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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION

amending Regulation (EU) 2022/109 fixing for 2022 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in Union waters and for Union fishing vessels in certain non-Union waters

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. CONTEXT OF THE PROPOSAL

• Reasons for and objectives of the proposal

Consultations with the United Kingdom on fishing opportunities under Article 498 of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA).¹

As signatories to the TCA, and considering their potentially differing policy considerations and orientations, both the Union and the United Kingdom exercised their respective roles by consulting the other party for the setting of fishing opportunities for shared stocks for 2022 pursuant to Article 498 TCA.

The Commission consulted with the United Kingdom in accordance with:

- Articles 498(2), 498(4)(a) to (d) and 498(6) TCA;
- The objectives and principles set out in Articles 2, 3, 28 and 33 of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) Regulation²;
- Articles 4 and 5 of the Western Waters³ and North Sea⁴ multiannual plans (MAPs); and
- the Council Decision establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the Union in the consultations with the UK to agree on fishing opportunities for shared stocks for 2022⁵.

In accordance with Article 494(3)(c) TCA, the Union based its position on the best available scientific advice as provided by the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES).

The Commission conducted the consultations in full coordination with the Council. The European Parliament was informed as appropriate.

On 21 December 2021, the Union agreed with the United Kingdom on the setting of a large number of total allowable catches (TACs) for 2022 (stocks listed in Annex 35 TCA). The agreement in principle was laid down in the Written Record for 2022, which was endorsed by

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).

the Council on 21 December 2021 and signed on the same day by the Heads 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 in line with the Council Decision of 22 October 2021.

It is therefore necessary to implement TACs corresponding to fishing opportunities agreed in the Written Record for 2022 into the Union legal order. Such fishing opportunities for 2022 will allow fishing activities in an environmentally sustainable way in the long-term, and that is managed in ways consistent with the objectives of: (i) achieving economic, social and employment benefits; and (ii) contributing to the availability of food supplies, including promotion of a level playing field for Union operators where stocks are shared with the United Kingdom.

Fishing opportunities for autonomous Union stocks for 2022

The proposal also addresses the need to set fishing opportunities for anchovy (*Engraulis encrasicolus*) in ICES subarea 8 (Bay of Biscay) for 2022, after the release of the scientific advice for this stock by the ICES.

Regulation (EU) 2022/109⁶ set a provisional TAC for anchovy in ICES subarea 8 covering the period from 1 January 2022 to 30 June 2022, until the scientific advice for 2022 by the ICES would become available. The ICES released the scientific advice for the stock for 2022 on 17 December 2021. The TAC for that stock for 2022 should be set in line with that advice at 33 000 tonnes.

- **Consistency with existing policy provisions in the policy area**

The measures proposed are consistent with the objectives and rules of the CFP and are consistent with the Union's policy on sustainable development.

- **Consistency with other Union policies**

The measures proposed are consistent with other Union policies, in particular with the policies in the field of the environment.

2. LEGAL BASIS, SUBSIDIARITY AND PROPORTIONALITY

- **Legal basis**

The legal basis of this proposal is Article 43(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

The Union's obligations for sustainable exploitation of living aquatic resources arise from obligations set out in Article 2 of the CFP Regulation.

- **Subsidiarity (for non-exclusive competence)**

The proposal falls under the Union exclusive competence as referred to in Article 3(1)(d) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. The subsidiarity principle therefore does not apply.

⁶ Council Regulation (EU) 2022/109 of 27 January 2022 fixing for 2022 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in Union waters and for Union fishing vessels in certain non-Union waters (OJ L 21, 31.1.2022, p. 1–164).

- **Proportionality**

The proposal complies with the proportionality principle because the CFP is a common policy. According to Article 43(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, it is incumbent upon the Council to adopt the measures for fixing and allocating fishing opportunities.

- **Choice of the instrument**

Proposed instrument: Regulation.

3. RESULTS OF EX-POST EVALUATIONS, STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATIONS AND IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

- **Ex-post evaluations/fitness checks of existing legislation**

Not applicable.

- **Stakeholder consultations**

During consultations with the United Kingdom on the fishing opportunities, the Commission informed and consulted with stakeholders (notably representatives of non-governmental organisations and of fishing industry organisations). The Commission also maintained contact with national administrations through intensive coordination. The Commission periodically informed advisory councils of progress in the consultations.

- **Collection and use of expertise**

The proposal is based on the scientific advice of the ICES.

- **Impact assessment**

On stocks that are shared with the United Kingdom, this proposal essentially implements internationally agreed measures. Any elements relevant to assess possible impacts of the fishing opportunities are dealt with in the preparation and conduct phase of international negotiations through which the Union's fishing opportunities are agreed with third parties.

- **Regulatory fitness and simplification**

Not applicable.

- **Fundamental rights**

Not applicable.

4. BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

The proposed measures will have no budgetary implications.

5. OTHER ELEMENTS

In line with Article 498 TCA, the TACs agreed by the Union with the United Kingdom and documented in the Written Record for 2022 correspond to the Union quota shares set out in Annex 35 TCA and Annex 36 TCA. The Commission's general approach to setting those TACs is based on the ICES advice for 2022, and is in line with the objectives set out in Articles 494(1) and 494(2) TCA and with the principles referred to in Article 494(3) TCA.

In line with the core conservation objective of the CFP as set out in Article 2(2) of the CFP Regulation and Article 3(1) of the Western Waters and North Sea MAPs, the Union agreed TACs with the United Kingdom for stocks with F_{MSY} advice (advice with levels of fishing opportunities expressing fishing pressure that delivers the maximum sustainable yield – MSY).

The consultations resulted in four TACs for stocks with MSY assessment and zero catch advice not being set in line with the ICES advice for a zero TAC. For three demersal stocks, TACs were agreed with the United Kingdom at by-catch levels (Cod Celtic Sea, Cod West of Scotland, and Whiting Irish Sea), and for one demersal stock (Herring Celtic Sea), a TAC has been set with the United Kingdom as a monitoring TAC following the ICES advice regarding the level of such a TAC.

Cod Celtic Sea is a target stock under the Western Waters MAP. A TAC was agreed between the Union and the United Kingdom at a level of 644 tonnes (-20% compared to 2021 level) for unavoidable by-catches in the mixed demersal fishery, leading to an increase in biomass of at least 82% and staying below the F_{MSY} upper value. While no new remedial (technical) measures were agreed with the United Kingdom, the Commission has recently adopted⁷ new gear-based measures and by-catch thresholds to reduce by-catches of cod in the Celtic Sea and adjacent waters. Those new measures will apply until 31 December 2022.

Cod West of Scotland is a by-catch stock under the Western Waters MAP. A TAC was agreed with the United Kingdom based on a rollover as requested by the United Kingdom, above the ICES determined F_{MSY} and above the upper F_{MSY} ICES advice rule. This will result in an increase in the stock size by 45% compared to the 2021 biomass level. This is one of the two stocks for which the Council adapted the Union position on 6 December 2021.

Whiting Irish Sea is a by-catch stock under the Western Waters MAP. A TAC was agreed, with the United Kingdom based on a rollover, as requested by the United Kingdom above the ICES determined F_{MSY} and above the upper F_{MSY} ICES advice rule. This will result in an increase in the stock size of at least 23% compared to the 2021 biomass level. This is one of the two stocks for which the Council adapted the mandate on 6 December 2021.

The proposal lists 32 TACs for stocks with precautionary advice. The Union sought agreement with the United Kingdom on these TACs, taking into account the corresponding ICES headline advice and the precautionary approach provided for in Article 2(2) of the CFP Regulation. Most of these TACs have been agreed with the United Kingdom in line with, or below the ICES advice levels. However, a number of TACs (Blue Ling [International 1, 2; North Sea; Skagerrak], Plaice [7hjk], Northern Prawn [North Sea] and Picked dogfish [Western waters]) were agreed with the United Kingdom at levels that avoid choking situations and cater for the specificities in mixed fisheries. A by-catch only footnote was added to the Northern Prawn (North Sea) TAC because the ICES advice suggests that this should not be a directed fishery. A monitoring TAC was agreed with the United Kingdom for

⁷ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/2324 of 23 August 2021 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 (OJ L 465, 29.12.2021, p. 1–7).

herring West of Scotland (HER/5B6ANB) and the sister TAC herring West of Ireland (HER/6AS7BC), which will bring the biomass level to +21% in 2022 compared to the 2021 biomass level.

For a limited number of stocks (Rockall, West of Scotland, Irish Sea and Celtic Sea cod; Irish Sea whiting; Pollack 6 and 7), TACs were agreed with the United Kingdom at a level above that proposed by the Union in order to achieve an overall outcome considered necessary and desirable in terms of sustainability and socio-economic considerations, including the need to promote the level playing field.

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. In the context of the shared stocks with the United Kingdom, the Commission thereby provides such explanations for the main variations of the TACs included in this proposal.

TAC code	Name	2021 TAC (t)	2022 TAC (t)⁸	Percentage change (rounded)	Justification
ANF/2AC 4-C	Anglerfish (North Sea)	11,972	9,014	-25%	Following scientific advice, in agreement with the United Kingdom.
ARU/567	Greater Silver Smelt (Western)	3,729	11,626	+212%	Following scientific advice, in agreement with the United Kingdom. Due to revision of the assessment, this stock was upgraded to an analytical assessment (from category 3 to 1) and this led to a revised scientific advice for a higher TAC.

⁸ As set out in the Written Record before TAC deductions resulting from exemptions under the Landing Obligation.

TAC code	Name	2021 TAC (t)	2022 TAC (t) ⁸	Percentage change (rounded)	Justification
HAD/6B1 214	Haddock (Rockall)	8,375	5,825	-30%	Following scientific advice, in agreement with the United Kingdom. Scientific advice advised a reduced TAC because of the decline in the abundance index and the application of the precautionary buffer.
JAX/4BC 7D	Horse Mackerel (Southern North Sea and Eastern Channel)	14,014	8,969	-36%	Following scientific advice, in agreement with the United Kingdom.
L/W/2AC 4-C	Lemon Sole and Witch (North Sea)	5,428	4,287	-21%	Following scientific advice, in agreement with the United Kingdom.
NEP/2AC 4-C	Nephrops (North Sea)	19,077	24,268	+27%	Following scientific advice, in agreement with the United Kingdom.
NEP/5BC 6	Nephrops (West of Scotland)	14,945	11,862	-21%	Set by the United Kingdom.
NOP/2A3 A4	Norway Pout (North Sea)	128,300	59,728	-53%	Following scientific advice, in agreement with the United Kingdom.
PLE/7DE	Plaice (English Channel)	11,920	9,138	-23%	Following scientific advice, in agreement with the United Kingdom.
PLE/7HJK	Plaice (7hjk)	67	114	+70%	Following scientific advice, in agreement with the United Kingdom.

TAC code	Name	2021 TAC (t)	2022 TAC (t) ⁸	Percentage change (rounded)	Justification
PRA/2AC 4-C	Northern Prawn (North Sea)	660	990 (by-catch only)	+50%	Change to by-catch TAC to avoid choking, in agreement with the United Kingdom.
SOL/07D	Sole (Eastern Channel)	3,248	2,380	-27%	Following scientific advice, in agreement with the United Kingdom.
SOL/24-C	Sole (North Sea)	21,361	15,330	-28%	Following scientific advice, in agreement with the United Kingdom.
SOL/7HJ K	Sole (7hjk)	280	213	-24%	Following scientific advice, in agreement with the United Kingdom.
SPR/7DE	Sprat (English Channel)	1 446	550 (from 1 January to 30 June)	-62%	Change of TAC year (to run from 1 July to 30 June in the following year). Therefore these fishing opportunities correspond to a special six-month TAC to cover the period from 1 January to 30 June 2022.
WHG/56-14	Whiting (West of Scotland)	937	1,800	+92%	Allow increase below new scientific advice, agreed with the United Kingdom.

Inter-annual flexibility

The Union agreed with the United Kingdom that the inter-annual flexibility will not apply to the following stocks: 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 West of Scotland

(COD/5BE6A), Cod Celtic Sea (COD/7XAD34), Picked dogfish Western Waters (DGS/15X14), Herring HER/7G-K, and Whiting Irish Sea (WHG/07A).

Discard exemptions

Where there are differences between the Union and the United Kingdom on the exemptions to the landing obligation, the United Kingdom confirmed it would make use of Union discard exemptions in 2022. However, due to the revised regime of exemptions in United Kingdom waters as notified to the Union on 17 November 2021, on which we are currently awaiting a reply from the United Kingdom on our subsequent comments and requests for clarification, the Union cannot say at this stage which of these exemptions the Union fleet could make use of while operating in United Kingdom waters.

TAC deductions

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 that advice figure for total catches.

Quota exchanges

The Union sought to facilitate quota exchanges with the United Kingdom, in view of the setting up of a quota exchange mechanism by the Specialised Committee on Fisheries. It is appropriate to establish the procedure for carrying out such exchanges.

Seabass

Northern seabass is a non-quota stock shared with the United Kingdom. With this proposal, the Commission proposes to establish catch limitation measures for 2022 for this stock, as agreed in the framework of the consultations with the United Kingdom.

Sandeels

Article 11a of Council Regulation (EU) 2022/109 rolled over for 2022 seasonal closures for sandeels fisheries using certain towed gear in ICES divisions 2a, 3a and ICES subarea 4. Since the provisional TAC covering the period from 1 January to 31 March 2022 is now being replaced with a definitive TAC for the full year, the applicable closure period should also cover the period from 1 August to 31 December 2022, in addition to the period from 1 January to 31 March 2022. Article 11a should therefore be amended accordingly.

Prohibited species

In order to protect certain species from being fished, the Union and the United Kingdom agreed in the Written Record for 2022 to maintain the existing list of prohibited species as set out in Annex 2 to the Written Record for 2021.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 43(3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) Council Regulation (EU) 2022/109¹ fixes for 2022 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in Union waters and for Union fishing vessels in certain non-Union waters.
- (2) On 21 December 2021, the Union agreed with the United Kingdom on the setting of a large number of total allowable catches (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 21 December 2021 and signed on the same day 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 in line with the Council Decision of 22 October 2021².
- (3) The Written Record is a result of consultations conducted by the Union with the United Kingdom in accordance with Articles 498(2), 498(4)(a) to (d) and 498(6) of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the Union and United Kingdom (TCA)³, with the objectives and principles set out in Articles 2, 3, 28 and 33 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Common Fisheries Policy⁴, Articles 4 and 5 of Regulations (EU) 2019/472 and 2018/973 concerning the Western Waters⁵ and North Sea⁶ multiannual plans (MAPs),

¹ Council Regulation (EU) 2022/109 of 27 January 2022 fixing for 2022 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in Union waters and for Union fishing vessels in certain non-Union waters (OJ L 21, 31.1.2022, p. 1–164).

² 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).

³ 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).

⁴ 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).

⁵ 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

and Council Decision (EU) 2021/1875 United Kingdom⁷ concerning consultations with the United Kingdom regarding fishing opportunities for shared stocks for 2022. The Union position was based during the consultations on the best available scientific advice as provided by the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) in accordance with Article 494(3)(c) of the TCA.

- (4) It is therefore necessary to replace the provisional TACs that were established in Regulation (EU) 2022/109 in line with the fishing opportunities agreed in the Written Record and to implement other measures functionally linked to the fishing opportunities also agreed in the Written Record.
- (5) Such fishing opportunities for 2022 will allow for long-term environmentally sustainable fishing activities, managed with the aim of achieving economic, social and employment benefits and contributing to the availability of food supplies, including promotion of a level playing field for Union operators where stocks are shared with the United Kingdom.
- (6) There are certain stocks for which the International Council for Exploration of the Sea (ICES), while assessing them against MSY, has issued scientific advice for no catches. If TACs for those stocks were established at the level indicated in such scientific 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 continuation of those mixed fisheries in view of the potentially severe socio-economic implications on 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. The level of those TACs should be such that mortality for those stocks is decreased and that it provides incentives for improvements in selectivity and avoidance. The levels of the fishing opportunities for those stocks should be established in line with the Written Record in order both to ensure a level playing field for Union operators as well as to provide for the significant recovery of the biomass of those stocks at the same time.
- (7) Given that the biomass of the stocks of BLI/12INT, BLI/24, BLI/03A, COD/5BE6A, COD/7XAD34, HER/7G-K, and WHG/07A are below the biomass reference points (B_{lim}), the Union and the United Kingdom therefore agreed in the Written Record that it is necessary that Member States do not apply Article 15(9) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 in respect of these stocks for transfers from 2021 to 2022, so that catches in 2022 will not exceed the TAC established for those stocks. The Union and the United Kingdom also agreed that the same applies for the stock of DGS/15X14, which is a prohibited species under Article 18(1)(o) of Regulation (EU) 2022/109.
- (8) The Union sought with the United Kingdom to find the highest possible level of convergence in the application of the landing obligation, including *de minimis* 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).

⁶ 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).

⁷ 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).

survivability exemptions, to ensure adherence to conservation objectives and a level playing field. The fishing opportunities that were agreed with the United Kingdom for stocks of species to which the landing obligation applies 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 were therefore deducted from the advice figure for total catches as provided by ICES.

- (9) The Union and the United Kingdom agreed to continue the approach developed for the conservation of northern seabass, as set out in Article 11 of Regulation (EU) 2021/92⁸, notably that the overall fishing pressure on the stock remains below or equal that advised by ICES. Therefore, catch limitation measures should continue to be established for 2022 for this stock in ICES divisions 4b, 4c, 7a, and 7d to 7h. In light of the advice provided by ICES, the Union and the United Kingdom agreed to increases in catch limits for fishing activities using hooks and lines, and fixed gillnets. The Union and the United Kingdom also agreed a change from monthly to bi-monthly limits for trawls and seines. The Union and the United Kingdom also agreed to prioritise the improvement of the ICES assessment tool for seabass to allow for forecast calculations on the basis of MSY models. The Union and the United Kingdom further agreed that it is necessary to maintain the existing catch limitation measures applicable to recreational fishing. Since the provisional catch limits are now being replaced with catch limits for the full year, the relevant catch limitation measures should also cover the period from 1 April to 31 December 2022.
- (10) Regulation (EU) 2022/109 provides for a rollover of 2022 seasonal closures for sandeels fisheries using certain towed gear in ICES divisions 2a, 3a and ICES subarea 4. Since the provisional TAC, covering the period from 1 January to 31 March 2022, will now be replaced with a definitive TAC for the full year, the applicable closure period should also cover the period from 1 August to 31 December 2022.
- (11) Regulation (EU) 2022/109 sets a provisional TAC for anchovy in ICES subarea 8 applying from 1 January 2022 to 30 June 2022, awaiting the availability of scientific advice. ICES released the scientific advice for that stock for 2022 on 17 December 2021. The TAC for that stock for 2022 should therefore be amended in line with that advice.
- (12) In order to protect certain species from being fished, the Union and the United Kingdom agreed to maintain the existing lists of prohibited species.
- (13) Regulation (EU) 2022/109 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (14) The catch limits provided for in Regulation (EU) 2022/109 apply from 1 January 2022. The provisions introduced by this Regulation concerning catch limits should therefore also apply from that date. Such retroactive application does not affect the principles of legal certainty and protection of legitimate expectations, as the fishing opportunities concerned are increased or have not yet been exhausted. For reasons of urgency, this Regulation should enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union,

⁸ Council Regulation (EU) 2021/92 of 28 January 2021 fixing for 2021 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters (OJ L 31, 29.1.2021, p. 31–192).

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1
Amendment of Regulation (EU) 2022/109

Regulation (EU) 2022/109 is amended as follows:

- (1) Article 7 is deleted;
- (2) Article 11 is replaced by the following:

‘Article 11
Measures on European seabass fisheries in ICES divisions 4b and 4c and ICES subarea 7

1. It shall be prohibited for Union fishing vessels, as well as for any commercial fisheries from shore, to fish for European seabass (*Dicentrarchus labrax*) in ICES divisions 4b and 4c and in ICES subarea 7 or 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.
3. By way of derogation from paragraph 1, in January 2022 and from 1 April to 31 December 2022, 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 trawls⁹, for unavoidable by-catches not exceeding 760 kilogrammes per two calendar months (January and April; May and June; July and August; September and October; November and December) and 5 % of the weight of the total catches of marine organisms on board caught by that vessel per fishing trip;
 - (b) using seines¹⁰, for unavoidable by-catches not exceeding 760 kilogrammes per two calendar months (January and April; May and June; July and August; September and October; November and December) and 5 % of the weight of the total catches of marine organisms on board caught by that vessel per fishing trip;
 - (c) using hooks and lines¹¹, not exceeding 5,95 tonnes per vessel;
 - (d) using fixed gillnets¹², for unavoidable by-catches not exceeding 1,5 tonnes per 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.

⁹ All types of demersal trawls (OTB, OTT, PTB, TBB, TBN, TBS and TB).

¹⁰ All types of seines (SSC, SDN, SPR, SV, SB and SX).

¹¹ All long lines or pole and line or rod and line fisheries (LHP, LHM, LLD, LL, LTL, LX and LLS).

¹² All fixed gillnets and traps (GTR, GNS, GNC, FYK, FPN and FIX).

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 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, 7a to 7k:
 - (a) from 1 January to 28 February 2022 and from 1 to 31 December 2022:
 - (i) only catch-and-release fishing with a rod or a handline for European seabass shall be allowed.
 - (ii) During that period, it shall be prohibited to retain, relocate, tranship or land European seabass caught in that area.
 - (b) from 1 March to 30 November 2022:
 - (i) not more than two specimens of European seabass may be caught and retained per fisherman per day.
 - (ii) The minimum size of European seabass retained during this period shall be 42 cm.
 - (iii) Fixed nets shall not be used to catch or retain European seabass during this period.
6. Paragraph 6 shall be without prejudice to more stringent national measures on recreational fisheries.’
- (3) Article 15 is replaced by the following:

*‘Article 15
Closed fishing seasons for sandeels*

Commercial fishing for sandeels with demersal trawl, seine or similar towed gears with a mesh size of less than 16 mm shall be prohibited in ICES divisions 2a, 3a and ICES subarea 4 from 1 January to 31 March 2022 and from 1 August to 31 December 2022.’

- (4) Annex IA, Part A is amended in accordance with Annex I to this Regulation.
- (5) Annex IA, Part B is amended in accordance with Annex II to this Regulation.
- (6) Annex II is amended in accordance with Annex III to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 1 January 2022.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President



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amending Regulation (EU) 2022/109 fixing for 2022 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in Union waters and for Union fishing vessels in certain non-Union waters

ANNEX I

Amendments to Annex IA to Regulation (EU) 2022/109 – Autonomous Union stocks

In Part A of Annex IA concerning autonomous Union stocks, the first table is replaced by the following:

Species: Anchovy <i>Engraulis encrasicolus</i>	Zone: 8 (ANE/08.)	
Spain	29 700	Analytical TAC
France	3 300	
Union	33 000	
TAC	33 000	

ANNEX II

Amendments to Annex IA to Regulation (EU) 2022/109 – Shared stocks

In Part B of Annex IA concerning shared stocks, the tables are replaced by the following:

Species: Greater silver smelt <i>Argentina silus</i>	Zone: United Kingdom and international waters of 1 and 2 (ARU/1/2.)	
Germany	16	Precautionary TAC
France	5	
Netherlands	13	
Union	34	
United Kingdom	25	
TAC	59	

Species: Greater silver smelt <i>Argentina silus</i>	Zone: United Kingdom and Union waters of 4; Union waters of 3a (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 <i>Argentina silus</i>	Zone: 6 and 7; United Kingdom and international waters of 5 (ARU/567.)
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Germany	886	Precautionary TAC
France	19	
Ireland	821	
Netherlands	9 250	
Union	10 976	
United Kingdom	650	

TAC 11 626

Species: Tusk <i>Brosme brosme</i>	Zone: United Kingdom and international waters of 1, 2 and 14 (USK/1214EI)
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Germany	6 ⁽¹⁾	Precautionary TAC
France	6 ⁽¹⁾	Article 8(2) of this Regulation applies
Others	4 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	
Union	16 ⁽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 <i>Brosme brosme</i>	Zone: United Kingdom and Union waters of 4 (USK/04-C.)
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Denmark	62 ⁽¹⁾	Precautionary TAC
Germany	19 ⁽¹⁾	Article 8(2) of this Regulation applies
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 <i>Brosme brosme</i>	Zone: 6 and 7; United Kingdom and international waters of 5 (USK/567EI.)
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Germany	59 ⁽¹⁾	Precautionary TAC
Spain	208 ⁽¹⁾	Article 8(2) of this Regulation applies
France	2 465 ⁽¹⁾	
Ireland	238 ⁽¹⁾	
Others	59 ⁽²⁾	
Union	3 029 ⁽¹⁾	
Norway	0 ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	
United Kingdom	1 265 ⁽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) The unallocated "Others" quota for Member States without shares is 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 6 and 7 and in United Kingdom and international waters of 5 shall not exceed the amount below in tonnes (OTH/*5B67-). 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 long-lines in 6 and 7 and in United Kingdom and international waters of 5:

Ling (LIN/*5B67-)	0
Tusk (USK/*5B67-)	0

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

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Species: Boarfishes <i>Caproidae</i>	Zone: 6, 7 and 8 (BOR/678-)
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Denmark	5 592	Precautionary TAC
Ireland	15 749	
Union	21 341	
United Kingdom	1 450	

TAC

22 791

Species:	Herring <i>Clupea harengus</i>	Zone:	6b and 6aN; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b(1) (HER/5B6ANB)
Germany	347 ⁽²⁾	Precautionary TAC	
France	66 ⁽²⁾	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Ireland	470 ⁽²⁾	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Netherlands	347 ⁽²⁾		
Union	1 230 ⁽²⁾		
United Kingdom	2 250 ⁽²⁾		
TAC	3 480		

- (1) Reference is to the herring stock in the part of ICES zone 6a which lies east of the meridian of longitude 7°W and north of the parallel of latitude 55°N, or west of the meridian of longitude 7°W and north of the parallel of latitude 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 <i>Clupea harengus</i>	Zone:	6aS(1), 7b, 7c (HER/6AS7BC)
Ireland	1 236	Precautionary TAC	
Netherlands	124	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Union	1 360	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
TAC	1 360		

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

Species:	Herring <i>Clupea harengus</i>	Zone:	7a(1) (HER/07A/MM)
Ireland	719	Analytical TAC	
Union	719	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies	
United Kingdom	7 736		
TAC	8 455		

- (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 <i>Clupea harengus</i>	Zone:	7e and 7f (HER/7EF.)
France	465	Precautionary TAC	
Union	465		
United Kingdom	465		
TAC	930		

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

- (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. United Kingdom Fisheries Administrations shall communicate the name(s) of the vessel(s) to the Marine Management Organisation before allowing any catches.

- (3) 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.

Species:	Cod <i>Gadus morhua</i>	Zone:	6b; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b west of 12°00' W and of 12 and 14 (COD/5W6-14)
Belgium	0 ⁽¹⁾	Precautionary TAC	
Germany	1 ⁽¹⁾		
France	16 ⁽¹⁾		
Ireland	6 ⁽¹⁾		

Union	23	(¹)
United Kingdom	51	(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	2	(¹)	Analytical TAC
Germany	22	(¹)	Article 9 of this Regulation applies
France	234	(¹)	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Ireland	91	(¹)	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Union	349	(¹)	
United Kingdom	930	(¹)	

TAC 1 279 (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	5	(¹)	Precautionary TAC
France	15	(¹)	
Ireland	94	(¹)	
Netherlands	1	(¹)	
Union	115	(¹)	
United Kingdom	91	(¹)	

TAC 206 (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 of CECAF 34.1.1
	<i>Gadus morhua</i>		(COD/7XAD34)

Belgium	28	(¹)	Analytical TAC
France	463	(¹)	Article 9 of this Regulation applies
Ireland	92	(¹)	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not

apply

Netherlands	0	(1)
Union	583	(1)
United Kingdom	61	(1)

Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply

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: Megrims <i>Lepidorhombus spp.</i>	Zone: United Kingdom and Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a (LEZ/2AC4-C)
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Belgium	8	(1)
Denmark	7	(1)
Germany	7	(1)
France	45	(1)
Netherlands	36	(1)
Union	103	(1)
United Kingdom	2 660	(1)

Analytical TAC
Article 8(2) of this Regulation applies

TAC 2 763

(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: Megrims <i>Lepidorhombus spp.</i>	Zone: 6; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14 (LEZ/56-14)
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Spain	550	(1)
France	2 146	(1)
Ireland	627	(1)
Union	3 323	(1)
United Kingdom	2 258	(1)

Analytical TAC
Article 8(2) of this Regulation applies

TAC 5 581

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

Species: Megrims <i>Lepidorhombus spp.</i>	Zone: 7 (LEZ/07.)
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Belgium	461	(1)
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Analytical TAC

Spain	5 124 ⁽²⁾	Article 8(2) of this Regulation applies
France	6 219 ⁽²⁾	
Ireland	2 827 ⁽²⁾	
Union	14 631	
United Kingdom	3 660 ⁽²⁾	

TAC 18 916

- (1) 10 % of this quota may be used in United Kingdom, Union and international waters of 8a, 8b, 8d and 8e (LEZ/*8ABDE) for by-catches in directed fisheries for sole.
- (2) 35 % of this quota may be fished in United Kingdom, Union and international waters of 8a, 8b, 8d and 8e (LEZ/*8ABDE).

Species:	Megrims <i>Lepidorhombus spp.</i>	Zone:	8a, 8b, 8d and 8e (LEZ/8ABDE.)
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Spain	1 035	Analytical TAC
France	835	Article 8(2) of this Regulation applies
Union	1 870	

TAC 1 870

Species:	Anglerfishes <i>Lophiidae</i>	Zone:	United Kingdom and Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a (ANF/2AC4-C)
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Belgium	221 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Precautionary TAC
Denmark	488 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	
Germany	238 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	
France	45 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	
Netherlands	167 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	
Sweden	6 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	
Union	1 165 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	
United Kingdom	7 849 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	

TAC 9 014

- (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 <i>Lophiidae</i>	Zone:	6; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14 (ANF/56-14)
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Belgium	158	⁽¹⁾	Precautionary TAC
Germany	180	⁽¹⁾	
Spain	169	⁽¹⁾	
France	1 944	⁽¹⁾	
Ireland	439	⁽¹⁾	
Netherlands	152	⁽¹⁾	
Union	3 042	⁽¹⁾	
United Kingdom	2 060	⁽¹⁾	
TAC	5 102		

⁽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 <i>Lophiidae</i>	Zone:	7 (ANF/07.)
Belgium	3 629	⁽¹⁾	Analytical TAC Article 8(2) of this Regulation applies
Germany	405	⁽¹⁾	
Spain	1 442	⁽¹⁾	
France	23 291	⁽¹⁾	
Ireland	2 977	⁽¹⁾	
Netherlands	470	⁽¹⁾	
Union	32 214	⁽¹⁾	
United Kingdom	8 959	⁽¹⁾	
TAC	41 173		

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

Species:	Anglerfishes <i>Lophiidae</i>	Zone:	8a, 8b, 8d and 8e (ANF/8ABDE.)
Spain	1 681		Analytical TAC Article 8(2) of this Regulation applies
France	9 351		
Union	11 032		
TAC	11 032		

Species:	Haddock <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>	Zone:	United Kingdom, Union and international waters of 6b; international waters of 12 and 14 (HAD/6B1214)
Belgium	12		Analytical TAC

Germany	12	Article 8(2) of this Regulation applies
France	542	
Ireland	385	
Union	951	
United Kingdom	4 874	

TAC 5 825

Species: Haddock <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>	Zone: 6a; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b (HAD/5BC6A.)
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Belgium	11 ⁽¹⁾	Analytical TAC
Germany	13 ⁽¹⁾	Article 8(2) of this Regulation applies
France	553 ⁽¹⁾	
Ireland	394 ⁽¹⁾	
Union	971 ⁽¹⁾	
United Kingdom	4 035 ⁽¹⁾	

TAC 5 006

⁽¹⁾ Special condition: of which up to 25 % may be fished in United Kingdom and Union waters of 2a and 4 (HAD/*2AC4).

Species: Haddock <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>	Zone: 7b-k, 8, 9 and 10; Union waters of CEEAF 34.1.1 (HAD/7X7A34)
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Belgium	146	Analytical TAC
France	8 762	Article 8(2) of this Regulation applies
Ireland	2 920	
Union	11 828	
United Kingdom	2 550	

TAC 15 000

Species: Haddock <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>	Zone: 7a (HAD/07A.)
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Belgium	43	Analytical TAC
France	196	Article 8(2) of this Regulation applies
Ireland	1 171	
Union	1 410	
United Kingdom	1 628	

TAC

3 038

Species: Whiting <i>Merlangius merlangus</i>	Zone: 6; United Kingdom and International waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14 (WHG/56-14)
Germany	9 ⁽¹⁾ Analytical TAC
France	189 ⁽¹⁾ Article 9 of this Regulation applies
Ireland	462 ⁽¹⁾ Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Union	660 ⁽¹⁾ Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
United Kingdom	1 140 ⁽¹⁾
TAC	1 800 ⁽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 <i>Merlangius merlangus</i>	Zone: 7a (WHG/07A.)
Belgium	3 ⁽¹⁾ Analytical TAC
France	44 ⁽¹⁾ Article 9 of this Regulation applies
Ireland	251 ⁽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	299 ⁽¹⁾
United Kingdom	422 ⁽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 <i>Merlangius merlangus</i>	Zone: 7b, 7c, 7d, 7e, 7f, 7g, 7h, 7j and 7k (WHG/7X7A-C)
Belgium	99 Analytical TAC
France	6 085
Ireland	2 819
Netherlands	49
Union	9 052
United Kingdom	1 188

TAC 10 696

Species:	Hake <i>Merluccius merluccius</i>	Zone:	3a (HKE/03A.)
Denmark	2 192 ⁽¹⁾	Analytical TAC	
Sweden	187 ⁽¹⁾	Article 8(2) of this Regulation applies	
Union	2 379		
TAC	2 379		

⁽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 United Kingdom.

Species:	Hake <i>Merluccius merluccius</i>	Zone:	United Kingdom and Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a (HKE/2AC4-C)
Belgium	27 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Analytical TAC	
Denmark	1 110 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Article 8(2) of this Regulation applies	
Germany	127 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾		
France	245 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾		
Netherlands	64 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾		
Union	1 573 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾		
United Kingdom	1 181 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾		
TAC	2 754		

⁽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 <i>Merluccius merluccius</i>	Zone:	6 and 7; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14 (HKE/571214)
Belgium	397 ⁽¹⁾	Analytical TAC	
Spain	12 735 ⁽¹⁾	Article 8(2) of this Regulation applies	
France	19 666 ⁽¹⁾		
Ireland	2 383 ⁽¹⁾		
Netherlands	256 ⁽¹⁾		
Union	35 437 ⁽¹⁾		
United Kingdom	8 831 ⁽¹⁾		
TAC	44 268		

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

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

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

Belgium	53
Spain	2 105
France	2 105
Ireland	263
Netherlands	26
Union	4 552
United Kingdom	1 184

Species:	Hake <i>Merluccius merluccius</i>	Zone:	8a, 8b, 8d and 8e (HKE/8ABDE.)
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Belgium	13	(1)	Analytical TAC
Spain	9 085		Article 8(2) of this Regulation applies
France	20 401		
Netherlands	26	(1)	
Union	29 525		
TAC	29 525		

(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 the abovementioned 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	2 631
France	4 737
Netherlands	8
Union	7 379

Species:	Lemon sole and witch flounder <i>Microstomus kitt</i> and <i>Glyptocephalus cynoglossus</i>	Zone:	United Kingdom and Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a (L/W/2AC4-C)
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Belgium	212	Precautionary TAC
Denmark	582	
Germany	75	

France	160
Netherlands	485
Sweden	7
Union	1 521
United Kingdom	2 766

TAC 4 287

Species: Blue ling <i>Molva dypterygia</i>	Zone: 6 and 7; United Kingdom and international waters of 5 (BLI/5B67-)
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Germany	109	Analytical TAC
Estonia	16	Article 8(2) of this Regulation applies
Spain	342	
France	7 795	
Ireland	30	
Lithuania	7	
Poland	3	
Others	30 ⁽¹⁾	
Union	8 332	
Norway	0 ⁽²⁾	
Faroe Islands	0 ⁽³⁾	
United Kingdom	2 527	

TAC 10 859

- (1) The unallocated “Others” quota for Member States without shares is 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
Germany	2	
Ireland	2	
France	12	
Others	2 ⁽¹⁾	
Union	20	
United Kingdom	7	

TAC 27

⁽¹⁾ The unallocated "Others" quota for Member States without shares is 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 <i>Molva molva</i>	Zone:	Union waters of 3a (LIN/03A-C.)
Belgium	11	Precautionary TAC	
Denmark	79		
Germany	11		
Sweden	32		
Union	133		
United Kingdom	11		
TAC	144		

Species:	Ling <i>Molva molva</i>	Zone:	United Kingdom and Union waters of 4 (LIN/04-C.)
Belgium	18 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Precautionary TAC	
Denmark	277 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾		
Germany	171 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾		
France	154 ⁽¹⁾		
Netherlands	6 ⁽¹⁾		
Sweden	12 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾		
Union	638 ⁽¹⁾		
United Kingdom	2 473 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾		
TAC	3 127		

⁽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 <i>Molva molva</i>	Zone:	United Kingdom and international waters of 5 (LIN/05EI.)
Belgium	8	Precautionary TAC	
Denmark	6		
Germany	6		
France	6		
Union	26		
United Kingdom	6		
TAC	32		

Species:	Ling <i>Molva molva</i>	Zone:	6, 7, 8, 9 and 10; international waters of 12 and 14 (LIN/6X14.)
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Belgium	54	⁽¹⁾	Precautionary TAC
Denmark	10	⁽¹⁾	
Germany	196	⁽¹⁾	
Ireland	1 059	⁽¹⁾	
Spain	3 965	⁽¹⁾	
France	4 226	⁽¹⁾	
Portugal	10	⁽¹⁾	
Union	9 520	⁽¹⁾	
Norway	0	⁽²⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾	
Faroe Islands	0	⁽⁵⁾⁽⁶⁾	
United Kingdom	5 532	⁽¹⁾	

TAC 15 052

⁽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.): 0. By-catch of cod under this provision in area 6a may not be more than 5 %.

⁽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/*5B67-)	0
Tusk (USK/*5B67-)	0

⁽⁴⁾ The ling and tusk quotas for Norway are interchangeable up to the following amount, in tonnes: 0:

⁽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 <i>Nephrops norvegicus</i>	Zone:	United Kingdom and Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a (NEP/2AC4-C)
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Belgium	1 269	Analytical TAC
Denmark	1 269	Article 8(2) of this Regulation applies
Germany	19	
France	37	

Netherlands	653
Union	3 247
United Kingdom	21 021

TAC 24 268

Species:	Norway lobster <i>Nephrops norvegicus</i>	Zone:	6; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b (NEP/5BC6.)
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Spain	24	Analytical TAC
France	96	
Ireland	160	
Union	280	
United Kingdom	11 582	

TAC 11 862

Species:	Norway lobster <i>Nephrops norvegicus</i>	Zone:	7 (NEP/07.)
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Spain	924 ⁽¹⁾	Analytical TAC
France	3 746 ⁽¹⁾	
Ireland	5 682 ⁽¹⁾	
Union	10 352 ⁽¹⁾	
United Kingdom	6 686 ⁽¹⁾	

TAC 17 038 ⁽¹⁾

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

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Spain	846
France	530
Ireland	1 016
Union	2 392
United Kingdom	412

Species:	Northern prawn <i>Pandalus borealis</i>	Zone:	United Kingdom and Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a (PRA/2AC4-C)
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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 18 Precautionary TAC

Ireland 240

Union 258

United Kingdom 400

TAC 658

Species: Plaice <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>	Zone: 7a (PLE/07A.)
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Belgium 119 Analytical TAC

France 52 Article 8(2) of this Regulation applies

Ireland 929

Netherlands 36

Union 1 136

United Kingdom 1 404

TAC 2 747

Species: Plaice <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>	Zone: 7d and 7e (PLE/7DE.)
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Belgium 1 310 Analytical TAC

France 4 366 Article 8(2) of this Regulation applies

Union 5 676

United Kingdom 2 717

TAC 9 138

Species: Plaice	Zone: 7f and 7g
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<i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>		(PLE/7FG.)
Belgium	379	Precautionary TAC Article 8(2) of this Regulation applies
France	686	
Ireland	105	
Union	1 170	
United Kingdom	441	
TAC	1 735	

Species:	<i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>	Zone:	7h, 7j and 7k (PLE/7HJK.)
Belgium	7 ⁽¹⁾	Precautionary TAC Article 9 of this Regulation applies Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
France	14 ⁽¹⁾		
Ireland	47 ⁽¹⁾		
Netherlands	27 ⁽¹⁾		
Union	95 ⁽¹⁾		
United Kingdom	19 ⁽¹⁾		
TAC	114 ⁽¹⁾		

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

Species:	<i>Pollachius pollachius</i>	Zone:	6; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14 (POL/56-14)
Spain	2	Precautionary TAC	
France	75		
Ireland	22		
Union	99		
United Kingdom	57		
TAC	156		

Species:	<i>Pollachius pollachius</i>	Zone:	7 (POL/07.)
Belgium	233 ⁽¹⁾	Precautionary TAC	
Spain	14 ⁽¹⁾		
France	5 372 ⁽¹⁾		
Ireland	572 ⁽¹⁾		

Union	6 191	(1)
United Kingdom	1 821	(1)

TAC 8 012

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

Species:	Saithe <i>Pollachius virens</i>	Zone:	7, 8, 9 and 10; Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1 (POK/7/3411)
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Belgium	7	Precautionary TAC
France	1 433	
Ireland	717	
Union	2 157	
United Kingdom	384	

TAC 2 541

Species:	Turbot and brill <i>Scophthalmus maximus and</i> <i>Scophthalmus rhombus</i>	Zone:	United Kingdom and Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a (T/B/2AC4-C)
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Belgium	375	Precautionary TAC
Denmark	802	Article 8(2) of this Regulation applies
Germany	205	
France	97	
Netherlands	2 842	
Sweden	6	
Union	4 327	
United Kingdom	1 022	

TAC 5 487

Species:	Skates and rays <i>Rajiformes</i>	Zone:	Union and United Kingdom waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a (SRX/2AC4-C)
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Belgium	271	(1)(2)(3)(4)	Precautionary TAC
Denmark	11	(1)(2)(3)	
Germany	13	(1)(2)(3)	
France	43	(1)(2)(3)(4)	

Netherlands	232	(1)(2)(3)(4)
Union	570	(1)(3)
United Kingdom	1 194	(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 and 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 18 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 <i>Rajiformes</i>	Zone:	Union waters of 3a (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 <i>Rajiformes</i>	Zone:	United Kingdom and Union waters of 6a, 6b, 7a-c and 7e-k (SRX/67AKXD)
Belgium	814	(1)(2)(3)(4)	Precautionary TAC
Estonia	5	(1)(2)(3)(4)	
France	3 656	(1)(2)(3)(4)	
Germany	11	(1)(2)(3)(4)	
Ireland	1 177	(1)(2)(3)(4)	
Lithuania	19	(1)(2)(3)(4)	
Netherlands	3	(1)(2)(3)(4)	
Portugal	20	(1)(2)(3)(4)	
Spain	984	(1)(2)(3)(4)	

Union	6 689	(1)(2)(3)(4)
United Kingdom	2 793	(1)(2)(3)(4)

TAC 9 482 (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 (*Raja circularis*) (RJI/67AKXD) and shagreen ray (*Raja 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 18 and 56 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 (*Raja circularis*) (RJI/*07D.) and shagreen ray (*Raja 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 small-eyed ray (*Raja microocellata*), except in 7f and 7g. When accidentally caught, 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. Within the limits of the abovementioned 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 <i>Raja microocellata</i>	Zone:	7f and 7g (RJE/7FG.)
Belgium	8	Precautionary TAC	
Estonia	0		
France	36		
Germany	0		
Ireland	12		
Lithuania	0		
Netherlands	0		
Portugal	0		
Spain	10		
Union	66		
United Kingdom	57		
TAC	123		

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 18 and 56 of this Regulation and in the relevant provisions of the United Kingdom law for the areas specified therein.

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

Species:	Skates and rays <i>Rajiformes</i>	Zone:	7d (SRX/07D.)
Belgium	134	(1)(2)(3)(4)	Precautionary TAC
France	1 123	(1)(2)(3)(4)	
Netherlands	7	(1)(2)(3)(4)	
Union	1 264	(1)(2)(3)(4)	

TAC 1 497 (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*).

Species:	Undulate ray <i>Raja undulata</i>	Zone:	7d and 7e (RJU/7DE.)
	Belgium	19	(1) Precautionary TAC
	Estonia	0	(1)
	France	94	(1)
	Germany	0	(1)
	Ireland	25	(1)
	Lithuania	0	(1)
	Netherlands	0	(1)
	Portugal	0	(1)
	Spain	21	(1)
	Union	159	(1)
	United Kingdom	75	(1)
	TAC	234	(1)

- (1) This species shall not be targeted in the areas covered by this TAC and may only be landed whole or gutted. This is without prejudice to the prohibitions set out in Articles 18 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 provisions of the United Kingdom law for the areas specified therein.

Species:	Skates and rays <i>Rajiformes</i>	Zone:	Union waters of 8 and 9 (SRX/89-C.)
	Belgium	10	(1)(2) Precautionary TAC
	France	1 949	(1)(2)
	Portugal	1 580	(1)(2)
	Spain	1 590	(1)(2)
	Union	5 129	(1)(2)

United Kingdom

pm ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

TAC

pm ⁽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. The above provisions are without prejudice to the prohibitions set out in Articles 18 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 <i>Raja undulata</i>	Zone:	Union waters of 8 (RJu/8-C.)
Belgium	0	Precautionary TAC	
France	13		
Portugal	10		
Spain	10		
Union	33		
United Kingdom	pm		

TAC pm

Species:	Undulate ray <i>Raja undulata</i>	Zone:	Union waters of 9 (RJu/9-C.)
Belgium	0	Precautionary TAC	
France	20		
Portugal	15		
Spain	15		
Union	50		
United Kingdom	pm		

TAC pm

Species:	Greenland halibut <i>Reinhardtius hippoglossoides</i>	Zone:	6; United Kingdom and Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b (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 <i>Solea solea</i>	Zone: United Kingdom and Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a (SOL/24-C.)
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Belgium	1 120	Analytical TAC
Denmark	512	Article 8(2) of this Regulation applies
Germany	896	
France	224	
Netherlands	10 107	
Union	12 859	
Norway	10 ⁽¹⁾	
United Kingdom	2 022	

TAC 15 330

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

Species: Common sole <i>Solea solea</i>	Zone: 6; United Kingdom and international 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	

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Species: Common sole <i>Solea solea</i>	Zone: 7a (SOL/07A.)
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Belgium	374	Analytical TAC
France	5	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Ireland	92	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Netherlands	119	
Union	590	

United Kingdom	181	
TAC	787	
Species: Common sole <i>Solea solea</i>		Zone: 7d (SOL/07D.)
Belgium	624	Precautionary TAC
France	1 249	Article 8(2) of this Regulation applies
Union	1 873	
United Kingdom	471	
TAC	2 380	
Species: Common sole <i>Solea solea</i>		Zone: 7e (SOL/07E.)
Belgium	59	Analytical TAC
France	631	Article 8(2) of this Regulation applies
Union	690	
United Kingdom	1 111	
TAC	1 810	
Species: Common sole <i>Solea solea</i>		Zone: 7f and 7g (SOL/7FG.)
Belgium	781	Analytical TAC
France	78	Article 8(2) of this Regulation applies
Ireland	39	
Union	898	
United Kingdom	415	
TAC	1 337	
Species: Common sole <i>Solea solea</i>		Zone: 7h, 7j and 7k (SOL/7HJK.)
Belgium	18	Precautionary TAC
France	36	Article 8(2) of this Regulation applies
Ireland	95	
Netherlands	28	
Union	177	
United Kingdom	36	
TAC	213	

Species:	Sprat and associated by-catches <i>Sprattus sprattus</i>	Zone:	3a (SPR/03A.)
Denmark	0	(1)(2)	Analytical TAC
Germany	0	(1)(2)	
Sweden	0	(1)(2)	
Union	0	(1)(2)	
TAC	0	(2)	

(1) Up to 5 % of the quota may consist of by-catches of whiting and haddock (OTH/*03A.). By-catches of whiting and haddock 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) This quota may only be fished from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023. 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 United Kingdom.

Species:	Sprat and associated by-catches <i>Sprattus sprattus</i>	Zone:	United Kingdom and Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a (SPR/2AC4-C)
Belgium	0	(1)(2)	Analytical TAC
Denmark	0	(1)(2)	
Germany	0	(1)(2)	
France	0	(1)(2)	
Netherlands	0	(1)(2)	
Sweden	0	(1)(2)(3)	
Union	0	(1)(2)	
Norway	0	(1)	
Faroe Islands	0	(1)(4)	
United Kingdom	0	(1)	
TAC	0	(1)	

(1) The quota may only be fished from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

(2) Up to 2 % of the quota may consist of by-catches of whiting (OTH/*2AC4C). By-catches of 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.

(3) Including sandeel.

(4) May contain up to 4% of by-catch of herring.

Species:	Sprat <i>Sprattus sprattus</i>	Zone:	7d and 7e (SPR/7DE.)
Belgium	1	Precautionary TAC	
Denmark	96		
Germany	1		
France	21		
Netherlands	21		
Union	140		
United Kingdom	410		
TAC	550		

(1) The TAC may only be fished from 1 January 2022 to 30 June 2022.

Species:	Picked dogfish <i>Squalus acanthias</i>	Zone:	6, 7 and 8; United Kingdom and international waters of 5; International waters of 1, 12 and 14 (DGS/15X14)
Belgium	18 (1)	Precautionary TAC	
Germany	4 (1)	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Spain	9 (1)	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
France	75 (1)		
Ireland	47 (1)		
Netherlands	0 (1)		
Portugal	0 (1)		
Union	153 (1)		
United Kingdom	117 (1)		
TAC	270 (1)		

(1) Picked dogfish shall not be targeted in the areas covered by this by-catch allowance. Vessels participating in by-catch management schemes may however land not more than 2 tonnes per month per vessel of picked dogfish that is dead at the moment when the fishing gear is hauled on board under this quota. Each Party shall independently determine how to allocate its quota to the vessels participating in its by-catch management schemes. Each Party shall ensure that the total annual landing of picked dogfish on the basis of the by-catch allowance does not exceed the above amounts. Parties should exchange the list of participating vessels before allowing any landings.

Species:	Horse mackerel and associated by-catches <i>Trachurus spp.</i>	Zone:	United Kingdom and Union waters of 4b, 4c and 7d (JAX/4BC7D)
Belgium	7 (1)	Precautionary TAC	
Denmark	3 216 (1)		
Germany	284 (1)(2)		
Spain	60 (1)		
France	267 (1)(2)		
Ireland	202 (1)		

Netherlands	1 936	(1)(2)
Portugal	7	(1)
Sweden	75	(1)
Union	6 055	
Norway	0	(3)
United Kingdom	2 816	(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.

Species:	Horse mackerel and associated by-catches	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' (JAX/2A-14)
	<i>Trachurus spp.</i>		

Denmark	6 056	(1)(3)	Analytical TAC
Germany	4 725	(1)(2)(3)	
Spain	6 445	(3)(5)	
France	2 432	(1)(2)(3)(5)	
Ireland	15 737	(1)(3)	
Netherlands	18 958	(1)(2)(3)	
Portugal	621	(3)(5)	
Sweden	675	(1)(3)	
Union	55 649	(3)	
Faroe Islands	0	(4)	
United Kingdom	5 767	(1)(2)(3)	
TAC	61 416		

(1) Special condition: up to 5 % of this quota fished in United Kingdom and Union waters of 2a or 4a before 30 June may be accounted for as fished 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).

Species:	Horse mackerel <i>Trachurus spp.</i>	Zone:	8c (JAX/08C.)
Spain	8 710 ⁽¹⁾	Analytical TAC	
France	151		
Portugal	861 ⁽¹⁾		
Union	9 722		
TAC	9 722		
⁽¹⁾ Special condition: up to 10 % of this quota may be fished in 9 (JAX/*09.).			

Species:	Norway pout and associated by-catches <i>Trisopterus esmarkii</i>	Zone:	3a; United Kingdom and Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a (NOP/2A3A4.)
Year	2022	2023	
Denmark	49 478 ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾	0 ⁽¹⁾⁽⁶⁾	Analytical TAC
Germany	9 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	0 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽⁶⁾	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Netherlands	36 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	0 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽⁶⁾	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Union	49 524 ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾	0 ⁽¹⁾⁽⁶⁾	
United Kingdom	10 204 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	0 ⁽²⁾⁽⁶⁾	
Norway	0 ⁽⁴⁾	0 ⁽⁴⁾	
Faroe Islands	0 ⁽⁵⁾	0 ⁽⁵⁾	
TAC	59 728	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 2021 to 31 October 2022.

⁽⁴⁾ A sorting grid shall be used.

⁽⁵⁾ A sorting grid shall be used. This amount 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 2022 to 31 October 2023.

ANNEX III

Amendments to Annex II of the Annex to Regulation (EU) 2022/109 – maximum number of days authorised

In Chapter III, Section 5 of Annex I, concerning the number of authorised days within the area allocated to Union fishing vessels, table I is replaced by the following table:

Table I

Maximum number of days a vessel may be present within the area by category of regulated gear during the current management period

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