EU fisheries in the Atlantic, North Sea and Baltic Sea in line with maximum sustainable yield (MSY)

January 2016

Following decisions from the Council in December 2015, the following fish stocks should be harvested in line with the maximum sustainable yield (MSY) in 2016, to allow for long-term high yields (provided that the corresponding total allowable catches (TAC) are respected).

		Common name	***Species***	**Catch areas**
1		Herring	*Clupea harengus*	Irish Sea
2		Herring	*Clupea harengus*	Celtic Sea North, Celtic Sea South, South-West of Ireland – East, South-West of Ireland – West
3		Herring	*Clupea harengus*	North Sea, Eastern English Channel and EU waters of Norwegian Sea
4		Herring	*Clupea harengus*	Southern North Sea, Eastern English Channel (directed fishery)
5		Herring	*Clupea harengus*	Baltic Sea: Western (22-24)
6		Herring	*Clupea harengus*	Baltic Sea: Central (25-29, 32)
7		Herring	*Clupea harengus*	Skagerrak and Kattegat (directed)
8 new		Cod	*Gadus morhua*	North Sea
9 new		Cod	*Gadus morhua*	Eastern English Channel
10 new		Cod	*Gadus morhua*	Skaggerak
11		Megrims	*Lepidorhombus spp.*	Norwegian Sea (EU waters), North Sea (EU waters)
12		Megrims	*Lepidorhombus spp.*	Faroes Grounds (EU waters), Rockall, Northwest Coast of Scotland and North Ireland, the Northwest Coast of Scotland and North Ireland also known as the West of Scotland, North of Azores, East Greenland
13		Haddock	*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*	Faroes Grounds, Northwest Coast of Scotland and North Ireland or West of Scotland
14		Haddock	*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*	North Sea, Norwegian Sea (EU waters)
15		Haddock	*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*	Skagerrak and Kattegat

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16		Whiting	*Merlangius merlangus*	West of Ireland, Porcupine Bank, Eastern English Channel, Western English Channel, Bristol Channel, Celtic Sea North, Celtic Sea South, South-West of Ireland - East, South-West of Ireland - West
17 new		Hake	*Merluccius*	Northern stock
18		Blue whiting	*Micromesistius poutassou*	Barents Sea, Norwegian Sea, Spitzbergen, Bear Island, Skagerrak, Kattegat, Sound, Belt Sea, and Baltic Sea; the Sound and Belt together known also as the Transition Area; North Sea, Iceland and Faroes Grounds, Rockall, the Northwest Coast of Scotland and North Ireland also known as the West of Scotland, Irish Sea, West of Ireland, Porcupine Bank, Eastern and Western English Channel, Bristol Channel, Celtic Sea North and South, and Southwest of Ireland – East and West, Bay of Biscay (North, Central, Offshore, West), North of Azores, East Greenland (EU and International waters)
19		Blue whiting	*Micromesistius poutassou*	EU waters of Norwegian Sea, Spitzbergen, Bear Island, Northern North Sea, Iceland and Faroes Grounds, Rockall, the Northwest Coast of Scotland and North Ireland also known as the West of Scotland north of 56 30'N and Irish Sea, West of Ireland, Porcupine Bank, Eastern and Western English Channel, Bristol Channel, Celtic Sea North and South, and Southwest of Ireland – East and West, west of 12 W
20		Blue whiting	*Micromesistius poutassou*	Bay of Biscay – South, Portuguese Waters, Azores Grounds, CECAF 34.1.1 (EU Waters)
21		Norway lobster	*Nephrops norvegicus*	Norwegian Sea (EU waters), North Sea (EU waters)
22		Norway lobster	*Nephrops norvegicus*	Faroes Grounds (EU and international waters), Rockall, Northwest Coast of Scotland and North Ireland also known as the West of Scotland
23		Norway lobster	*Nephrops norvegicus*	Skagerrak and Kattegat
24		Northern Prawn	*Pandalus borealis*	Skagerrak and Kattegat
25		Plaice	*Pleuronectes platessa*	Eastern English Channel, Western English Channel
26 new		Plaice	*Pleuronectes platessa*	Baltic Sea: 22-32

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27 new		Plaice	*Pleuronectes platessa*	Kattegat
28		Saithe	*Pollachius virens*	Skagerrak and Kattegat, North Sea, EU waters of Norwegian Sea, Sound, Belt Sea
29		Saithe	*Pollachius virens*	Rockall, Northwest Coast of Scotland and North Ireland also known as the West of Scotland; EU and international waters of Faroes Grounds, North of Azores and East Greenland
30		Common sole	*Solea spp.*	Western English Channel
31		Common sole	*Solea spp.*	Skagerrak and Kattegat, Sound, Belt Sea, Baltic Sea (EU waters)
32 new		Sprat	*Sprattus sprattus*	North Sea
33		Horse Mackerel	*Trachurus trachurus*	Portuguese waters
34		Horse Mackerel	*Trachurus trachurus*	Norwegian Sea, Northern North Sea; Rockall, the Northwest Coast of Scotland and North Ireland also known as the West of Scotland; Irish Sea, West of Ireland, Porcupine Bank, Eastern and Western; English Channel, Bristol Channel, Celtic Sea North and South, and Southwest of Ireland - East and West; Bay of Biscay (North, Central, Offshore, West); EU waters of Faroes Grounds, North of Azores, East Greenland
35		Horse Mackerel	*Trachurus trachurus*	Bay of Biscay – South
36 new		Salmon	*Salmo salar*	Baltic main basin

new Stocks that were not in line with MSY in previous year.