

Recommendation I**RECOMMENDATION BY THE NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC FISHERIES COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 5 OF THE CONVENTION ON FUTURE MULTILATERAL COOPERATION IN NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC FISHERIES AT ITS ANNUAL MEETING IN NOVEMBER 2009 ON CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR BLUE WHITING IN THE NEAFC CONVENTION AREA IN 2010**

1. NEAFC takes note of the Agreed Record of Conclusion of Fisheries Consultations between the Faroe Islands, the European Community, Iceland and Norway on the Management of Blue Whiting in the North-East Atlantic in 2010 signed in London, 22 October 2009.

2. NEAFC further notes that by way of the said Agreed Record, the aforementioned Parties agreed to restrict their fishery on the Blue Whiting Stock in 2010 according to a total catch limitation of 497 022 tonnes.

3. The Contracting Parties recommend the following measures:

a. In order to ensure consistency and compatibility with the said Agreed Record, the Contracting Parties hereby establish an allowable catch limitation of 78 516 tonnes of Blue Whiting for 2010 in waters beyond the areas under national fisheries jurisdiction of the Contracting Parties.

b. This allowable catch limitation shall be allocated as follows:

Denmark in respect of:	
Faroe Islands	9 196 tonnes (*)
Greenland	2 924 tonnes
European Community	10 935 tonnes (*)
Iceland	6 213 tonnes (*)
Norway	9 196 tonnes (*)
Russian Federation	40 054 tonnes

(*) Catches taken under these allocations shall be deducted from quotas allocated to Parties to the Agreed Record referred to in paragraph 2.

4. At the annual meeting in 2008 the Contracting Parties agreed that the relative shares established under paragraphs 2 and 3 are fixed for the future management of blue whiting in the NEAFC context. In addition to these fixed shares, the Russian Federation was granted a quantity of 16 237 tonnes for 2009, 8 000 tonnes for 2010 and 4 000 tonnes for 2011. There will be no additional quantity available in 2012.

5. The national quotas referred to in Annex I of the Agreed Record referred to in paragraph 2 may be fished in the areas defined in paragraph 3 a.

6. Quotas that are transferred to a Contracting Party to be fished within national waters of another Contracting Party may be fished in the areas defined in paragraph 3 a, subject to agreement between the Contracting Parties concerned.

Annex H

7. Each Party may transfer unutilised quantities of up to 10% of the quota allocated to it for 2009 to 2010. Such transfer shall be in addition to the quota allocated to the Party concerned for 2010. In the event of over-fishing of the allocated quotas by any Party in 2009, the quantity shall be deducted from the quota allocated in 2010 for the Party or Parties concerned.

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