

AGREED RECORD

OF CONCLUSIONS OF FISHERIES CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN
THE EUROPEAN UNION, THE FAROE ISLANDS, ICELAND, NORWAY AND THE UNITED KINGDOM
ON THE MANAGEMENT OF BLUE WHITING IN THE NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC IN 2021

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1. A delegation from the European Union, headed by Mr Fabrizio DONATELLA, a delegation from the Faroe Islands, headed by Mr Herluf SIGVALDSSON, a delegation from Iceland, headed by Mr Kristján Freyr HELGASON, a delegation from Norway, headed by Mr Vidar LANDMARK, and a delegation from the United Kingdom, headed by Mr Colin FAULKNER, met via video-conference on 19-21 October 2020 to consult on the management of the blue whiting stock in the North-East Atlantic in 2021.
2. A delegation from Greenland, headed by Mr Jákup Emil HANSEN, and a delegation from the Russian Federation, headed by Ms Anna SHULAEVA, attended as observers.
3. The delegations noted that the agreed long-term management strategy for blue whiting dated 27 October 2016 is regarded by ICES as consistent with the precautionary approach (Annex I).
4. The delegations agreed that the level of total catches of blue whiting in the North-East Atlantic for 2021 should be no more than 929,292 tonnes, based on the long-term management strategy for blue whiting with a 20% constraint on the 2020 TAC as advised by ICES. The delegations agreed that establishing unilateral quotas for 2021 does not in any way imply acceptance of the level of these quotas by any Party.
5. The delegations recommended that the NEAFC allowable catches for 2021 would be 73,961 tonnes. These catches should not be considered as additional to the level set in Paragraph 4.
6. The delegations encouraged the Parties to develop and coordinate their scientific research activities in order to improve the information available for the assessment and the management of this stock.
7. The delegations exchanged quota and catch information for 2018, 2019 (final) as well as preliminary information for 2020 (Annex II). The delegations also exchanged information with regard to their fishing activities including exchanges and access

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arrangements (Annex III).

8. The delegations agreed to continue to provide information in the same format as set out in Annex II and Annex III to this Agreed Record. Each Party shall, by 1 May 2021, provide updated information in this regard to Norway as host of the consultations on management measures for 2022. Norway shall forward this information as soon as possible to all Parties to this Agreed Record.
9. The delegations agreed that the Parties may fish blue whiting within their quotas in their respective zones of fisheries jurisdiction and in international waters.
10. The delegations agreed that further arrangements by the Parties, including arrangements for access, quota transfers and other conditions for fishing in the respective zones of fisheries jurisdiction, are regulated by bilateral arrangements.

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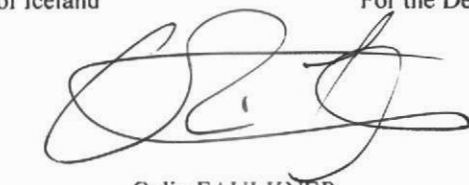
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**ARRANGEMENT FOR THE
LONG-TERM MANAGEMENT
OF THE BLUE WHITING STOCK**

1. The Parties agree to implement a long-term management strategy for the fisheries on the Blue Whiting stock, which is consistent with the precautionary approach and the MSY approach, aiming at ensuring harvest rates within safe biological limits.
2. For the purpose of this long-term management strategy, in the following text, "TAC" means the sum of the agreed Coastal State quotas and the NEAFC allowable catches.
3. As a priority, the long-term strategy shall ensure with high probability that the size of the stock is maintained above B_{lim} .
4. In the case that the spawning biomass is forecast to be above or equal to $B_{trigger}$ ($=B_{pa}$) on 1 January of the year for which the TAC is to be set, the TAC shall be fixed to a fishing mortality of F_{MSY} .
5. Where the rules in paragraph 4 would lead to a TAC, which deviates by more than 20% below or 25% above the TAC of the preceding year, the Parties shall fix a TAC that is respectively no more than 20% less or 25% more than the TAC of the preceding year.
6. The TAC constraint described in paragraph 5 shall not apply if:
 - a. The spawning biomass at 1 January in the year preceding the year for which the TAC is to be set is less than $B_{trigger}$; or
 - b. The rules in paragraph 4 would lead to a TAC that deviates by more than 40% from the TAC of the preceding year.
7. In the case that the spawning biomass (SSB) is forecast to be less than the precautionary biomass ($B_{trigger}$) on 1 January of the year for which the TAC is to be set, the TAC shall be fixed at a level that is consistent with a fishing mortality given by:

$$\text{Target } F = 0.05 + [(SSB - B_{lim}) * (F_{MSY} - 0.05) / (B_{trigger} - B_{lim})]$$
8. In the case that the spawning biomass is forecast to be less than B_{lim} on 1 January of the year for which the TAC is to be set, the TAC will be fixed corresponding to a fishing mortality $F=0.05$.
9. Each Party may transfer to the following year unutilised quantities of up to 10% of the quota allocated to it. The quantity transferred shall be in addition to the quota allocated to the Party concerned in the following year.
10. Each Party may authorise fishing by its vessels of up to 10% beyond the quota allocated. All quantities fished beyond the allocated quota for one year shall be deducted from the Party's quota allocated for the following year.

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11. The inter-annual quota flexibility scheme in paragraphs 9 and 10 should be suspended in the year following the TAC year, if the stock is forecast to be under $B_{trigger}$ at the end of the TAC year.
12. The Parties, on the basis of ICES advice, shall review this long-term management strategy at intervals not exceeding five years. The first such review shall take place no later than by December 2021.

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Reporting of quotas and catches of blue whiting in the North-East Atlantic - 2018 to 2020

Party	QUOTAS (tonnes)				CATCHES (tonnes)											TOTAL CATCH	Balance
	Quota established	Balance from 2017	Quota exchange	Quotas after transfers and flexibility	NEAC Regulatory Area	European Union Zone	Faroese Fishing Zone	Greenland fishing zone	Icelandic Exclusive Economic Zone	Norwegian Economic Zone	Fishery Zone around Jan Mayen	Fishery Protection Zone around Svalbard	Russian Economic Zone				
European Union	244 636	29 597	117 506	242 321	1 614	412 029	13 419	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	412 032	80 852
Faroe Islands	450 500	15 599	89 500	450 160	54 361	26 021	272 936	0	135	0	0	0	0	0	0	352 496	66 584
Iceland	291 000	18 621	1 500	290 421	50 755	0	225 315	0	11 364	0	0	0	0	0	0	287 094	21 227
Norway	225 497	26 426	87 843	225 284	16 635	145 293	9 426	0	0	22 750	0	0	0	0	0	235 328	43 734
Total EU	1 096 174	63 611	127 657	1 037 128	152 593	784 138	519 395	0	31 216	22 770	0	0	0	0	0	1 510 100	127 029
Russian Federation	172 645	0 779	125 890	227 520	64 101	0	106 778	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	170 890	45 619
Greenland	7 512	153	16 000	23 665	0	0	23 272	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23 321	134
Total all Parties	1 806 619	72 543	857	1 878 324	216 760	784 138	649 439	0	31 216	22 770	0	0	0	0	0	1 706 313	174 017

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European Union	471 691	87 464	127 400	421 755	1 615	145 090	1 963	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	146 711	75 042
Faroe Islands	450 400	14 064	87 000	481 474	70 131	26 000	272 914	0	1 756	0	0	0	0	0	0	339 613	48 756
Iceland	291 000	22 125	1 500	282 227	50 191	0	164 298	0	1 610	0	0	0	0	0	0	262 905	16 7
Norway	276 257	41 734	79 994	312 541	15 460	107 151	2 452	0	0	21 582	0	0	0	0	0	350 074	18 457
Total EU	1 397 355	161 041	116 406	1 381 890	226 817	682 241	466 037	0	5 573	21 570	0	0	0	0	0	1 302 784	79 656
Russian Federation	84 826	0 295	102 185	197 235	40 116	0	79 262	0	0	13 420	0	0	0	0	0	188 066	9 252
Greenland	6 102	124	13 500	20 026	134	0	23 438	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19 778	252
Total all Parties	1 488 279	161 070	221	1 599 174	317 267	682 241	504 029	0	5 573	40 054	0	0	0	0	0	1 510 064	89 110

Party	QUOTAS (tonnes)				CATCHES (tonnes)											TOTAL CATCH	Balance
	Coastal State share/share	Balance from 2019	Quota exchange	Quotas after transfers and flexibility	NEAC Regulatory Area	European Union Zone	Faroese Fishing Zone	Greenland fishing zone	Icelandic Exclusive Economic Zone	Norwegian Economic Zone	Fishery Zone around Jan Mayen	Fishery Protection Zone around Svalbard	Russian Economic Zone				
European Union	401 141	57 169	107 400	421 110	1 290	302 051	2 393	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	309 237	111 873
Faroe Islands	412 697	43 756	86 000	358 695	39 613	47 245	186 698	0	0	1 152	0	0	0	0	0	264 719	19 236
Iceland	243 203	757	1 000	242 344	43 462	0	127 895	0	1 512	0	0	0	0	0	0	182 809	59 364
Norway	260 607	30 427	79 861	312 826	57 927	267 002	878	0	0	24 251	0	0	0	0	0	350 849	29 033
Total Coastal States	1 419 548	51 913	127 771	1 348 735	144 490	618 000	318 170	0	1 825	25 799	0	0	0	0	0	1 177 785	215 950
Russian Federation	36 162	1 301	104 231	155 199	81 455	0	75 211	0	0	15 520	0	0	0	0	0	172 348	12 865
Greenland	6 179	252	13 500	20 026	1 874	0	12 554	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14 428	5 597
Total all Parties	1 511 970	56 973	140 000	1 528 960	227 769	618 000	425 735	0	1 825	41 209	0	0	0	0	0	1 314 617	244 412

Guideline for the spreadsheet																	
Coastal state share/share	Quota allocated to the Party																
Balance	Includes unused quota transferred to transfers between																
Quota exchange	Transfers between countries																
Quotas after transfers and flexibility	See notes																

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Transfers and access arrangements for blue whiting in the North-East Atlantic in 2020

Transfers in 2020¹

Party	Quotas	Balance from 2019	Total available	Transfer to					
				European Union	Faroe Islands	Iceland	Norway	Russian Federation	Greenland
European Union	481 141	47 369	528 510	---	10 000		99 900		
Faroe Islands	412 697	43 758	456 455	2 500	---			82 000	13 500
Iceland	245 101	-757	244 344			---		2 000	
Norway	280 602	-58 457	242 145				---	20 219	
Russian Federation	86 162	1 808	90 970					---	
Greenland	6 273	252	6 525						---

¹ Transfers imply full access

² Transfers do not imply full access

Access arrangements in 2020

Party	Access to					
	European Union	Faroe Islands	Iceland	Norway	Russian Federation	Greenland
European Union	---	37 500		190 809		
Faroe Islands	37 500	---	100% ^a	30 000	25% ^a	6 290
Iceland		100% ^a	---			
Norway	190 809			---		
Russian Federation		82 000		20 219	---	
Greenland		6 273				---

^a of the NEAFC quota for 2020