that for 2023 the overall catches allowed should take account of other coastal States catches, set for 2023 at 1900 tonnes (11% of the ICES advice), as derived from historic catch data.

The EU and the UK agreed to apply the TACs for 2023 as set out in the table below:

Table 1 – Overall catch figure for UK and EU waters in 2023

ICES headline advice 2023	17 353 t
Headline advice minus [11%] set aside of coastal State catches.	15 453 t

Table 2 – TAC apportionment, UK-EU shares and values in 2023

TAC unit	TAC apportionment	Total tonnage	UK share	EU share	UK tonnage	EU tonnage
North Sea DGS/2AC4-C	22.22 %	3 434 t	81.00%	19.00%	2 781 t	652 t
Western DGS/15X14	70.46 %	10 889 t	44.31%	55.69%	4 825 t	6 064 t
Skagerrak DGS/03A-C.	7.31 %	1 130 t	0.00%	100.00%	0 t	1 130 t

⁸ The species is also referred to as Spurdog and Spiny Dogfish.

⁹ ICES (2022): ICES Advice 2022. ICES Advice Publications. Collection
<https://doi.org/10.17895/ices.pub.c.5796935>

Given that, between 2010 and 2022 all targeted fishing was prohibited, the EU and the UK agreed on an additional precautionary measure, to ensure that picked dogfish fishery only expands gradually and with significant caution. They agreed that it is necessary to deter directed fisheries targeting aggregations of mature females, in order to protect a component of the stock that is particularly vulnerable to fishing mortality.

To this end, the EU and the UK agreed to introduce a maximum size of 100 cm. Such a measure is functionally linked to the TAC for the stock, as without such measure the TAC level would not ensure sufficient protection of pupping females, which constitute a particularly vulnerable part of the population.

Inter-annual flexibility

The EU agreed with the UK that the inter-annual flexibility will not apply to the following stocks: i) Blue ling in international waters of ICES 1 and 2 (BLI/12INT-), ii) Blue ling North Sea (BLI/24-), iii) Blue ling in Skagerrak (BLI/03/A-), iv) Cod Irish Sea (COD/07A), v) Cod West of Scotland (COD/5BE6A), vi) Cod Celtic Sea (COD/7XAD34), vii) Herring Celtic Sea (HER/7G-K), viii) Horse mackerel (Western) (JAX/2A-14)¹⁰, xix) Red Seabream (SBR/678-), and x) Whiting Irish Sea (WHG/07A).

Discard exemptions

The EU notified the UK on 9 August 2022 of amendments made to Commission Delegated Regulations (EU) 2020/2014¹¹ and (EU) 2020/2015¹², specifying details of implementation of the landing obligation for certain fisheries in the North Sea and Western Waters respectively. The UK informed the EU on 7 October 2022 that it was not proposing any changes to its exemptions to the landing obligation.

TAC deductions

¹⁰ This extends to Southern Horse mackerel (JAX/8C.)

¹¹ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2289 of 18 August 2022 amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/2014 as regards exemptions to the landing obligation for certain fisheries in the North Sea for 2023 (OJ L 303, 23.11.2022, p. 6).

¹² Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2290 of 19 August 2022 amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/2015 as regards certain exemptions to the landing obligation in the Western Waters for 2023 (OJ L 303, 23.11.2022, p. 12).

The fishing opportunities for stocks of species falling under the landing obligation pursuant to Article 15 of Regulation (EU) 1380/2013 take into account the fact that discarding is in principle no longer allowed. The amounts that, by way of exception, may continue to be discarded during the operation of the landing obligation, should be deducted from the total catches.

Seabass

Northern seabass is a non-quota stock that the EU shares with the UK. As agreed in the Written Record of the 2023 consultations, it is proposed to establish catch limitation measures for 2023 for this stock, in line with the ICES MSY advice.

Northern Albacore

The EU and the UK have agreed a reciprocal access in 2023 to target an initial total of 280 tonnes of northern albacore in their exclusive economic zones¹³, in line with the conditions set out in the Written Record. It is therefore proposed to amend Annex ID on the fishing opportunities table for albacore (*Thunnus alalunga*) in the Atlantic Ocean.

¹³ In accordance with Article 5(3) of Regulation 1380/2013, this excludes access to waters up to 100 nautical miles from the baselines of the Union outermost regions.

2. AMENDMENTS TO ENACTING TERMS OF THE COMMISSION PROPOSAL COM(2022)559

Recital 48 is replaced by the following:

- “(48) On 16 December 2022, the Union agreed with the United Kingdom on the setting of a large number of TACs for 2022 for stocks listed in Annex 35 to the TCA. The outcome of the consultations was documented in the Written Record, which was endorsed by the Council on 20 December 2022 and signed by the Head of Delegation of the United Kingdom and by the Commission representative on behalf of the Union, in accordance with Article 498(6) of the TCA and Council Decision (EU) 2021/1875¹⁴. The Written Record is a result of consultations conducted by the Union with the United Kingdom in accordance with Articles 498(2), 498(4) and 498(6) of TCA, with the objectives and principles set out in Articles 2, 3, 28 and 33 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, Articles 4 and 5 of the Western Waters and North Sea MAPs, and Council Decision (EU) 2021/1875. The Union position was based during the consultations on the best available scientific advice, principally that provided by the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) in accordance with Article 494(3)(c) of the TCA. The relevant fishing opportunities should be fixed at the level set out in that Written Record, and the other measures functionally linked to the fishing opportunities also set out in that Written Record should be implemented in Union law.

Recital 49 is replaced by the following:

- (49) There are certain shared stocks jointly managed with the United Kingdom for which ICES, while assessing them against MSY, has issued scientific advice for zero catches. If TACs for those stocks were established at the level indicated in such advice, the obligation to land all catches both in the Union and United Kingdom waters, including by-catches from those stocks, in mixed fisheries, would lead to the phenomenon of ‘choke species’. In order to balance the need for the continuation of those mixed fisheries in view of the potentially severe socioeconomic implications of complete interruption of those fisheries with the need to achieve a good biological status for those stocks, and taking into account the difficulty of fishing all stocks in a mixed fishery at MSY at the same time, the Union and the United Kingdom agreed that it is appropriate to establish specific TACs for by-catches for those stocks. Those TACs should be set at levels that ensure that the mortality for those stocks is decreased and that provide incentives to improve selectivity and to avoid by-catches of those stocks. The levels of the fishing opportunities for those stocks should be established in accordance with the Written Record in order to ensure a level playing field for Union operators while providing for the significant recovery of the biomass of those stocks.

¹⁴ Council Decision (EU) 2021/1875 of 22 October 2021 concerning the position to be adopted on behalf of the Union in the annual consultations with the United Kingdom to agree on total allowable catches (OJ L 378, 26.10.2021, p. 6).

In Recitals 50, 51, 52 the square brackets are deleted.

The following Recitals are inserted:

- (52a) Given that the biomass of the stocks of Blue ling in international waters of ICES 1 and 2 (BLI/12INT-), Blue ling North Sea (BLI/24-), Blue ling in Skagerrak (BLI/03/A-), Cod Irish Sea (COD/07A), Cod West of Scotland (COD/5BE6A), Cod Celtic Sea (COD/7XAD34), Herring Celtic Sea (HER/7G-K), Horse mackerel (Western) (JAX/2A-14)¹⁵, Red Seabream (SBR/678-) and Whiting Irish Sea (WHG/07A) are below the biomass reference points (B_{lim}), the Union and the United Kingdom agreed that it is necessary, as an additional remedial measure, that Member States do not apply Article 15(9) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 in respect of these stocks for transfers from 2022 to 2023, so that catches in 2023 will not exceed the TAC established for those stocks. The United Kingdom has also agreed to apply the same measure in its legal order.
- (52b) The Union and the United Kingdom agreed that, in order to protect a component of the picked dogfish (*Squalus acanthias*) stock that is particularly vulnerable to fishing mortality, it is appropriate to deter directed fisheries targeting aggregations of mature females. To this end, the Union and the United Kingdom agreed that a maximum size of 100 cm should be respected, when targeting picked dogfish. Such a measure is functionally linked to the TAC for the stock, as without such measure the TAC level alone would not ensure sufficient protection of pupping females, which constitute a particularly vulnerable part of the population.
- (52c) The Union and the United Kingdom agreed a reciprocal access in 2023 to target an initial total of 280 tonnes of northern albacore in their exclusive economic zones. This excludes access to areas covered under Article 5(3) of the CFP.

Article 10 is replaced by the following:

Article 10
Measures on European seabass fisheries
in ICES divisions 4b, 4c and 6a and ICES subarea 7

1. It shall be prohibited for Union fishing vessels, as well as for any commercial fisheries from shore: a) to fish for European seabass (*Dicentrarchus labrax*) in ICES divisions 4b and 4c and in ICES subarea 7; or b) to retain on board, tranship, relocate or land European seabass caught in that area.
2. The prohibition set out in paragraph 1 shall not apply to by-catches of seabass in shore-based commercial netting activities. This exemption applies to historic numbers of beach nets set at pre-2017 levels. Shore-based commercial netting activities shall not target seabass and only unavoidable by-catches of seabass may be landed.

¹⁵ This extends to Southern Horse mackerel (JAX/8C.).

3. By way of derogation from paragraph 1, in January 2023 and from 1 April to 31 December 2023, Union fishing vessels in ICES divisions 4b, 4c, 7d, 7e, 7f and 7h may fish for, retain

on board, tranship, relocate or land European seabass caught in that area with the following gear and within the following limits:

- (a) using demersal trawls¹⁶, for unavoidable by-catches not exceeding 3.8 tonnes and 5 % of the weight of the total catches of marine organisms on board caught by the fishing vessel concerned per fishing trip;
- (b) using seines¹⁷, for unavoidable by-catches not exceeding 3.8 tonnes and 5 % of the weight of the total catches of marine organisms on board caught by the fishing vessel concerned per fishing trip;
- (c) using hooks and lines¹⁸, not exceeding 6.2 tonnes per fishing vessel;
- (d) using fixed gillnets¹⁹, for unavoidable by-catches not exceeding 1.6 tonnes per fishing vessel.

The derogations set out in the first subparagraph, point (c), shall apply to Union fishing vessels that have recorded catches of European seabass using hooks and lines over the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 September 2016.

The derogations set out in the first subparagraph, point (d), shall apply to Union fishing vessels that have recorded catches of European seabass using fixed gillnets over the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 September 2016.

In the case of a replacement of a Union fishing vessel, Member States may allow the derogations to apply to another Union fishing vessel provided that the number of Union fishing vessels subject to each of the derogations and their overall fishing capacity do not increase.

4. The catch limits set out in paragraph 3 shall not be transferable between fishing vessels and, where a bi-monthly limit applies, from one calendar two-month period to another.

For Union fishing vessels using more than one gear in two calendar months, the lowest catch limit set out in paragraph 3 for either gear shall apply.

Member States shall report to the Commission all catches of European seabass per type of gear no later than 15 days after the end of each month.

5. In recreational fisheries, including from shore, in ICES divisions 4b, 4c, 6a and 7a to 7k:
- (a) from 1 January to 28 February 2023:

¹⁶ All types of demersal trawls (OTB, OTT, PTB, TBB, TBN, TBS and TB).

¹⁷ All types of seines (SSC, SDN, SPR, SV, SB and SX).

¹⁸ All long lines or pole and line or rod and line fisheries (LHP, LHM, LLD, LL, LTL, LX and LLS).

¹⁹ All fixed gillnets and traps (GTR, GNS, GNC, FYK, FPN and FIX).

- (i) only catch-and-release fishing with a rod or a handline for European seabass shall be allowed;
 - (ii) it shall be prohibited to retain, relocate, tranship or land European seabass caught in that area;
- (b) from 1 March to 31 December 2023:
- (i) not more than two specimens of European seabass may be caught and retained per fisher per day;
 - (ii) the minimum size of European seabass retained shall be 42 cm;
 - (iii) fixed nets shall not be used to catch or retain European seabass.
6. Paragraph 5 shall be without prejudice to more stringent national measures on recreational fisheries.

1. AMENDMENTS TO ANNEXES OF THE COMMISSION PROPOSAL COM(2022)559

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

Species: Greater silver smelt		Zone: United Kingdom and international waters of 1 and 2 (ARU/1/2.)
<i>Argentina silus</i>		
Germany	16	Precautionary TAC
France	5	
Netherlands	13	
Union	34	
United Kingdom	25	

TAC 59

Species:	Greater silver smelt	Zone:	United Kingdom and Union waters of 4; Union waters of 3a
	<i>Argentina silus</i>		(ARU/3A4-C)

Denmark 717 Precautionary TAC

Germany 7

France 5

Ireland 5

Netherlands 34

Sweden 28

Union 796

United Kingdom 13

TAC 809

Species:	Greater silver smelt	Zone:	6 and 7; United Kingdom and international waters of 5
	<i>Argentina silus</i>		(ARU/567.)

Germany 619 Precautionary TAC

France 13

Ireland 573

Netherlands 6 465

Union 7 670

United Kingdom 454

TAC 8 124

Species:	Tusk	Zone:	United Kingdom and international waters of 1, 2 and 14
	<i>Brosme brosme</i>		(USK/1214EI)

Germany	6	⁽¹⁾	Precautionary TAC
France	6	⁽¹⁾	
Others	3	⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	
Union	10	⁽¹⁾	
United Kingdom	6	⁽¹⁾	
TAC	22		

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

⁽²⁾ Catches to be counted against this shared quota shall be reported separately (USK/1214EI_AMS).

Species:	Tusk	Zone:	United Kingdom and Union waters of 4
	<i>Brosme brosme</i>		(USK/04-C.)

Denmark	62	⁽¹⁾	Precautionary TAC
Germany	19	⁽¹⁾	
France	43	⁽¹⁾	
Sweden	6	⁽¹⁾	
Others	6	⁽²⁾	
Union	136	⁽¹⁾	
United Kingdom	92	⁽¹⁾	
TAC	228		

⁽¹⁾ Special condition: of which up to 25% may be fished in United Kingdom, Union and international waters of 6a north of 58°30'N (USK/*6AN58).

(2) Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries are permitted under this quota. Catches to be counted against this shared quota shall be reported separately (USK/04-C_AMS).

Species:	Tusk	Zone:	6 and 7; United Kingdom and international waters of 5
	<i>Brosme brosme</i>		(USK/567EI.)
Germany	59	(1)	Precautionary TAC
Spain	207	(1)	
France	2 460	(1)	
Ireland	237	(1)	
Others	59	(2)	
Union	3 022	(1)	
Norway	0	(3)(4)(5)	
United Kingdom	1 272	(1)	
TAC	4 294		

(1) Special condition: of which up to 10 % may be fished in United Kingdom and Union waters of 4 (USK/*04-C.).

(2) Exclusively for by-catches. Catches to be counted against this shared quota shall be reported separately (USK/567EI_AMS).

(3) Special condition: of which an incidental catch of other species of 25 % per vessel, at any moment, is authorised in 6 and 7 and in United Kingdom and international waters of 5. 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 6 and 7 and in United Kingdom and international waters of 5 shall not exceed the amount in tonnes (OTH/*5B67-) given below. By-catch of cod under this provision in area 6a may not be more than 5 %.

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(4) Including ling. The following quotas for Norway shall only be fished with longlines in 6 and 7 and in United Kingdom and international waters of 5:

Ling	0
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(LIN/*5B6 7-)	
Tusk (USK/*5B 67-)	0

(5) The tusk and ling quotas for Norway are interchangeable up to the following amount, in tonnes:

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Species:	Boarfishes	Zone:	6, 7 and 8
	<i>Caproidae</i>		(BOR/678-)

Denmark	5 592	Precautionary TAC
Ireland	15 749	
Union	21 341	
United Kingdom	1 450	
TAC	22 791	

Species:	Herring	Zone:	6b and 6aN; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b(1)
	<i>Clupea harengus</i>		(HER/5B6ANB)

Germany	119 ⁽²⁾	Precautionary TAC
France	22 ⁽²⁾	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Ireland	161 ⁽²⁾	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Netherlands	119 ⁽²⁾	
Union	421 ⁽²⁾	
United Kingdom	791 ⁽²⁾	
TAC	1 212	

(1) Reference is to the herring stock in the part of ICES zone 6a which lies east of 7° W and north of 55° N, or west of 7° W and north of 56° N, excluding the Clyde.

(2) It shall be prohibited to target any herring in the part of the ICES zones subject to this TAC that lies between 56° N and 57° 30' N, with the exception of a six nautical mile belt measured from the baseline of the United Kingdom's territorial sea.

Species:	Herring	Zone:	6aS(1), 7b, 7c
	<i>Clupea harengus</i>		(HER/6AS7BC)
Ireland	1 720	Precautionary TAC	
Netherlands	172	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Union	1 892	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
TAC	1 892		

(1) Reference is to the herring stock in 6a south of 56°00' N and west of 07°00' W.

Species:	Herring	Zone:	7a(1)
	<i>Clupea harengus</i>		(HER/07A/MM)
Ireland	439	Analytical TAC	
Union	439	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies	
United Kingdom	6 870		
TAC	7 309		

(1) This zone is reduced by the area bounded:

- to the north by latitude 52°30' N,
- to the south by latitude 52°00' N,
- to the west by the coast of Ireland,
- to the east by the coast of the United Kingdom.

Species:	Herring	Zone:	7e and 7f
	<i>Clupea harengus</i>		(HER/7EF.)
France	279	Precautionary TAC	
Union	279		
United Kingdom	279		
TAC	558		

Species:	Herring	Zone:	7a south of 52°30'N; 7g(1), 7h(1), 7j(1) and 7k(1)
	<i>Clupea harengus</i>		(HER/7G-K.)
Germany	10 ⁽²⁾	Analytical TAC	
France	54 ⁽²⁾		
Ireland	750 ⁽²⁾		
Netherlands	54 ⁽²⁾		
Union	868 ⁽²⁾		
United Kingdom	1 ⁽³⁾		
TAC	869		

⁽¹⁾ This zone is increased by the area bounded:

- to the north by latitude 52°30' N,
- to the south by latitude 52°00' N,
- to the west by the coast of Ireland,
- to the east by the coast of the United Kingdom.

⁽²⁾ This quota may only be allocated to vessels participating in the sentinel fishery to allow fisheries-based data collection for this stock as assessed by ICES. The Member States concerned shall communicate the name(s) of the vessel(s) to the Commission before allowing any catches.

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Species:	Cod	Zone:	6b; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b west of 12°00' W and of 12 and 14
	<i>Gadus morhua</i>		(COD/5W6-14)
Belgium	0	(1)	Precautionary TAC
Germany	1	(1)	
France	7	(1)	
Ireland	14	(1)	
Union	22	(1)	
United Kingdom	52	(1)	
TAC	74	(1)	

- (1) Exclusively for by-catches of cod in fisheries for other species. No directed fisheries for cod are permitted under this TAC.

Species:	Cod	Zone:	6a; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b east of 12°00' W
	<i>Gadus morhua</i>		(COD/5BE6A)
Belgium	1	(1)	Analytical TAC
Germany	9	(1)	Article 8 of this Regulation applies
France	99	(1)	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Ireland	188	(1)	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Union	297	(1)	

United Kingdom 913 ⁽¹⁾

TAC 1 210 ⁽¹⁾

⁽¹⁾ Exclusively for by-catches of cod in fisheries for other species. No directed fisheries for cod are permitted under this quota.

Species:	Cod	Zone:	7a
	<i>Gadus morhua</i>		(COD/07A.)

Belgium	2 ⁽¹⁾	Precautionary TAC
France	6 ⁽¹⁾	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Ireland	83 ⁽¹⁾	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Netherlands	1 ⁽¹⁾	
Union	92 ⁽¹⁾	
United Kingdom	73 ⁽¹⁾	

TAC 165 ⁽¹⁾

⁽¹⁾ Exclusively for by-catches of cod in fisheries for other species. No directed fisheries are permitted under this quota.

Species:	Cod	Zone:	7b, 7c, 7e-k, 8, 9 and 10; Union waters
	<i>Gadus morhua</i>		of CECAF 34.1.1
			(COD/7XAD34)

Belgium	14 ⁽¹⁾	Analytical TAC
France	231 ⁽¹⁾	Article 8 of this Regulation applies
Ireland	336 ⁽¹⁾	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Netherlands	0 ⁽¹⁾	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply

Union	581	(1)
United Kingdom	63	(1)
TAC	644	(1)

(1) Exclusively for by-catches of cod in fisheries for other species. No directed fisheries for cod are permitted under this quota.

Species:	Cod	Zone:	7d
	<i>Gadus morhua</i>		(COD/07D.)

Belgium	54	(1)	Analytical TAC
France	1 059	(1)	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Netherlands	31	(1)	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Union	1 144	(1)	
United Kingdom	117	(2)	
TAC	1 261		

(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).

Species:	Megrim	Zone:	United Kingdom and Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a
	<i>Lepidorho mbus spp.</i>		(LEZ/2AC4-C)

Belgium	8	(1)	Analytical TAC
Denmark	7	(1)	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies

Germany	7 ⁽¹⁾
France	45 ⁽¹⁾
Netherlands	35 ⁽¹⁾
Union	102 ⁽¹⁾
United Kingdom	2 621 ⁽¹⁾
TAC	2 723

⁽¹⁾ Special condition: of which up to 20 % may be fished in United Kingdom, Union and international waters of 6a north of 58°30'N (LEZ/*6AN58).

Species:	Megrimms	Zone:	6; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b;
	<i>Lepidorhombus spp.</i>		international waters of 12 and 14 (LEZ/56-14)

Spain	530 ⁽¹⁾	Analytical TAC
France	2 068 ⁽¹⁾	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
Ireland	605 ⁽¹⁾	
Union	3 203 ⁽¹⁾	
United Kingdom	2 296 ⁽¹⁾	
TAC	5 499	

⁽¹⁾ Special condition: of which up to 25 % may be fished in: United Kingdom and Union waters of 2a and 4 (LEZ/*2AC4C).

Species:	Megrimms	Zone:	7
	<i>Lepidorhombus spp.</i>		(LEZ/07.)

Belgium	538 ⁽¹⁾	Analytical TAC
Spain	5 976 ⁽²⁾	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
France	7 252 ⁽²⁾	
Ireland	3 297 ⁽²⁾	
Union	17 063	
United Kingdom	4 285 ⁽²⁾	
TAC	21 348	

⁽¹⁾ 10 % of this quota may be used in 8a, 8b, 8d and 8e (LEZ/*8ABDE) for by-catches in directed fisheries for sole.

⁽²⁾ 35 % of this quota may be fished in 8a, 8b, 8d and 8e (LEZ/*8ABDE).

Species:	Megrim	Zone:	8a, 8b, 8d and 8e
	<i>Lepidorho</i> <i>mbus spp.</i>		(LEZ/8ABDE.)

Spain	1 168	Analytical TAC
France	943	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
Union	2 111	
TAC	2 111	

Species:	Anglerfishes	Zone:	United Kingdom and Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a
	<i>Lophiidae</i>		(ANF/2AC4-C)

Belgium	166 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Precautionary TAC
Denmark	366 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	
Germany	178 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	

France	34	(1)(2)
Netherlands	125	(1)(2)
Sweden	4	(1)(2)
Union	873	(1)(2)
United Kingdom	6 338	(1)(2)
TAC	7 211	

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

(2) Special condition: of which up to 10 % may be fished in United Kingdom waters of 6a south of 58°30'N; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b; International waters of 12 and 14 (ANF/*56-14).

Species:	Anglerfishes	Zone:	6; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14
	<i>Lophiidae</i>		(ANF/56-14)

Belgium	123	(1)	Precautionary TAC
Germany	141	(1)	
Spain	132	(1)	
France	1 520	(1)	
Ireland	343	(1)	
Netherlands	119	(1)	
Union	2 378	(1)	
United Kingdom	1 704	(1)	
TAC	4 082		

(1) Special condition: of which up to 20 % may be fished in United Kingdom and Union waters of 2a and

4 (ANF/*2AC4C).

Species:	Anglerfishes	Zone:	7
	<i>Lophiidae</i>		(ANF/07.)

Belgium	4 003 ⁽¹⁾	Analytical TAC
Germany	446 ⁽¹⁾	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
Spain	1 591 ⁽¹⁾	
France	25 687 ⁽¹⁾	
Ireland	3 283 ⁽¹⁾	
Netherlands	518 ⁽¹⁾	
Union	35 528 ⁽¹⁾	
United Kingdom	10 196 ⁽¹⁾	
TAC	45 724	

⁽¹⁾ Special condition: of which up to 10 % may be fished in 8a, 8b, 8d and 8e (ANF/*8ABDE).

Species:	Anglerfishes	Zone:	8a, 8b, 8d and 8e
	<i>Lophiidae</i>		(ANF/8ABDE.)

Spain	1 866	Analytical TAC
France	10 386	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
Union	12 252	
TAC	12 252	

Species:	Haddock	Zone:	United Kingdom, Union and international waters of 6b; international waters 12 and 14
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<i>Melanogra mmus aeglefinus</i>		(HAD/6B1214)
Belgium	8	Analytical TAC
Germany	8	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
France	368	
Ireland	264	
Union	648	
United Kingdom	3 430	
TAC	4 078	

Species:	Haddock	Zone:	7b-k, 8, 9 and 10; Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1
	<i>Melanogra mmus aeglefinus</i>		(HAD/7X7A34)

Belgium	114	Analytical TAC
France	6 823	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
Ireland	2 275	
Union	9 212	
United Kingdom	2 142	
TAC	11 901	

Species:	Haddock	Zone:	7a
	<i>Melanogra mmus aeglefinus</i>		(HAD/07A.)

Belgium	37	Analytical TAC
France	168	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
Ireland	1 003	
Union	1 208	
United Kingdom	1 440	
TAC	2 648	

Species:	Whiting	Zone:	6; United Kingdom and International waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14
	<i>Merlangius</i>		
	<i>s</i>		(WHG/56-14)
	<i>merlangus</i>		

Germany	7 ⁽¹⁾	Analytical TAC
France	135 ⁽¹⁾	Article 8 of this Regulation applies
Ireland	802 ⁽¹⁾	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Union	944 ⁽¹⁾	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
United Kingdom	1 692 ⁽¹⁾	
TAC	2 636 ⁽¹⁾	

⁽¹⁾ Exclusively for by-catches of whiting in fisheries for other species. No directed fisheries for whiting are permitted under this quota.

Species:	Whiting	Zone:	7a
	<i>Merlangius</i>		
	<i>s</i>		(WHG/07A.)
	<i>merlangus</i>		

Belgium	2 ⁽¹⁾	Analytical TAC
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France	21	⁽¹⁾	Article 8 of this Regulation applies
Ireland	269	⁽¹⁾	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Netherlands	1	⁽¹⁾	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Union	293	⁽¹⁾	
United Kingdom	428	⁽¹⁾	
TAC	721	⁽¹⁾	

⁽¹⁾ Exclusively for by-catches of whiting in fisheries for other species. No directed fisheries for whiting are permitted under this quota.

Species:	Whiting	Zone:	7b, 7c, 7d, 7e, 7f, 7g, 7h, 7j and 7k
	<i>Merlangius</i>		
	<i>s</i>		(WHG/7X7A-C)
	<i>merlangus</i>		

Belgium	72	Analytical TAC
France	4 459	
Ireland	3 877	
Netherlands	36	
Union	8 444	
United Kingdom	1 077	
TAC	9 650	

Species:	Hake	Zone:	3a
	<i>Merluccius</i>		
	<i>s</i>		(HKE/03A.)
	<i>merluccius</i>		

Denmark	2 295	⁽¹⁾	Analytical TAC
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Sweden	195	⁽¹⁾	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
Union	2 490		
TAC	2 490		
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⁽¹⁾ Transfers of this quota may be effected to United Kingdom and Union waters of 2a and 4. However, such transfers shall be notified in advance to the Commission and to the UK.			
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Species:	Hake	Zone:	United Kingdom and Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a
	<i>Merluccius</i>		
	<i>s</i>		(HKE/2AC4-C)
	<i>merluccius</i>		

Belgium	27	⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Analytical TAC
Denmark	1 089	⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
Germany	125	⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	
France	241	⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	
Netherlands	62	⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	
Union	1 544	⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	
United Kingdom	1 339	⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	
TAC	2 883		

⁽¹⁾ Not more than 10 % of this quota may be used for by-catch in 3a (HKE/*03A.).			
⁽²⁾ Special condition: of which up to 6 % may be fished in United Kingdom, Union and international waters of 6a north of 58°30'N (HKE/*6AN58).			

Species:	Hake	Zone:	6 and 7; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b;
	<i>Merluccius</i>		
	<i>merluccius</i>		international waters of 12 and 14

		(HKE/571214)
Belgium	414 ⁽¹⁾	Analytical TAC
Spain	13 282 ⁽¹⁾	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
France	20 513 ⁽¹⁾	
Ireland	2 485 ⁽¹⁾	
Netherlands	267 ⁽¹⁾	
Union	36 961 ⁽¹⁾	
United Kingdom	9 374 ⁽¹⁾	
TAC	46 335	

⁽¹⁾ Transfers of this quota may be effected to United Kingdom and Union waters of 4 and United Kingdom and international waters of 2a. However, such transfers shall be notified retrospectively annually to the Union or the United Kingdom respectively. Member States shall notify such transfers in advance to the Commission.

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

8a, 8b, 8d and 8e (HKE/*8ABDE)

Belgium	55
Spain	2 203
France	2 203
Ireland	275
Netherlands	28
Union	4 764
United Kingdom	1 239

Species:	Hake	Zone:	8a, 8b, 8d and 8e
	<i>Merluccius</i>		(HKE/8ABDE.)

<i>merluccius</i>		
Belgium	14 ⁽¹⁾	Analytical TAC
Spain	9 668	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
France	21 712	
Netherlands	28 ⁽¹⁾	
Union	31 422	
TAC	31 422	

(1) Transfers of this quota may be effected to United Kingdom and Union waters of 2a and 4. However, such transfers shall be notified in advance to the Commission and to the UK.

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

6 and 7; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14 (HKE/*57-14)

Belgium	3	
Spain	2 801	
France	5 041	
Netherlands	8	
Union	7 853	

Species:	Lemon sole and witch flounder	Zone:	United Kingdom and Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a
	<i>Microstomus kitt</i> and		(L/W/2AC4-C)
	<i>Glyptocephalus</i>		
	<i>cynoglossus</i>		
	<i>s</i>		

Belgium	155	Precautionary TAC
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Denmark	411
Germany	55
France	117
Netherlands	355
Sweden	5
Union	1 098
United Kingdom	2 042
TAC	3 140

Species:	Blue ling	Zone:	6 and 7; United Kingdom and international waters of 5
	<i>Molva dypterygia</i>		(BLI/5B67-)

Germany	109	Analytical TAC
Estonia	16	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
Spain	342	
France	7 804	
Ireland	30	
Lithuania	7	
Poland	3	
Others	30 ⁽¹⁾	
Union	8 341	
Norway	0 ⁽²⁾	
Faroe Islands	0 ⁽³⁾	
United Kingdom	2 611	

TAC

10 952

- (1) Exclusively for by-catches. Catches to be counted against this shared quota shall be reported separately (BLI/5B67_AMS).
- (2) To be fished in Union waters of 4, 6 and 7 (BLI/*24X7C).
- (3) By-catches of roundnose grenadier and black scabbardfish to be counted against this quota. To be fished in Union waters of 6a north of 56° 30'N and 6b. This provision shall not apply for catches subject to the landing obligation.

Species:	Blue ling <i>Molva dypterygia</i>	Zone:	International waters of 12 (BLI/12INT-)
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Estonia	0	(1)	Precautionary TAC
Spain	73	(1)	
France	2	(1)	
Lithuania	1	(1)	
Others	0	(1)(2)	
Union	76	(1)	
United Kingdom	1	(1)	
TAC	77	(1)	

- (1) Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries are permitted under this quota.
- (2) Catches to be counted against this shared quota shall be reported separately (BLI/12INT_AMS).

Species:	Blue ling <i>Molva dypterygia</i>	Zone:	United Kingdom and international waters of 2; United Kingdom and Union waters of 4 (BLI/24-)
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Denmark	2	Precautionary TAC
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Germany	2
Ireland	2
France	12
Others	2 ⁽¹⁾
Union	20
United Kingdom	7
TAC	27

⁽¹⁾ Exclusively for by-catches. Catches to be counted against this shared quota shall be reported separately (BLI/24_AMS).

Species:	Blue ling <i>Molva dypterygia</i>	Zone:	Union waters of 3a (BLI/03A-)
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Denmark	1,5	Precautionary TAC
Germany	1	
Sweden	1,5	
Union	4	
TAC	4	

Species:	Ling <i>Molva molva</i>	Zone:	United Kingdom and international waters of 1 and 2 (LIN/1/2.)
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Denmark	9	Precautionary TAC
Germany	9	
France	9	

Others	3 ⁽¹⁾
Union	30
United Kingdom	8
TAC	38

⁽¹⁾ Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries are permitted under this quota. Catches to be counted against this shared quota shall be reported separately (LIN/1/2_AMS).

Species:	Ling	Zone:	Union waters of 3a
	<i>Molva</i>		(LIN/03A-C.)
	<i>molva</i>		

Belgium	11	Precautionary TAC
Denmark	79	
Germany	11	
Sweden	32	
Union	133	
United Kingdom	11	
TAC	144	

Species:	Ling	Zone:	United Kingdom and Union waters of 4
	<i>Molva</i>		(LIN/04-C.)
	<i>molva</i>		

Belgium	15 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Precautionary TAC
Denmark	230 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	
Germany	143 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	
France	128 ⁽¹⁾	

Netherlands	5	(1)
Sweden	10	(1)(2)
Union	531	(1)
United Kingdom	2 046	(1)(2)
TAC	2 577	

- (1) Special condition: of which up to 20 % may be fished in United Kingdom, Union and international waters of 6a north of 58°30'N (LIN/*6AN58).
- (2) Special condition: of which up to 25 % but no more than 75 tonnes may be fished in: Union waters of 3a (LIN/*03A-C).

Species:	Ling	Zone:	United Kingdom and international waters of 5
	<i>Molva</i>		(LIN/05EI.)
	<i>molva</i>		

Belgium	4	Precautionary TAC
Denmark	4	
Germany	4	
France	4	
Union	16	
United Kingdom	4	
TAC	20	

Species:	Ling	Zone:	6, 7, 8, 9 and 10; international waters of 12 and 14
	<i>Molva</i>		(LIN/6X14.)
	<i>molva</i>		

Belgium	44	(1)	Precautionary TAC
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Denmark	8	(1)
Germany	160	(1)
Ireland	865	(1)
Spain	3 237	(1)
France	3 451	(1)
Portugal	8	(1)
Union	7 773	(1)
Norway	0	(2)(3)(4)
Faroe Islands	0	(5)(6)
United Kingdom	4 598	(1)
TAC	12 371	

(1) Special condition: of which up to 40 % may be fished in: United Kingdom and Union waters of 4 (LIN/*04-C.).

(2) Special condition: of which an incidental catch of other species of 25 % per vessel, at any moment, is authorised in 5b, 6 and 7. 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 5b, 6 and 7 shall not exceed the amount below in tonnes (OTH/*6X14.). By-catch of cod under this provision in area 6a may not be more than 5 %.

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(3) Including tusk. The quotas for Norway shall only be fished with long-lines in 5b, 6 and 7, and they amount to:

Ling (LIN/*5B6 7-)	0
Tusk (USK/*5B	0

67-)

(4) The ling and tusk quotas for Norway are interchangeable up to the following amount, in tonnes:

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(5) Including tusk. To be fished in 6a north of 56°30' N and 6b (LIN/*6BAN.).

(6) Special condition: of which an incidental catch of other species of 20 % per vessel, at any moment, is authorised in 6a and 6b. 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 6a and 6b shall not exceed the following amount in tonnes (OTH/*6AB.): 0

Species:	Norway lobster	Zone:	United Kingdom and Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a
	<i>Nephrops norvegicus</i>		(NEP/2AC4-C)
Belgium	1 154	Analytical TAC	
Denmark	1 154	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies	
Germany	17		
France	34		
Netherlands	594		
Union	2 953		
United Kingdom	19 120		
TAC	22 073		

Species:	Norway lobster	Zone:	6; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b
	<i>Nephrops norvegicus</i>		(NEP/5BC6.)
Spain	27	Analytical TAC	
France	108		

Ireland	179
Union	314
United Kingdom	12 997
TAC	13 311

Species:	Norway lobster	Zone:	7
	<i>Nephrops norvegicus</i>		(NEP/07.)

Spain	981 ⁽¹⁾	Analytical TAC
France	3 974 ⁽¹⁾	
Ireland	6 027 ⁽¹⁾	
Union	10 982 ⁽¹⁾	
United Kingdom	7 371 ⁽¹⁾	
TAC	18 353 ⁽¹⁾	

⁽¹⁾ Special condition: within the limits of these quotas, no more than the quantities given below may be taken in the following zone:

Functional Unit 16 of subarea 7
(NEP/*07U16)

Spain	1 142
France	715
Ireland	1 374
Union	3 231
United Kingdom	556

Species:	Northern prawn	Zone:	United Kingdom and Union waters
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<i>Pandalus borealis</i>		of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a (PRA/2AC4-C)
Denmark	735 ⁽¹⁾	Precautionary TAC
Netherlands	7 ⁽¹⁾	
Sweden	30 ⁽¹⁾	
Union	772 ⁽¹⁾	
United Kingdom	218 ⁽¹⁾	
TAC	990 ⁽¹⁾	

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

Species: Plaice <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>	Zone: 6; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14 (PLE/56-14)
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France	8	Precautionary TAC
Ireland	224	
Union	232	
United Kingdom	360	
TAC	592	

Species: Plaice <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>	Zone: 7a (PLE/07A.)
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Belgium	44	Analytical TAC
France	19	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies

Ireland	767
Netherlands	13
Union	843
United Kingdom	1 042
TAC	2 039

Species:	Plaice	Zone:	7d and 7e
	<i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>		(PLE/7DE.)

Belgium	889	Analytical TAC
France	2 963	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
Union	3 852	
United Kingdom	2 020	
TAC	6 775	

Species:	Plaice	Zone:	7f and 7g
	<i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>		(PLE/7FG.)

Belgium	44	Precautionary TAC
France	79	
Ireland	147	
Union	270	
United Kingdom	103	
TAC	402	

Species:	Plaice <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>	Zone:	7h, 7j and 7k (PLE/7HJK.)
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Belgium	8 ⁽¹⁾	Precautionary TAC
France	16 ⁽¹⁾	Article 8 of this Regulation applies
Ireland	55 ⁽¹⁾	
Netherlands	31 ⁽¹⁾	
Union	110 ⁽¹⁾	
United Kingdom	22 ⁽¹⁾	
TAC	132 ⁽¹⁾	

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

Species:	Pollack <i>Pollachius pollachius</i>	Zone:	6; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14 (POL/56-14)
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Spain	2	Precautionary TAC
France	59	
Ireland	18	
Union	79	
United Kingdom	46	
TAC	125	

Species:	Pollack <i>Pollachius pollachius</i>	Zone:	7 (POL/07.)
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Belgium	185	⁽¹⁾	Precautionary TAC
Spain	11	⁽¹⁾	
France	4 255	⁽¹⁾	
Ireland	453	⁽¹⁾	
Union	4 904	⁽¹⁾	
United Kingdom	1 506	⁽¹⁾	
TAC	6 410		

⁽¹⁾ Special condition: of which up to 2 % may be fished in 8a, 8b, 8d and 8e (POL/*8ABDE).

Species:	Saithe	Zone:	7, 8, 9 and 10; Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1
	<i>Pollachius virens</i>		(POK/7/3411)

Belgium	3	Precautionary TAC
France	751	
Ireland	1 404	
Union	2 158	
United Kingdom	383	
TAC	2 541	

Species:	Turbot and brill	Zone:	United Kingdom and Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a
	<i>Scophthalmus maximus and Scophthalmus rhombus</i>		(T/B/2AC4-C)

Belgium	260	Precautionary TAC
Denmark	554	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
Germany	142	
France	67	
Netherlands	1 966	
Sweden	4	
Union	2 993	
United Kingdom	715	
TAC	3 747	

Species:	Skates and rays	Zone:	Union and United Kingdom waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a
	<i>Rajiformes</i>		(SRX/2AC4-C)

Belgium	268	(1)(2)(3)(4)	Precautionary TAC
Denmark	11	(1)(2)(3)	
Germany	13	(1)(2)(3)	
France	42	(1)(2)(3)(4)	
Netherlands	228	(1)(2)(3)(4)	
Union	562	(1)(3)	
United Kingdom	1 202	(1)(2)(3)(4)	
TAC	1 764	(3)	

(1) Catches of blonde ray (*Raja brachyura*) in United Kingdom and Union waters of 4 (RJH/04-C.), cuckoo ray (*Leucoraja naevus*) (RJN/2AC4-C), thornback ray (*Raja clavata*) (RJC/2AC4-C) and spotted ray (*Raja montagui*) (RJM/2AC4-C) shall be reported separately.

(2) By-catch quota. These species shall not comprise more than 25 % by live weight of the catch retained on board per fishing trip. This condition applies only to vessels over 15 metres' length overall. This provision shall not apply for catches subject to the landing obligation as set out in Article 15(1) of

Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, which was retained by the United Kingdom.

- (3) Shall not apply to blonde ray (*Raja brachyura*) in United Kingdom waters of 2a and small-eyed ray (*Raja microocellata*) in United Kingdom and Union waters of 2a and 4. When accidentally caught, these species shall not be harmed. Specimens shall be promptly released. Fishermen shall be encouraged to develop and use techniques and equipment to facilitate the rapid and safe release of the species.
- (4) Special condition: of which up to 10 % may be fished in 7d (SRX/*07D2.), without prejudice to the prohibitions set out in Articles 17 and 56 of this Regulation and in the relevant provisions of the United Kingdom law for the areas specified therein. Catches of blonde ray (*Raja brachyura*) (RJH/*07D2.), cuckoo ray (*Leucoraja naevus*) (RJN/*07D2.), thornback ray (*Raja clavata*) (RJC/*07D2.) and spotted ray (*Raja montagui*) (RJM/*07D2.) shall be reported separately. This special condition shall not apply to small-eyed ray (*Raja microocellata*) and undulate ray (*Raja undulata*).

Species:	Skates and rays	Zone:	Union waters of 3a
	<i>Rajiformes</i>		(SRX/03A-C.)

Denmark	37	(1)	Precautionary TAC
Sweden	11	(1)	
Union	48	(1)	
TAC	48		

- (1) Catches of cuckoo ray (*Leucoraja naevus*) (RJN/03A-C.), blonde ray (*Raja brachyura*) (RJH/03A-C.) and spotted ray (*Raja montagui*) (RJM/03A-C.) shall be reported separately.

Species:	Skates and rays	Zone:	United Kingdom and Union waters of 6a, 6b, 7a-c and 7e-k
	<i>Rajiformes</i>		(SRX/67AKXD)

Belgium	835	(1)(2)(3)(4)	Precautionary TAC
Estonia	5	(1)(2)(3)(4)	
France	3 749	(1)(2)(3)(4)	
Germany	11	(1)(2)(3)(4)	

Ireland	1 207	(1)(2)(3)(4)
Lithuania	19	(1)(2)(3)(4)
Netherlands	4	(1)(2)(3)(4)
Portugal	21	(1)(2)(3)(4)
Spain	1 009	(1)(2)(3)(4)
Union	6 860	(1)(2)(3)(4)
United Kingdom	2 937	(1)(2)(3)(4)
TAC	9 797	(3)(4)

- (1) Catches of cuckoo ray (*Leucoraja naevus*) (RJN/67AKXD), thornback ray (*Raja clavata*) (RJC/67AKXD), blonde ray (*Raja brachyura*) (RJH/67AKXD), spotted ray (*Raja montagui*) (RJM/67AKXD), sandy ray (*Leucoraja circularis*) (RJI/67AKXD) and shagreen ray (*Leucoraja fullonica*) (RJF/67AKXD) shall be reported separately
- (2) Special condition: of which up to 5 % may be fished in 7d (SRX/*07D.), without prejudice to the prohibitions set out in Articles 17 and 50 of this Regulation for the areas specified therein. Catches of cuckoo ray (*Leucoraja naevus*) (RJN/*07D.), thornback ray (*Raja clavata*) (RJC/*07D.), blonde ray (*Raja brachyura*) (RJH/*07D.), spotted ray (*Raja montagui*) (RJM/*07D.), sandy ray (*Leucoraja circularis*) (RJI/*07D.) and shagreen ray (*Leucoraja fullonica*) (RJF/*07D.) shall be reported separately. This special condition shall not apply to small-eyed ray (*Raja microocellata*) and undulate ray (*Raja undulata*).
- (3) Shall not apply to undulate ray (*Raja undulata*). Catches of this species in 7e shall be counted against the quantities provided for in that separate TAC (RJU/7DE). When accidentally caught in 6a, 6b, 7a-c and 7f-k, this species shall not be harmed. Specimens shall be promptly released. Fishermen shall be encouraged to develop and use techniques and equipment to facilitate the rapid and safe release of the species.
- (4) Shall not apply to small-eyed ray (*Raja microocellata*), except in 7f and 7g. When accidentally caught, this species shall not be harmed. Specimens shall be promptly released. Fishers shall be encouraged to develop and use techniques and equipment to facilitate the rapid and safe release of the species. Within the limits of these quotas, no more than the quantities of small-eyed ray in areas 7f and 7g (RJE/7FG.) provided below may be taken:

Species:	Small-eyed ray	Zone:	7f and 7g
	<i>Raja microocellata</i>		(RJE/7FG.)

Belgium 5 Precautionary TAC

Estonia	0
France	24
Germany	0
Ireland	8
Lithuania	0
Netherlands	0
Portugal	0
Spain	6
Union	43
United Kingdom	43
TAC	86

Special condition: of which up to 5 % may be fished in 7d and reported under the following code: (RJE/*07D.). This special condition is without prejudice to the prohibitions set out in Articles 17 and 55 of this Regulation and in the relevant prohibitions of the United Kingdom law for the areas specified therein.

⁽⁴⁾ Shall not apply to undulate ray (*Raja undulata*).

Species:	Skates and rays	Zone:	7d
	<i>Rajiformes</i>		(SRX/07D.)
Belgium	137	(1)(2)(3)(4)	Precautionary TAC
France	1 153	(1)(2)(3)(4)	
Netherlands	7	(1)(2)(3)(4)	
Union	1 297	(1)(2)(3)(4)	
United Kingdom	240	(1)(2)(3)(4)	
TAC	1 537	(4)	

- (1) Catches of cuckoo ray (*Leucoraja naevus*) (RJN/07D.), thornback ray (*Raja clavata*) (RJC/07D.), blonde ray (*Raja brachyura*) (RJH/07D.), spotted ray (*Raja montagui*) (RJM/07D.) and small-eyed ray (*Raja microocellata*) (RJE/07D.) shall be reported separately.
- (2) Special condition: of which up to 5 % may be fished in United Kingdom and Union waters of 6a, 6b, 7a-c and 7e-k (SRX/*67AKD). Catches of cuckoo ray (*Leucoraja naevus*) (RJN/*67AKD), thornback ray (*Raja clavata*) (RJC/*67AKD), blonde ray (*Raja brachyura*) (RJH/*67AKD) and spotted ray (*Raja montagui*) (RJM/*67AKD) shall be reported separately. This special condition shall not apply to small-eyed ray (*Raja microocellata*) and to undulate ray (*Raja undulata*).
- (3) Special condition: of which up to 10 % may be fished in United Kingdom and Union waters of 2a and 4 (SRX/*2AC4C). Catches of blonde ray (*Raja brachyura*) in United Kingdom and Union waters of 4 (RJH/*04-C.), cuckoo ray (*Leucoraja naevus*) (RJN/*2AC4C), thornback ray (*Raja clavata*) (RJC/*2AC4C) and spotted ray (*Raja montagui*) (RJM/*2AC4C) shall be reported separately. This special condition shall not apply to small-eyed ray (*Raja microocellata*).
- (4) Shall not apply to undulate ray (*Raja undulata*). Catches of this species shall be counted against the quantities provided for in that separate TAC (RJu/7DE).

Species:	Undulate ray	Zone:	7d and 7e
	<i>Raja undulata</i>		(RJu/7DE.)

Belgium	257	(1)	Precautionary TAC
Estonia	1	(1)	
France	1 258	(1)	
Germany	3	(1)	
Ireland	332	(1)	
Lithuania	5	(1)	
Netherlands	2	(1)	
Portugal	6	(1)	
Spain	277	(1)	
Union	2 141	(1)	
United Kingdom	1 051	(1)	

Kingdom

TAC 3 192 ⁽¹⁾

⁽¹⁾ The specimens may only be landed whole or gutted. For Union vessels, this is without prejudice to the prohibitions set out in Articles 17 and 56 of this Regulation for the areas specified therein. For United Kingdom vessels, this is without prejudice to the prohibitions set out in relevant prohibitions in the United Kingdom law for the areas specified therein.

Species:	Skates and rays	Zone:	Union waters of 8 and 9
	<i>Rajiformes</i>		(SRX/89-C.)

Belgium	11 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Precautionary TAC
France	2 093 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	
Portugal	1 696 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	
Spain	1 707 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	
Union	5 507 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	
United Kingdom	12 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	
TAC	5 519 ⁽²⁾	

⁽¹⁾ Catches of cuckoo ray (*Leucoraja naevus*) (RJN/89-C.), blonde ray (*Raja brachyura*) (RJH/89-C.) and thornback ray (*Raja clavata*) (RJC/89-C.) shall be reported separately.

⁽²⁾ Shall not apply to undulate ray (*Raja undulata*). This species shall not be targeted in the areas covered by this TAC. In cases where it is not subject to the landing obligation, by-catch of undulate ray in subareas 8 and 9 may only be landed whole or gutted. The catches shall remain under the quotas shown in the table below. These provisions are without prejudice to the prohibitions set out in Articles 17 and 56 of this Regulation for the areas specified therein. By-catches of undulate ray shall be reported separately under the codes indicated in the tables below. Within the limits of the abovementioned quotas, no more than the quantities of undulate ray given below may be taken:

Species:	Undulate ray	Zone:	Union waters of 8
	<i>Raja undulata</i>		(RJU/8-C.)

Belgium	0	Precautionary TAC
France	13	

Portugal 10

Spain 10

Union 33

United Kingdom 0

TAC 33

Species:	Undulate ray	Zone:	Union waters of 9
	<i>Raja undulata</i>		(RJU/9-C.)

Belgium 0 Precautionary TAC

France 20

Portugal 15

Spain 15

Union 50

United Kingdom 0

TAC 50

Species:	Greenland halibut	Zone:	6; United Kingdom and Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b
	<i>Reinhardtius hippoglossoides</i>		(GHL/2A-C46)

Denmark 29 Analytical TAC

Germany 51

Estonia 29

Spain	29
France	478
Ireland	29
Lithuania	29
Poland	29
Union	703
Norway	0
United Kingdom	1 868
TAC	2 571

Species:	Common sole	Zone:	United Kingdom and Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a
	<i>Solea solea</i>		(SOL/24-C.)

Belgium	681	Analytical TAC
Denmark	311	
Germany	545	
France	136	
Netherlands	6 146	
Union	7 829	
Norway	10 ⁽¹⁾	
United Kingdom	1 323	
TAC	9 152	

⁽¹⁾ May be fished only in Union waters of 4 (SOL/*04-EU).

Species:	Common sole	Zone:	6; United Kingdom and international
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<i>Solea solea</i>		waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14 (SOL/56-14)
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Ireland	46	Precautionary TAC
Union	46	
United Kingdom	11	
TAC	57	

Species: Common sole <i>Solea solea</i>	Zone: 7a (SOL/07A.)
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Belgium	270	Analytical TAC
France	3	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Ireland	94	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Netherlands	86	
Union	453	
United Kingdom	140	
TAC	605	

Species: Common sole <i>Solea solea</i>	Zone: 7d (SOL/07D.)
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Belgium	457	Precautionary TAC
France	915	
Union	1 372	
United Kingdom	347	

TAC		1 747	
Species:	Common sole	Zone:	7e
	<i>Solea solea</i>		(SOL/07E.)
Belgium	46	Analytical TAC	
France	487	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies	
Union	533		
United Kingdom	861		
TAC		1 394	
Species:	Common sole	Zone:	7f and 7g
	<i>Solea solea</i>		(SOL/7FG.)
Belgium	777	Analytical TAC	
France	78	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies	
Ireland	39		
Union	894		
United Kingdom	421		
TAC		1 338	
Species:	Common sole	Zone:	7h, 7j and 7k
	<i>Solea solea</i>		(SOL/7HJK.)
Belgium	18	Precautionary TAC	
France	35		

Ireland	96
Netherlands	28
Union	177
United Kingdom	36
TAC	213

Species:	Picked dogfish	Zone:	Union waters of 3a
	<i>Squalus acanthias</i>		(DGS/03A-C.)
Denmark	337	(1)	Precautionary TAC
Sweden	793	(1)	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Union	1 130	(1)	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
TAC	1 130	(1)	

(1) A maximum conservation reference size of 100cm shall be respected.

Species:	Picked dogfish	Zone:	Union and United Kingdom waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a
	<i>Squalus acanthias</i>		(DGS/2AC4-C)
Belgium	58	(1)(2)(3)	Precautionary TAC
Denmark	332	(1)(2)(3)	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Germany	60	(1)(2)(3)	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
France	106	(1)(2)(3)	
Netherlands	91	(1)(2)(3)	
Sweden	5	(1)(2)(3)	

Union	652	(1)(2)(3)
United Kingdom	2 782	(1)(2)(3)
TAC	3 434	(1)(2)(3)

(1)	Not to be targeted in the waters of a Party until the prohibition in that Party's law (including licence conditions) has been removed.
(2)	In EU waters a maximum conservation reference size of 100cm shall be respected. In UK waters a maximum size of 100 cm shall apply once the prohibition in the UK's law is removed. Additional measures may be applied.
(3)	Vessels of one Party may not target the North Sea TAC in the waters of the other Party until both Parties have removed the prohibitions mentioned in footnote 1.

Species:	Picked dogfish	Zone:	6,7 and 8; United Kingdom and international waters of 5; International waters of 1, 12 and 14
	<i>Squalus acanthias</i>		(DGS/15X14)

Belgium	696	(1)	Precautionary TAC
Germany	149	(1)	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Spain	360	(1)	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
France	2 964	(1)	
Ireland	1 871	(1)	
Netherlands	10	(1)	
Portugal	14	(1)	
Union	6 064	(1)	
United Kingdom	4 825	(1)	
TAC	10 889	(1)	

(1)	In EU waters a maximum conservation reference size of 100cm shall be respected. In UK waters a maximum size of 100 cm shall apply once the prohibition in the UK's law is removed. Additional measures may be applied.
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Species:	Horse mackerel and associated by-catches <i>Trachurus</i> <i>spp.</i>	Zone:	United Kingdom and Union waters of 4b, 4c and 7d (JAX/4BC7D)
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Belgium	7	(1)	Precautionary TAC
Denmark	3 080	(1)	
Germany	272	(1)(2)	
Spain	57	(1)	
France	255	(1)(2)	
Ireland	194	(1)	
Netherlands	1 854	(1)(2)	
Portugal	7	(1)	
Sweden	75	(1)	
Union	5 801		
Norway	0	(3)	
United Kingdom	3 074	(1)(2)	
TAC	8 969		

(1)	Up to 5 % of the quota may consist of by-catches of boarfishes, haddock, whiting and mackerel (OTH/*4BC7D). By-catches of boarfishes, haddock, whiting and mackerel counted against the quota pursuant to this provision and by-catches of species counted against the quota pursuant to Article 15(8) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 shall, together, not exceed 9 % of the quota.
(2)	Special condition: up to 5 % of this quota fished in division 7d may be accounted for as fished under the quota concerning the following zone: United Kingdom waters of 4a; 6, 7a-c, e-k; 8ab, d-e; United Kingdom waters of 2a; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14 (JAX/*7D-EU).

(3) May not be fished in Union waters of 7d.

<p>Species: Horse mackerel and associated by-catches</p> <p><i>Trachurus spp.</i></p>	<p>Zone: United Kingdom waters of 2a and 4a; 6, 7a-c, e-k; 8a-b, d-e; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14</p> <p>(JAX/2A-14)</p>
Denmark	1 263 (1)(3)(6) Analytical TAC
Germany	986 (1)(2)(3)(6) Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Spain	1 344 (3)(5)(6) Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
France	507 (1)(2)(3)(5)(6)
Ireland	3 283 (1)(3)(6)
Netherlands	3 955 (1)(2)(3)(6)
Portugal	129 (3)(5)(6)
Sweden	675 (1)(3)(6)
Union	12 142 (3)(6)(6)
Faroe Islands	0 (4)(6)
United Kingdom	1 258 (1)(2)(3)(6)
TAC	13 400

(1) Special condition: up to 5 % of this quota utilised in United Kingdom waters of 2a or 4a before 30 June may be accounted for as utilised under the quota concerning the zone of United Kingdom and Union waters of 4b, 4c and 7d (JAX/*2A4AC).

(2) Special condition: up to 5 % of this quota may be fished in 7d (JAX/*07D.). Under this special condition, and in accordance with footnote (3), by-catches of boarfish and whiting shall be reported separately under the following code: (OTH/*07D.).

(3) Up to 5 % of the quota may consist of by-catches of boarfish, haddock, whiting and mackerel (OTH/*2A-14). By-catches of boarfish, haddock, whiting and mackerel counted against the quota pursuant to this provision and by-catches of species counted against the quota pursuant to Article 15(8) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 shall, together, not exceed 9 % of the quota.

- (4) Limited to 4a, 6a (north of 56°30'N only), 7e, 7f, 7h.
- (5) Special condition: up to 80% of this quota may be fished in 8c (JAX/*08C2). Under this special condition, and in accordance with footnote (3), by-catches of boarfish and whiting shall be reported separately under the following code: (OTH/*08C2).
- (6) Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries for horse mackerel are permitted under this TAC.

Species:	Horse mackerel	Zone:	8c
	<i>Trachurus</i>		(JAX/08C.)
	<i>spp.</i>		

Spain	1 899	(1)	Analytical TAC
France	33		Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Portugal	188	(1)	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Union	2 120	(2)	
TAC	2 120	(2)	

(1) Special condition: up to 10 % of this quota may be fished in 9 (JAX/*09.).

(2) No targeted fisheries, only by catch.

Species:	Norway pout and associated by-catches	Zone:	3a; United Kingdom and Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a
	<i>Trisopterus esmarkii</i>		(NOP/2A3A4.)

Year	2023	2024	Analytical TAC
Denmark	46 929	0	(1)(3) (1)(6)
Germany	9	0	(1)(2)(3) (1)(2)(6)
Netherlands	35	0	(1)(2)(3) (1)(2)(6)
Union	46 973	0	(1)(3) (1)(6)
United	11 439	0	(2)(3) (2)(6)

Kingdom		
Norway	0 ⁽⁴⁾	0 ⁽⁴⁾
Faroe Islands	0 ⁽⁵⁾	0 ⁽⁵⁾
TAC	58 412	Not relevant
(1)	Up to 5 % of the quota may consist of by-catches of haddock and whiting (OT2/*2A3A4). By-catches of haddock and whiting counted against the quota pursuant to this provision and by-catches of species counted against the quota pursuant to Article 15(8) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 shall, together, not exceed 9 % of the quota.	
(2)	Quota may be fished in United Kingdom and Union waters of ICES zones 2a, 3a and 4 only.	
(3)	May only be fished from 1 November 2022 to 31 October 2023.	
(4)	A sorting grid shall be used.	
(5)	A sorting grid shall be used. Includes a maximum of 15 % of unavoidable by-catches (NOP/*2A3A4), to be counted against this quota.	
(6)	May only be fished from 1 November 2023 to 31 October 2024.	

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

Species:	Black scabbardfish <i>Aphanopus carbo</i>	Zone:	6 and 7; United Kingdom and international waters of 5; international waters of 12 (BSF/56712-)
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Year	2023	2024	Precautionary TAC
Germany	21	To be established	
Estonia	10	To be established	
Ireland	52	To be established	
Spain	103	To be established	
France	1 450	To be established	
Latvia	67	To be established	
Lithuania	1	To be established	
Poland	1	To be established	
Others	5 ⁽¹⁾	To be established ⁽¹⁾	
Union	1 710	To be established	
United Kingdom	103	To be established	
TAC	1 813	To be established	

⁽¹⁾ Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries are permitted under this quota. Catches to be counted against this shared quota shall be reported separately (BSF/56712_AMS).

Species:	Black scabbardfish <i>Aphanopus carbo</i>	Zone:	Union and international waters of 8, 9 and 10 (BSF/8910-)
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Year	2023	2024	Precautionary TAC
Spain	7	To be established	
France	17	To be established	
Portugal	2 106	To be established	
Union	2 130	To be established	
TAC	2 130	To be established	

Species:	Alfonsinos <i>Beryx spp.</i>	Zone:	United Kingdom, Union and international waters of 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 and 14 (ALF/3X14-)
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	2023	2024	Precautionary TAC
Ireland	5 ⁽¹⁾	5 ⁽¹⁾	
Spain	40 ⁽¹⁾	40 ⁽¹⁾	
France	11 ⁽¹⁾	11 ⁽¹⁾	
Portugal	118 ⁽¹⁾	118 ⁽¹⁾	
Union	174 ⁽¹⁾	174 ⁽¹⁾	
United Kingdom	5 ⁽¹⁾	5 ⁽¹⁾	
TAC	179 ⁽¹⁾	179 ⁽¹⁾	

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

Species:	Roundnose grenadier	Zone:	6 and 7; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b
	<i>Coryphaenoides rupestris</i>		(RNG/5B67-)

Year	2023	2024	Precautionary TAC
Germany	(1)(2) 4	To be (1)(2) established	
Estonia	(1)(2) 34	To be (1)(2) established	
Ireland	(1)(2) 150	To be (1)(2) established	
Spain	(1)(2) 37	To be (1)(2) established	
France	(1)(2) 1 910	To be (1)(2) established	
Lithuania	(1)(2) 44	To be (1)(2) established	
Poland	(1)(2) 22	To be (1)(2) established	
Others	(1)(2)(3) 4	To be (1)(2)(3) established	
Union	(1)(2) 2 205	To be (1)(2) established	
United Kingdom	112 (1)(2)	To be (1)(2) established	
TAC	(1)(2) 2 317	To be (1)(2) established	

- (1) A maximum of 10 % of each quota may be fished in Union and international waters of 8, 9, 10, 12 and 14 (RNG/*8X14- for roundnose grenadier; RHG/*8X14- for roughhead grenadier by-catches).
- (2) No directed fisheries of roughhead grenadier are permitted. By-catches of roughhead grenadier (RHG/5B67-) shall be counted against this quota. They may not exceed 1% of the quota.
- (3) Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries are permitted. Catches to be counted against this shared quota shall be reported separately (RNG/5B67_AMS for roundnose grenadier; RHG/5B67_AMS for roughhead grenadier).

Species:	Roundnose grenadier	Zone:	Union and international waters of 8, 9, 10, 12 and 14
	<i>Coryphaenoides rupestris</i>		(RNG/8X14-)

Year	2023	2024	Precautionary TAC
Germany	10 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	To be ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ established	
Ireland	2 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	To be ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ established	
Spain	1 111 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	To be ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ established	
France	51 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	To be ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ established	
Latvia	18 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	To be ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ established	
Lithuania	2 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	To be ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ established	
Poland	347 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	To be ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ established	
Union	1 541 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	To be ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ established	
United Kingdom	4 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	To be ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ established	
TAC	1 545 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	To be ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ established	

⁽¹⁾ A maximum of 10 % of each quota may be fished in 6 and 7; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b (RNG/*5B67- for roundnose grenadier; RHG/*5B67- for roughhead grenadier by-catches).

⁽²⁾ No directed fisheries of roughhead grenadier are permitted. By-catches of roughhead grenadier (RHG/8X14-) shall be counted against this quota. They may not exceed 1% of the quota.

Species:	Red seabream	Zone:	6, 7 and 8
	<i>Pagellus bogaraveo</i>		(SBR/678-)

Year	2023	2024	Precautionary TAC
Ireland	3 ⁽¹⁾	To be ⁽¹⁾ established	

Spain	85	⁽¹⁾	To be established	⁽¹⁾
France	4	⁽¹⁾	To be established	⁽¹⁾
Others	3	⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	To be established	⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾
Union	95	⁽¹⁾	To be established	⁽¹⁾
United Kingdom	11	⁽¹⁾	To be established	⁽¹⁾
TAC	105	⁽¹⁾	To be established	⁽¹⁾

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

⁽²⁾ Catches to be counted against this shared quota shall be reported separately (SBR/678_AMS).

In Annex ID, the fishing opportunities table for albacore (*Thunnus alalunga*) in the Atlantic Ocean, north of 5° N, is replaced by the following:

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Species:	Northern Albacore <i>Thunnus alalunga</i>	Zone:	Atlantic Ocean, north of 5° N (ALB/AN05N)
Ireland	3 174,03	Analytical TAC	
Spain	17 890,00		
France	5 626,69		
Portugal	1 962,13		
Union	28 652,85	^{(1)(2)pr}	
TAC	37 801		

⁽¹⁾ The number of Union fishing vessels fishing for Northern albacore as a target species, in accordance with Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 520/2007, shall be 1 241.

⁽²⁾ Special condition: Within the limit of this quota, no more than the following quantity may be taken in United Kingdom waters : 280,00.

In Annex II, Chapter III, Table 1 is replaced by the following:

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Regulated gear	Maximum number of days	
Beam trawls of mesh size ≥ 80 mm	Belgium	176
	France	188
Static nets with mesh size ≤ 220 mm	Belgium	176
	France	191

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

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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	pm	DE	16	pm

Area of fishing	Fishery	Number of fishing authorisations	Allocation of fishing authorisations amongst Member States		Maximum number of vessels present at any time
	of 62° 00' N		IE	1	
			ES	20	
			FR	18	
			PT	9	
			Unallocated	2	
	Industrial species, south of 62° 00' N	pm	DK	450	141
Svalbard waters; international waters of 1 and 2b ⁽¹⁾	Fishery for snow crab with pots	pm	EE	1	Not applicable
			ES	1	
			LV	11	
			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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