

**AGREED RECORD OF FISHERIES CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE FAROE ISLANDS, NORWAY
AND THE UNITED KINGDOM ON THE MANAGEMENT OF MACKEREL IN THE NORTH-EAST
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17 June 2024

1. A Delegation from the Faroe Islands, headed by Mr Herluf SIGVALDSSON, a Delegation from Norway, headed by Ms Ann Kristin WESTBERG, and a Delegation from the United Kingdom (UK), headed by Mr Colin FAULKNER, met in Copenhagen, London and Oslo in April and May 2024 to consult on fisheries relations with respect to the management of North-East Atlantic mackerel.
2. The Delegations recalled the Agreed Record of Fisheries Consultations between Iceland, the European Union, the Faroe Islands, Greenland, Norway and the United Kingdom on the management of mackerel in the North-East Atlantic for 2024, signed on 18 October 2023 (the "Agreed Record of 18 October 2023").
3. The Delegations further noted: the Agreed Record of Fisheries Consultations between the Faroe Islands and the United Kingdom on the management of mackerel in the North-East Atlantic of 17 June 2024; the Agreed Record of Fisheries Consultations between Norway and the United Kingdom on the management of mackerel in the North-East Atlantic of 17 June 2024; and the Agreed Record of Fisheries Consultations between the Faroe Islands and Norway on the management of mackerel in the North-East Atlantic of 17 June 2024.
4. The Delegations decided to recommend to their respective authorities the arrangements as set out in this Agreed Record.

5. QUOTA SHARES

- 5.1 The Delegations reaffirmed their commitment to continuing to engage in the intensive consultations between coastal States to agree a sustainable and comprehensive quota-sharing arrangement for the stock. They reiterated their determination to cooperate in reducing the fishing pressure on the stock.
- 5.2 In the absence of a comprehensive quota-sharing arrangement for the stock, the Delegations noted the importance of implementing responsible interim management measures. Although the mackerel stock is within safe biological limits, these measures should aim to bring benefits to the long-term condition of the stock, while discussions to agree quota shares for all coastal States continue.

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5.3 The Delegations noted that paragraph 2 of the "Agreed Record of 18 October 2023" stated that the Delegations agreed that 739,386 tonnes should represent the level of catches for mackerel in the North-East Atlantic for 2024.

5.4 In the absence of a comprehensive quota-sharing arrangement for the stock, and on condition that they implement their bilateral arrangements with each other on mackerel, the Delegations decided they would set the following national quotas, before transfers, for 2024:

- the Faroe Islands would set a national quota of 98,708 tonnes based on a coastal State share of 13.35% of the Total Allowable Catch (TAC);
- Norway would set a national quota of 229,210 tonnes based on a coastal State share of 31% of the TAC; and
- the UK would set a national quota of 203,211 tonnes based on a coastal State share of 27.48%¹ of the TAC.

5.5 The Delegations confirmed that, should there still be no comprehensive sharing arrangement for the stock, the Faroe Islands and Norway would set their national quotas at the same percentages of the TAC for 2025 and 2026. They further noted that, in these circumstances, the UK would set its national quota at 27.83%¹ of the TAC.

5.6 The Delegations noted their intention to set their national quotas at the same percentages after 2026 should there continue to be no comprehensive sharing arrangement, or unless one or more parties provides at least 12 months' notice of their intention to withdraw from this arrangement.

5.7 The Delegations confirmed that they were open to timely consultations should one or more coastal State(s) indicate an interest in joining this arrangement.

6. ANNUAL QUOTA FLEXIBILITY

6.1 The Delegations further decided that each party may transfer to the following year unutilised quantities of up to 10% of their national quota (including from 2023 to 2024). The quantity transferred shall be in addition to the national quota to the party concerned in the following year. This quantity cannot be transferred further to subsequent years.

6.2 The Delegations also decided that each party may authorise fishing by its vessels of up to 10% beyond the national quota it has set for that year. All quantities fished beyond the set quota for that year will be deducted from the party's allocated quota for the following year.

¹ Rounded to two decimal places.

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6.3 The Delegations noted that if a Long-term Management Strategy is agreed, the arrangements on annual quota flexibility in that Strategy would supersede those in this Agreed Record.

7. SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION

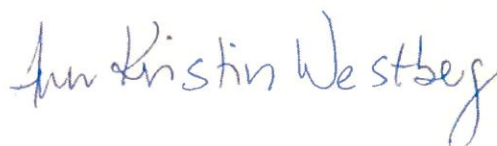
7.1 The Delegations noted that contribution to science is vital for obtaining a robust evidence base on the abundance and distribution of the stock, which is needed to both generate advice on how to manage the stock sustainably and to establish a basis for quota shares. The Delegations confirmed that they would continue to contribute significantly to the major international dedicated mackerel surveys used in the stock assessment in ICES.

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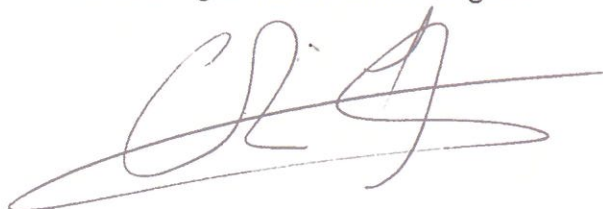
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2. The Delegations recalled the Agreed Record of Fisheries Consultations between the Faroe Islands, Norway and the United Kingdom on the management of mackerel in the North-East Atlantic, signed on 17 June 2024, and noted the consequential reduction in fishing pressure as compared to 2021, 2022 and 2023.
3. The Delegations decided to recommend to their respective authorities the arrangements for mackerel as set out in this Agreed Record.

4. ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS

- 4.1 The Delegations decided that for 2024 Norway would grant the Faroe Islands access to the Norwegian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) to fish 35,491 tonnes of mackerel.

5. CONDITIONS FOR FAROESE VESSELS FISHING IN THE NORWEGIAN EEZ

- 5.1 The number of Faroese vessels permitted to fish mackerel in the Norwegian EEZ at the same time is 12.
- 5.2 Vessels fishing for mackerel south of N 62° may only use purse seine.
- 5.3 If vessels not used directly in fishing operations conducted according to this arrangement are used to transport catches to shore, catches from different vessels are to be kept separate on board the transport vessel.
- 5.4 Vessels conducting fishing operations according to this arrangement, and vessels transporting catches to shore, are both responsible for sending electronic reports according to "forskrift 31. august 2010 nr. 1231 om elektronisk rapportering for utenlandske fiske- og fangstfartøy i Norges økonomiske sone, territorialfarvann, fiskerisonen ved Jan Mayen og fiskerisonen ved Svalbard". "Fiskeriaktivitet" in the electronic catch message (DCA) must contain the code "REL" when catches of mackerel according to this arrangement are transferred to a transport vessel. The transport vessel must report transferred catches, making use of electronic messages containing the transfer code "TRA".

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5.5 All mackerel fished in the Norwegian EEZ must be sold through or with consent from the Norwegian Pelagic Sales Organization (Norges Sildesalgslag SA).

5.6 In addition to established control areas vessels fishing for mackerel may also use control area INDIA N 64° 10' E 000° 00'.

6. DURATION

6.1 The Delegations noted that, unless they mutually decide otherwise, the arrangements set out in this Agreed Record would also apply for 2025 and 2026, with access to Norwegian waters provided at the same relative proportion of the Faroe Islands' national quota after transfers as set out in the Agreed Record of Fisheries Consultations between the Faroe Islands and the United Kingdom on the management of Mackerel in the North-East Atlantic dated 17 June 2024.

6.2 The Delegations indicated their intention to continue applying these arrangements after 2026 except where:

(i) one of the parties provides at least 12 months' notice to the other of their intention to withdraw from these arrangements, or

(ii) the parties mutually decide on different arrangements.

6.3 The Delegations noted that the application of these arrangements is subject to the Faroe Islands and Norway not changing their coastal State shares from those laid out in the Agreed Record of Fisheries Consultation between the Faroe Islands, Norway and the United Kingdom on the management of mackerel in the North-East Atlantic, signed on 17 June 2024.

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17 June 2024

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2. The Delegations recalled the Framework Agreement on Fisheries between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Faroes of 29 October 2020.
3. The Delegations further recalled the Agreed Record of Fisheries Consultations between the Faroe Islands, Norway and the United Kingdom on the management of mackerel in the North-East Atlantic, signed on 17 June 2024, and noted the consequential reduction in fishing pressure as compared to 2021, 2022 and 2023.
4. The Delegations decided to recommend to their respective authorities the arrangements as set out in this Agreed Record.

5. TRANSFER ARRANGEMENTS

- 5.1 The Delegations decided that for 2024 the Faroe Islands would deduct from its national quota 9,982 tonnes of mackerel and transfer this quantity to the UK. They noted that this quantity may be fished in the UK's area of fisheries jurisdiction or in international waters.

6. ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS

- 6.1 The Delegations consequently decided that for 2024, in exchange for the commitments with respect to transfer arrangements set out in paragraph 5.1 above, the UK would grant the Faroe Islands access to the UK's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) to fish 31,054 tonnes of mackerel.

7. CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT

- 7.1 Fishing by Faroese vessels in the UK EEZ will be conducted in accordance with the agreed "Technical Annexes to the Agreed Record of Consultations on Fisheries between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Island and the Faroe Islands (UK-Faroe Islands Technical Annexes)", except:

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(i) where measures are superseded or created by this Agreed Record, which will take precedence; or

(ii) where agreed otherwise.

7.2 The UK will communicate in a timely manner the introduction of new fisheries legislation and technical measures recognising the need to provide such information in an expeditious manner to fishers.

7.3 The Delegations decided that they would cooperate regarding monitoring, control and surveillance related to fishing of mackerel and such cooperation should be as set out in the agreed UK-Faroe Islands Technical Annexes.

8. CATCH STATISTICS

8.1 The Delegations decided that the Faroe Islands will supply the UK with monthly catch statistics of fishing by its vessels in the UK EEZ. These statistics will be supplied by the end of each month for the previous month's catches.

8.2 The Delegations decided that the Faroe Islands will submit daily catch reports when 80% of the access entitlement set out in paragraph 6.1 is reached.

8.3 The Faroese authorities will submit catch information to statistics@marinemanagement.org.uk copying UKCatchStatistics@defra.gov.uk.

9. DURATION

9.1 The Delegations noted that, unless they mutually decide otherwise, the arrangements set out in this Agreed Record would also apply for 2025 and 2026, with deductions from the Faroe Islands' national quota, and transfers to the UK, at the same relative proportion of the Total Allowable Catch for those years. Regarding access to UK waters, this would be provided at the same relative proportion of the Faroe Islands' national quota after transfers to the UK.

9.2 The Delegations indicated their intention to continue applying these arrangements after 2026, except where:

(i) one of the parties provides at least 12 months' notice to the other of their intention to withdraw from these arrangements; or

(ii) the parties mutually decide on different arrangements.

9.3 The Delegations noted that the application of these arrangements is subject to the Faroe Islands and the United Kingdom not changing their coastal State shares from those laid out in the Agreed Record of Fisheries Consultation between the Faroe Islands, Norway and the United Kingdom on the management of mackerel in the North-East Atlantic, signed on 17 June 2024.

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ANNEX I – CONDITIONS FOR FAROESE VESSELS FISHING MACKEREL IN UK WATERS

The following provisions will apply to Faroese vessels intending to fish for mackerel in UK waters (in addition to other conditions in licences issued by the UK and in relevant UK legislation):

1. The UK will, upon request from the Faroe Islands, issue licenses to Faroese vessels for the fishing of North-East Atlantic mackerel in the UK Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) in accordance with the process laid out in Annexes 1 and 2 of the UK-Faroe Islands Technical Annexes. Licence codes for mackerel can be found in the UK-Faroes Islands Technical Annexes and Annex II of this Agreed Record. In addition to the information described in these Technical Annexes, licence applications for vessels intending to fish mackerel will include the requirement to provide vessel fish storage capacity.
2. Vessels may only commence their fishing in the UK EEZ after having received authorisation for the current trip from the United Kingdom Fisheries Monitoring Centre.
3. Such vessels shall only enter UK waters after passing through one of the control areas found in Annex III. This list of control areas for vessels intending to fish for mackerel in UK waters is to be used instead of the list of control areas in the UK-Faroe Islands Technical Annexes.
4. If the vessel is entering the UK EEZ for the purposes of fishing mackerel with no fish on board, then the vessel shall be exempt from the requirements under paragraph 3.
5. The fishing trip shall be considered as being terminated when the vessel leaves UK waters or enters a UK port where its catch is fully discharged.
6. Vessels shall only leave UK waters after passing through one of the control areas specified in paragraph 3.
7. At least four hours prior to entering one of the control areas, upon either entering or leaving UK waters, the master of the vessel shall contact the UK Fisheries Monitoring Centre (Edinburgh) by email at the following address: ukfmc@gov.scot or if email is unavailable then by telephone (+44 131 244 2286).
8. The notification shall specify the name, international radio call sign, and port letters and number (PLN) of the vessel, the total quantity of species on board, and the control area through which the vessel will enter or leave UK waters.
9. The vessel shall not leave the control area or commence fishing until it has received acknowledgement of the notification, and instructions on whether or not the master is required to present the vessel for inspection, either at sea or in a port as requested by the competent authority. Each acknowledgement shall have a unique authorisation number, which the master shall retain until the vessel leaves UK waters.

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10. Vessels will provide data via Electronic Reporting System, or equivalent data via email to UK FMC. Data provided will include Catch on Entry (COE) and Catch on Exit (COX) as described in the UK-Faroe Islands Technical Annexes, and catch data and landings declarations covering the full voyage (including catch totals by area of capture). On request, the Faroe Islands will provide sales data to UK FMC.

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ANNEX II - LICENCE CODES TO BE USED FOR LICENCE APPLICATION FOR FISHING IN UK WATERS BY FAROESE VESSELS

Code in application	Group Code	Vessel Group
1	FRO_GBR_ICES_MAC	Faroese vessels fishing for mackerel in Whole UK EEZ.

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ANNEX III – CONTROL AREAS

Entry and Exit	
Mackerel (48 E2 6a)	MACA
Mackerel (45 E3 6a)	MACB
Mackerel (49 F1 4a)	MACC
Mackerel (48 E8 4a)	MACD
Mackerel (49 E8 4a)	MACE
Mackerel (50 E8 4a)	MACF
Mackerel (48 E6 4a)	MACG
Mackerel (46 E9 4a)	MACH
Mackerel (47 F1 4a)	MACI
Mackerel (51 F1 4a)	MACJ

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2. The Delegations recalled the Framework Agreement on Fisheries between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Norway of 30 September 2020.
3. The Delegations further recalled the Agreed Record of Fisheries Consultations between the Faroe Islands, Norway and the United Kingdom on the management of mackerel in the North-East Atlantic, signed on 17 June 2024, and noted the consequential reduction in fishing pressure as compared to 2021, 2022 and 2023.
4. The Delegations decided to recommend to their respective authorities the arrangements set out in this Agreed Record.

5. TRANSFER ARRANGEMENTS

- 5.1 The Delegations decided that for 2024 Norway would deduct from its national quota 23,660 tonnes of mackerel and transfer this quantity to the UK. They noted that this quantity may be fished in the UK's area of fisheries jurisdiction or in international waters.

6. ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS

- 6.1 The Delegations consequently decided that for 2024, in exchange for the commitments with respect to transfer arrangements set out in paragraph 5 above, the UK would grant Norway access to the UK's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) to fish 123,330 tonnes of mackerel.

7. CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT

- 7.1 Fishing by Norwegian vessels in the UK EEZ will be conducted in accordance with the agreed "Technical Annexes to the Agreed Record of Consultations on Fisheries between the United Kingdom of Great and Northern Island and the Kingdom of Norway (UK-Norway Technical Annexes)", except:

- (i) where measures are superseded or created by this Agreed Record, which will take precedence; or

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(ii) where agreed otherwise.

7.2 The UK will communicate in a timely manner the introduction of new fisheries legislation and technical measures recognising the need to provide such information in an expeditious manner to fishers.

7.3 The Delegations decided that they would cooperate regarding monitoring, control and surveillance related to fishing of mackerel and such cooperation should be as set out in the agreed UK-Norway Technical Annexes.

8. CATCH STATISTICS

8.1 The Delegations decided that Norway will supply the UK with monthly catch statistics of fishing by its vessels in the UK EEZ. These statistics will be supplied by the end of each month for the previous month's catches.

8.2 The Delegations decided that Norway will submit daily catch reports when 80% of the access entitlement set out in paragraph 6.1 is reached.

8.3 The Norwegian authorities will submit catch information to statistics@marinemangement.org.uk, copying UKCatchStatistics@defra.gov.uk.

9. DURATION

9.1 The Delegations noted that, unless they mutually decide otherwise, the arrangements set out in this Agreed Record would also apply for 2025 and 2026, with deductions from Norway's national quota, and transfers to the UK, at the same relative proportion of the Total Allowable Catch for those years. Regarding access to UK waters, this would be provided at the same relative proportion of Norway's national quota after transfers to the UK.

9.2 The Delegations indicated their intention to continue applying these arrangements after 2026, except where:

(i) one of the parties provides at least 12 months' notice to the other of their intention to withdraw from these arrangements; or

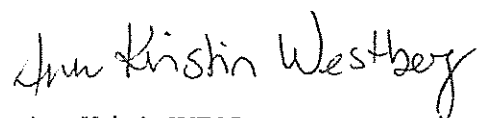
(ii) the parties mutually decide on different arrangements.

9.3 The Delegations noted that the application of these arrangements is subject to Norway and the United Kingdom not changing their coastal State shares from those laid out in the Agreed Record of Fisheries Consultation between the Faroe Islands, Norway and the United Kingdom on the management of mackerel in the North-East Atlantic, signed on 17 June 2024.

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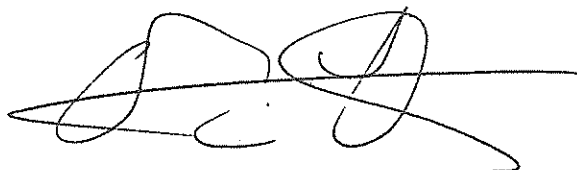
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ANNEX I – CONDITIONS FOR NORWEGIAN VESSELS FISHING MACKEREL IN UK WATERS

The following provisions will apply to Norwegian vessels intending to fish for mackerel in UK waters (in addition to other conditions in licences issued by the UK and in relevant UK legislation):

1. The UK will, upon request from Norway, issue licenses to Norwegian vessels for the fishing of North-East Atlantic mackerel in the UK Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) in accordance with the process laid out in Annexes 1 and 2 of the UK-Norway Technical Annexes. Licence codes for mackerel can be found in the UK-Norway Technical Annexes and Annex II of this Agreed Record. In addition to the information described in these Technical Annexes, licence applications for vessels intending to fish mackerel will include the requirement to provide vessel fish storage capacity.
2. Vessels may only commence their fishing in the UK EEZ after having received authorisation for the current trip from the United Kingdom Fisheries Monitoring Centre.
3. Such vessels shall only enter UK waters after passing through one of the control areas found in Annex III. This list of control areas for vessels intending to fish for mackerel in UK waters is to be used instead of the list of control areas in the UK-Norway Technical Annexes.
4. If the vessel is entering the UK EEZ for the purposes of fishing mackerel with no fish on board, then the vessel shall be exempt from the requirements under paragraph 3.
5. The fishing trip shall be considered as being terminated when the vessel leaves UK waters or enters a UK port where its catch is fully discharged.
6. Vessels shall only leave UK waters after passing through one of the control areas specified in paragraph 3.
7. At least four hours prior to entering one of the control areas, upon either entering or leaving UK waters, the master of the vessel shall contact the UK Fisheries Monitoring Centre (Edinburgh) by email at the following address: ukfmc@gov.scot or if email is unavailable then by telephone (+44 131 244 2286).
8. The notification shall specify the name, international radio call sign, and port letters and number (PLN) of the vessel, the total quantity of species on board, and the control area through which the vessel will enter or leave UK waters.
9. The vessel shall not leave the control area or commence fishing until it has received acknowledgement of the notification, and instructions on whether or not the master is required to present the vessel for inspection, either at sea or in a port as requested by the competent authority. Each acknowledgement shall have a unique authorisation number, which the master shall retain until the vessel leaves UK waters.

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10. Vessels will provide data via Electronic Reporting System as described in the UK-Norway Technical Annexes. On request, Norway will provide sales data and catch activity data for the entire voyage. The Delegations noted that the aim is to update the ERS-reporting system in the near future in order to facilitate the coverage of the entire voyage.

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ANNEX II - LICENCE CODES TO BE USED FOR LICENCE APPLICATION FOR FISHING IN UK WATERS FOR NORWEGIAN VESSELS

Code in application	Group Code	Vessel Group
1	NOR_GBR_ICES_MAC	Norwegian vessels fishing for mackerel in Whole UK EEZ.

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