

**AGREED RECORD OF CONCLUSIONS OF FISHERIES CONSULTATIONS
BETWEEN NORWAY AND THE EUROPEAN UNION ON THE
MANAGEMENT OF MACKEREL IN THE NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC FOR 2012**

OSLO, 9 MARCH 2012

1. A Delegation from Norway, headed by Ms Ann Kristin WESTBERG, and a Delegation from the European Union, headed by Mr John SPENCER, met in Oslo on 9 March 2012 to consult on the management of mackerel in the North-East Atlantic for 2012.
2. The Delegations recalled the Agreed Record of Conclusions of Fisheries Consultations between the European Union and Norway on the management of mackerel in the North-East Atlantic, signed on 26 January 2010, as well as the Agreed Record of Fisheries Consultations between Norway and the European Union for 2012, signed in Bergen on 2 December 2011.
3. The Delegations also recalled the Agreed Record of Conclusions of Fisheries Consultations between the European Union and Norway on the Management of Mackerel in the North-East Atlantic for 2012, signed in Clonakilty on 9 December 2011, whereby the two Parties had established provisional and *ad hoc* arrangements to cover the traditional level of mackerel catches taken in the spring during the period 1 January to 31 March 2012.
4. The Delegations exchanged views on the Coastal State consultations on the management of North-East Atlantic mackerel held during 2011 and 2012 and expressed their disappointment and concern at the inconclusive outcome of these consultations.
5. The Delegations noted that neither the Faroe Islands nor Iceland had made any proposal, which would have respected the zonal attachment principles and historical fishing, on which stock-sharing arrangements have been negotiated by those very same Parties in the past.
6. They considered that the lack of a Coastal State agreement for 2012 would undermine the sustainability of this stock. They reiterated the principle that fisheries of North-East Atlantic mackerel should be jointly managed and should be subject to a responsible catch limitation by all relevant Parties in line with scientific advice.
7. The sustainable management of the stock is being directly threatened by the development of new and unilateral fisheries by both Iceland and the Faroe Islands. Therefore, the Delegations called upon the Faroe Islands and Iceland to set responsible and sustainable quotas for 2012.

qkw



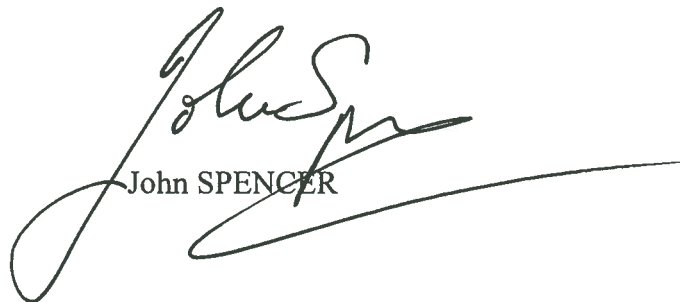
8. The Delegations reiterated the continued willingness of the Union and Norway to work with the Faroe Islands and Iceland in order to reach agreement on a reasonable and fair Coastal State arrangement in future years.
9. The Delegations agreed to recommend to their respective authorities the arrangements for the management of mackerel in 2012, as set out in Annexes I to III, and table I of this Agreed Record.

Oslo, 9 March 2012

For the Delegation of Norway

For the European Union Delegation


Ann Kristin WESTBERG


John SPENCER

**ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE REGULATION OF THE
FISHERIES OF MACKEREL IN 2012**

1. In accordance with the arrangement on the long-term management of mackerel stock set out in Annex III, the Delegations agreed to recommend the following catch limits for 2012:

European Union - 396,468 tonnes

Norway - 181,085 tonnes

2. 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. This quantity cannot be transferred further to the quotas for subsequent years.
3. 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.
4. The Parties may fish mackerel within the catch limits laid down in paragraph 1 in their respective zones of fisheries jurisdiction and in international waters.

akw



**ACCESS AND TRANSFER ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE
FISHERIES OF MACKEREL IN 2012**

The following arrangements between Norway and the European Union shall apply in 2012:

1. The fishery conducted under the access arrangement shall be conducted in accordance with the technical regulations (including opening and closing dates) applicable to the waters of the Party granting access.
2. The European Union and Norway shall have full access to fish their respective shares of the North Sea TAC in the waters of the other Party in the waters of ICES Division IVa. The mutual access regime and TAC are set out in Table 1 of this Agreed Record.
3. The European Union shall, within the sharing arrangement mentioned under point 2, be allocated an additional fixed component of 1,865 tonnes, which may be fished in ICES Divisions IVa and IIIa, including the Norwegian Economic Zone of those areas.
4. Norway shall transfer a quota of 13,898 tonnes, equivalent to 10.8% of the Norwegian catch limit in the Norwegian Sea¹, to the European Union for fishing in ICES Divisions IIa and IVa.
5. The European Union shall transfer a quota of 13,898 tonnes, identical to the quota specified under point 4, to Norway for fishing in European Union waters of ICES Divisions IIa, VIa (north of 56° 30'), VIIId, e, f, h and IVa.
6. The following access arrangements shall apply for 2012:

For the European Union:

- a. Full access to the Norwegian Economic Zone of ICES Division IVa for the mackerel quotas that the European Union authorises to be fished in its own waters of ICES Division IVa.
- b. Access to the Norwegian Economic Zone of ICES Division IIa for a tonnage equivalent to 20% of the tonnage permitted under point 6.a above. Deducted from this quantity is any catch taken in ICES Division IIa under the reciprocal exchange of quotas mentioned in point 4.

¹ Norwegian Sea TAC – 128,687 tonnes

akw

JS

For Norway:

- c. Full access to the EU Zone of ICES Division IVa for the mackerel quotas that Norway authorises to be fished in the Norwegian Economic Zone of ICES Division IVa.
 - d. Access to the EU Zone of ICES Division VIa (north of 56° 30') for a tonnage equivalent to 20% of the tonnage permitted under point 6.c above. Deducted from this quantity is any catch taken in ICES Division VIa under the reciprocal exchange of quotas mentioned in point 5.
7. The Delegations noted that an Agreed Record between the European Union and Norway on a licence arrangement for 2012 was signed in Clonakilty 9 December 2011. This license arrangement shall apply in 2012.

ake



**ARRANGEMENTS ON THE LONG-TERM MANAGEMENT
OF THE MACKEREL STOCK**

The Delegations agreed to implement a long-term management plan for the mackerel stock in the North-East Atlantic for 2012 and subsequent years, which is consistent with a precautionary approach and designed to provide for sustainable fisheries and a greater potential yield. The long-term management plan shall consist of the following elements:

1. For the purpose of this long-term management plan, SSB means the estimate according to ICES of the spawning stock biomass at spawning time in the year in which the TAC applies, taking account of the expected catch.
2. When the SSB is above 2,200,000 tonnes, the TAC shall be fixed according to the expected landings, as advised by ICES, on fishing the stock consistent with a fishing mortality rate in the range of 0.20 to 0.22 for appropriate age groups as defined by ICES.
3. When the SSB is lower than 2,200,000 tonnes, the TAC shall be fixed according to the expected landings, as advised by ICES, on fishing the stock at a fishing mortality rate determined by the following:

$$\text{Fishing mortality } F = 0.22 * \text{SSB}/2,200,000$$

4. Notwithstanding paragraph 2, the TAC shall not be changed by more than 20% from one year to the next, including from 2011 to 2012.
5. In the event that the ICES estimate of SSB is less than 1,670,000 tonnes, the Parties shall decide on a TAC which is less than that arising from the application of paragraphs 2 to 4.
6. The Parties may decide on a TAC that is lower than that determined by paragraphs 2 to 4.
7. The Parties shall, as appropriate, review and revise these management measures and strategies on the basis of any new advice provided by ICES.

akw

JS

TABLE 1

JOINT STOCK QUOTAS IN THE NORTH SEA FOR 2012

| Species and ICES Area | TAC | Zonal Attachment | | | | Transfer from Norway to European Union ⁽⁶⁾ | Transfer from EU to Norway ⁽⁶⁾ | Quota to Norway | | Quota to European Union | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|--------|----------------|-----------------------|---|---|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | | Norway | | European Union | | | | Total | EU Zone ⁽¹⁾ | Total | Norwegian Zone ⁽¹⁾ |
| | | % | Tonnes | % | Tonnes | | | | | | |
| Mackerel IV, IIIa | 71,197 ⁽²⁾ | | 46,685 | | 24,512 ⁽²⁾ | ----- | ----- | 46,685 ⁽³⁾ | 46,685 ⁽³⁾ | 24,512 ⁽⁴⁾ | 24,512 ⁽⁴⁾ |

(1) Any part of this allocation not taken may be added to the allocation in the Party's own zone

(2) Includes a fixed component of 1,865 tonnes

(3) May be fished in ICES Division IVa only, except for 3,000 tonnes, which may be fished in ICES Division IIIa

(4) Of which no more than 6,000 tonnes may be fished in ICES Divisions IVb, IVc and IIIa

atw

JS