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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)

Subject: 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

- Political agreement
- Adoption

1. On 11 January 2023, the Committee of the Permanent Representatives confirmed the revised political agreement on 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, as set out in docs. 16267/1/22 REV 1 + ADD 1 REV 1 and ADD 2.
2. At that meeting, the Council Legal Service Representative highlighted the need to further clarify the concept of maximum size of 100 cm for picked dogfish (spurdog) and update the relevant provisions in docs. 16267/1/22 REV 1 and ADD 1 REV 1. This update was shared with Delegations on 16 January 2023 (doc. 5280/22) after consultations with the European Commission services.

3. In addition, one Delegation noted that the TAC for blue whiting (WHB/8C3411) had remained in the consolidated version at the level of the provisional TAC, agreed by the AGRIFISH Council on 13 December 2022. After the agreement with the UK has been reached on the fishing opportunities for 2023 and, for certain deep-sea stocks, for 2023 and 2024, the full agreed quota for this stock should be allocated. The correct table reflecting this change is also included in doc. 5280/23.
 4. The Working Party on Fisheries Policy approved the update set out in doc. 5280/22 at its meeting on 19 January 2023.
 5. Therefore, the Committee of the Permanent Representatives is invited to:
 - confirm that the update set out in doc. 5280/22 should be included in the revised political agreement as set out in docs. 16267/1/22 REV 1 + ADD 1 REV 1 and ADD 2; and
 - recommend that the Council adopts on this basis, at one of its forthcoming sessions, 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 as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts.
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