

AGREED RECORD OF CONCLUSIONS OF FISHERIES CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN ICELAND, THE FAROE ISLANDS, NORWAY, THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AND THE UNITED KINGDOM ON THE MANAGEMENT OF NORWEGIAN SPRING-SPAWNING (ATLANTO-SCANDIAN) HERRING IN THE NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC IN 2024

London, 13.10.2023

1. A delegation from Iceland, headed by Guðmundur ÞÓRÐARSON, a delegation from the Faroe Islands, headed by Herluf SIGVALDSSON, a delegation from Norway, headed by Vidar LANDMARK, a delegation from the Russian Federation, headed by Anna SHULAEVA, a delegation from the United Kingdom, headed by Will FRANCIS, met in London on 12th and 13th of October 2023 to consult on the management of the Norwegian Spring-Spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring stock in the North-East Atlantic in 2024.
2. A delegation from Greenland, headed by Iben FUNCH DØJ, attended the meeting as observer. A delegation from the European Union, headed by Thomas BREGEON, attended the meeting and made a claim to be recognised as a coastal State to this stock
3. 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). According to the strategy, there should be a review no later than 2023, in time for ICES to issue advice for 2024. The delegations agreed that this review needs to be coordinated with plans for benchmarking in ICES, and the Parties will return to the issue of a review and the planning and preparation of this during 2024.
4. In accordance with the ICES advice, the delegations agreed that the level of total catches for Norwegian Spring-Spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring in North-East Atlantic for 2024 should be no more than **390.010** tonnes. The delegations also agreed that the establishing of unilateral quotas for 2024 does not in any way imply the acceptance of the level of these quotas by any Party.
5. All Parties expressed a willingness to continue addressing the issue of a new quota sharing arrangement and underlined the need to reach such new arrangement in order to achieve comprehensive, sustainable management of the stock. Delegations also discussed possible schemes for reducing the overshooting of the agreed TAC in 2024, if agreement on a new sharing agreement cannot be reached in time for implementation already for 2024.
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 welcomed the outcomes of the Report of the 2023 Coastal States Working Group on the distribution of Norwegian Spring-Spawning Herring in the North-East Atlantic and the Barents Sea and agreed to update this report in 2024.
8. The delegations exchanged final quota and catch information for 2021 and 2022 as well as preliminary information for 2023 (Annex II). The delegations also exchanged information with regard to their fishing activities, including exchanges and access arrangements (Annex III).

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9. 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 2024, provide updated information in this regard to the chair of the consultations for 2025. The chair shall forward this information as soon as possible to all Parties to this Agreed Record.
10. 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.
11. The delegations agreed that further arrangements by the Parties, including arrangements for access, quota transfers and other conditions for fishing in their respective zones of fisheries jurisdiction, are regulated by bilateral agreements.

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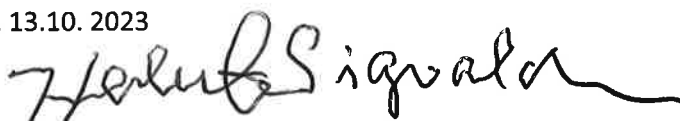
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**LONG-TERM MANAGEMENT
STRATEGY FOR THE NORWEGIAN
SPRING-SPAWNING (ATLANTO-
SCANDIAN) HERRING STOCK**

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 $B_{trigger}$ ($=B_{pa}$) on 1 January of the year for which the TAC is to be set, the TAC shall be fixed to a fishing mortality of $F_{mgt}=0.14$.
5. Where the rules in paragraph 4 would 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 in 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:

$$\text{Target } F = 0.05 + [(SSB - B_{lim}) * (F_{mgt} - 0.05) / (B_{trigger} - B_{lim})]$$
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. The quantity transferred shall be in addition to the quota allocated to the Party concerned in the following year.

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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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2021	QUOTAS (tonnes)				CATCHES (tonnes)										TOTAL CATCH	Balance to 2022			
	Quota established	Balance from 2021	Quota exchange	Quotas after transfers and flexibility	NEAFC Regulatory Area	Europe an Union Zone	Faroese Fishing Zone	Greenland fishing zone	Icelandic Exclusive Economic Zone	Norwegian Economic Zone	Fishery Protection Zone around Jan Mayen	Fishery Protection Zone around Sealhard	Russian Economic Zone	United Kingdom Zone					
Faeroe Islands	143 553	8 993	-16 500	136 046	13 678		44 819		55 794								114 299	21 747	
Iceland	117 707	-4 033		113 674	6 196		15		105 803								112 014	1 660	
Norway	495 035	-14 720		480 315	843				488 790								489 633	-9 318	
United Kingdom	12 715	262	-6 744	6 233													92 340	623	
Russian Federation	83 462	623	10 000	94 085	9 991		9 240		73 609								6 468	1 245	
Greenland	25 000		6 500	31 500	200		6 268											25 032	
European Union	29 667	3 422	6 744	39 832														33 655	6 177
Total	907 139			901 685	30 908	0	60 342	0	161 597	596 054	0	0	0	0	0	0	848 909	47 166	

2022	QUOTAS (tonnes)				CATCHES (tonnes)										TOTAL CATCH	Balance to 2023			
	Quota established	Balance from 2021	Quota exchange	Quotas after transfers and flexibility	NEAFC Regulatory Area	Europe an Union Zone	Faroese Fishing Zone	Greenland fishing zone	Icelandic Exclusive Economic Zone	Norwegian Economic Zone	Fishery Protection Zone around Jan Mayen	Fishery Protection Zone around Sealhard	Russian Economic Zone	United Kingdom Zone					
Faeroe Islands	151 989	21 747	-13 500	140 236	45 010		16 106		60 966									110 482	-609
Iceland	108 225	1 654		109 879	8 649				101 833									446 241	-632
Norway	454 827	-9 318		445 609	2 797				443 444									10 379	-167
United Kingdom	11 690	623	-2 101	10 212					10 379									85 872 60	1146 4
Russian Federation	76 735	1080	9200	87019	13363		9 157		63352 6									30 507	1 949
European Union	27 278	2 967	2 102	32 347	2 498		2 714		28 009									6 351	25 149
Greenland	25 000		6 500	31 500	3 637													545 184	0
Total	895 848			856 802	75 954	0	27 977	0	162 799	545 184	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	811 914	44 888

2023 (Provisional)	QUOTAS (tonnes)				CATCHES (tonnes)										TOTAL CATCH	Balance			
	Quota established	Balance from 2022	Quota exchange	Quotas after transfers and flexibility	NEAFC Regulatory Area	Europe an Union Zone	Faroese Fishing Zone	Greenland fishing zone	Icelandic Exclusive Economic Zone	Norwegian Economic Zone	Fishery Protection Zone around Jan Mayen	Fishery Protection Zone around Sealhard	Russian Economic Zone	United Kingdom Zone					
Faeroe Islands	112 713	18 154	-13 500	117 367	409		4 829		0									5 319	132 048
Iceland	92 421	1 657		90 954	2 332		43		74 428									76 981	13 973
Norway	388 490	-555		387 935	0				169 731									169 731	216 204
United Kingdom	9 983	-167	117	9 933	0				7 607									7 607	2 316
Russian Federation	65 532	1 023	8 500	75 135	997		2 014		1 568									4 530	70 596
Total Central States	603 607	15 965	-13 383	606 189	3 020		4 812		74 428	169 731								259 638	344 225
European Union	23 294	1 640	-117	25 017	0		0		0	0								0	25 017
Greenland	5 122	0	6 500	11 622	138		0		0	0								0	138
Total all Parties	608 719	15 965	-4 883	617 801	3 158	0	4 812	0	74 428	169 731	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	259 276	355 699

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ANNEX III

Access arrangements in 2023

Party	Access to						
	European Union	Faroe Islands	Iceland	Norway	United Kingdom	Russian Federation	Greenland
European Union				19.780	Full access		
Faroe Islands			Full access				6.500
Iceland		Full access					
Norway		-	-	---	20.000	66.635	-
United Kingdom	Full access			20.000			
Russian Federation		8.500					
Greenland							

Transfers in 2023

Party	Quotas	Balance from 2021	Total available	Transfer to						
				European Union	Faroe Islands	Iceland	Norway	United Kingdom	Russian Federation	Greenland
European Union	23.294	1.840	25.134	---	0	0	0	117	0	0
Faroe Islands	112.713	18.154	130.867	0	---	0	0	0	8.500	6.500
Iceland	92.421	-1.467	90.954							
Norway	388.490	-555	387.935							
United Kingdom				-117						
Russian Federation	65.532	1.103	75.135	0	0	0	---	0	0	0
Greenland	5.112	0	6.500							
Sum	697.562		716.525							

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