

AGREED RECORD
OF CONCLUSIONS OF FISHERIES CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN
NORWAY, THE EUROPEAN UNION, THE FAROE ISLANDS, ICELAND,
THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AND THE UNITED KINGDOM ON THE MANAGEMENT OF
THE NORWEGIAN SPRING-SPAWNING (ATLANTO-SCANDIAN)
HERRING IN THE NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC IN 2021
20-21 October 2020

1. A delegation from Norway headed by Mr Vidar LANDMARK, 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 the Russian Federation, headed by Ms Anna SHULAEVA and a delegation from the United Kingdom headed by Mr Colin FAULKNER met on 20-21 October via video-conference to consult on the management of the Norwegian Spring-Spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) Herring stock in the North-East Atlantic in 2021.


A delegation from Greenland, headed by Mr Jakup Emil Hansen, attended the meeting as observer.
2. The delegations noted that the agreed long-term management strategy for Norwegian Spring-Spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring dated 6 November 2018 is regarded by ICES as consistent with the precautionary approach (Annex I).
3. In accordance with the ICES advice, the delegations agreed that the level of catches of Norwegian Spring-Spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring in the North-East Atlantic for 2021 should be no more than 651 033 tonnes. The delegations agreed that establishing unilateral quotas for 2021 does not in any way imply the acceptance of the level of these quotas by any Party.
4. 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.
5. The delegations welcomed a presentation from The Norwegian Institute of Marine Research on the progress with the participatory process to update the "Report of the Coastal states Working Group on the distribution of Norwegian Spring Spawning Herring in the North East Atlantic and the Barents Sea, Copenhagen 4-7 March 2014" and the overview of methods for calculations of zonal attachment. Furthermore, methodologies to be used for calculations of zonal attachment for this stock were presented. In this regard, the delegations welcomed the fact that Norway intends to continue this work and to convene other scientific meetings with a view to keep the report up-to-date.
6. The delegations exchanged final quota and catch information for 2018 and 2019 as well as preliminary information for 2020 (Annex II). The delegations also exchanged information


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with regard to their fishing activities including exchanges and access provisions (Annex III).


7. 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 the host of the consultations for 2022. The host shall forward this information as soon as possible to all Parties to this Agreed Record.
8. The delegations agreed that the Parties may fish Norwegian Spring-Spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring within their quotas in their respective zones of fisheries jurisdiction and in international waters.
9. 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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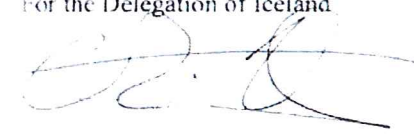

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With remarks (attached to this Agreed Record
in Annex IV)


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**LONG-TERM
MANAGEMENT STRATEGY
FOR THE NORWEGIAN SPRING
SPAWNING (ATLANTO-SCANDIAN)
HERRING STOCK**

1. The Parties agree to implement a long-term management strategy for the fisheries on the Norwegian Spring Spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) Herring 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 total allowable catch as agreed by Coastal States.
3. As a priority, the long-term management 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 $B_{trigger}$ ($\geq B_{trigger}$) on 1 January of the year for which the TAC is to be set, the TAC shall be fixed to a fishing mortality of $F = 0.14$.
5. Where the rules in paragraph 4 could lead to a TAC that 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. The TAC constraint shall not apply if the spawning biomass at 1 January of the year for which the TAC is to be set is less than $B_{trigger}$.
6. In the case that the spawning biomass (SSB) is forecast to be less than the precautionary biomass ($B_{trigger}$) but above or equal to B_{lim} 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

$$\text{Target } F = 0.05 \cdot [(SSB - B_{lim}) / (B_{trigger} - B_{lim}) + 0.05] / (B_{trigger} - B_{lim})$$
7. 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 $F = 0.05$.
8. Each Party may transfer to the following year unutilised quantities of up to 10% of the quota allocated to it. This quantity transferred shall be in addition to the quota allocated to the Party concerned in the following year.

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ANNEX IV

Remarks by the Delegation of the Russian Federation to the Agreed Record of Conclusions of Fisheries Consultations between Norway, the European Union, the Faroe Islands, Iceland, the Russian Federation and the United Kingdom on the Management of the Norwegian Spring-Spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) Herring
in the North-East Atlantic (Agreed Record) in 2021

Under point 1 of the Agreed Record, the UK Delegation is listed among the delegations representing the Coastal States. At the same time, the adopted agenda of the Consultations does not contain the issue regarding that the UK participates in Consultations on the Management of the Norwegian Spring-Spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) Herring on an equal footing with the Coastal States. The stated issue has not been discussed by the parties as well. Therefore the Russian Delegation does not have enough time and scientific information to consider this issue.

In this connection the Russian Delegation is of the opinion that point 1 of the Agreed Record should be read:

"1. A delegation from Norway headed by Mr. Vidar LANDMARK, 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 the Russian Federation, headed by Ms. Anna SHULAEVA on 20-21 October met via video-conference on 19-20 October to consult on the management of the Norwegian Spring-Spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) Herring stock in the North-East Atlantic in 2021.

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9. Each Party may authorise fishing by its vessels of up to 10% beyond the quota allocated. However, this shall not apply if the stock is forecast to be under $B_{trigger}$ at the end of the TAC year. All quantities fished beyond the allocated quota for one year shall be deducted from the Party's quota allocated for the following year.
10. 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 2023, in time for ICES to issue advice for 2024.

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ANNEX II

Reporting of quotas and catches of Norwegian spring-spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring in the North-East Atlantic - 2018-2020

2018												
Party	Coastal state share	Balance from 2017	Quota exchange	Quotas after transfers and flexibility	NEAFC Regulatory Area	European Union Zone	Faroe Fishing Zone	Greenland fishing zone	Icelandic Exclusive Economic Zone	Norwegian Economic Zone	Fishery Protection Zone around Svalbard	Russian Economic Zone
European Union	28 110	2 880		11 208	2 520	305	1 222		19 088			
Faroe Islands	38 150	13 280	11 600	90 030	44 155		31 517		1 920			
Iceland	22 428	14 418		86 846	11 600		37 258		37 258			
Norway	103 500	21 648		138 148	11 600				197 138			
Russian Federation	55 307	223	9 100	65 090	54 421		8 769		994			
Total Coastal States	519 364	54 458	-2 500	601 322	162 850	305	64 641		42 112	318 679		
Greenland	24 000		5 000	27 500			2 485	130				
Total all Parties	574 364	54 458		628 822	162 850	305	67 106	320	42 112	318 679		
2019												
Party	Coastal state share	Balance from 2018	Quota exchange	Quotas after transfers and flexibility	NEAFC Regulatory Area	European Union Zone	Faroe Fishing Zone	Greenland fishing zone	Icelandic Exclusive Economic Zone	Norwegian Economic Zone	Fishery Protection Zone around Svalbard	Russian Economic Zone
European Union	38 115	1 650		30 074	23 241		1 327		13 360			
Faroe Islands	124 657	8 919	11 755	121 821	40 591		20 664		37 685			
Iceland	102 124	5 121		107 295	15 270		12 383		78 733			
Norway	479 650	3 880		475 270	113 309		8 353		317 105			
Russian Federation	34 454	152	8 555	84 361	25 278		48 525		406			
Total Coastal States	738 290	17 121	8 200	738 221	226 689		88 825		115 618	329 965		
Greenland	24 000		5 000	29 000			2 485					
Total all Parties	792 290	17 121	13 200	807 421	226 689		91 310		115 618	329 965		
2020 (Provisional)												
Party	Coastal state share	Balance from 2019	Quota exchange	Quotas after transfers and flexibility	NEAFC Regulatory Area	European Union Zone	Faroe Fishing Zone	Greenland fishing zone	Icelandic Exclusive Economic Zone	Norwegian Economic Zone	Fishery Protection Zone around Svalbard	Russian Economic Zone
European Union	34 216	3 039		37 555	32	37	22		11 740			
Faroe Islands	115 803	7 881	11 755	117 019	2 804		18 427		23 236			
Iceland	91 243	1 411		97 654	3 025		12 383		79 690			
Norway	509 451	4 715		504 717	791		4		304 971			
Russian Federation	62 381		8 555	75 036	7 193		18 460		103 736			
Total Coastal States	708 194	7 597	3 200	713 981	7 193	37	38 460		217 409			
Greenland	24 000		5 000	29 000			2 485					
Total all Parties	733 194	7 597	8 200	742 981	7 193	37	40 945		217 409			
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Guideline for the spreadsheet			
Coastal state share/Share	Quota allocated to the Party		
Balance	Unlimited fishing beyond the quota from last year. The index unused capacity related to transfers between countries		
Quota exchange	Transfers between countries		
Quotas after transfers and flexibility	New quota		




ANNEX III

Transfers in 2020¹

Party	Transfer to				
	Quotas	Balance from 2019	Total available	European Union	Faroe Islands Iceland Norway Russian Federation Greenland
European Union	34 216	3 039	37 255	---	---
Faroe Islands	115 893	7 881	123 774	---	---
Iceland	91 243	1 411	92 654	---	---
Norway	399 451	-4 734	394 717	---	---
Russian Federation	67 381	---	67 381	---	---
Greenland	25 000	---	25 000	---	---

¹ Transfers imply full access

Access arrangements in 2020

Party	Access to				
	European Union	Faroe Islands	Iceland	Norway	Russian Federation Greenland
European Union	---	7 000	---	30 794	---
Faroe Islands	7 000	---	100 %	---	---
Iceland	---	100 %	---	---	---
Norway	30 794	---	---	---	67 381
Russian Federation	---	---	---	---	---
Greenland	---	---	---	---	---

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