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

14 December 2016

Following decisions from the Council on 14 December 2016 and previous negotiations with third countries, the following fish stocks should be harvested in line with the maximum sustainable yield (MSY) in 2017, 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*	Baltic Sea: Western (22-24)
3		Herring	*Clupea harengus*	Baltic Sea: Central (25-29, 32)
4 new		Herring	*Clupea harengus*	Baltic Sea: Riga (28.1)
5 new		Herring	*Clupea harengus*	Baltic Sea: Bothnian (30-31)
6		Herring	*Clupea harengus*	Skagerrak and Kattegat (directed)
7		Herring	*Clupea harengus*	Celtic Sea North, Celtic Sea South, South-West of Ireland – East, South-West of Ireland – West
8 *		Herring	*Clupea harengus*	Union, Faroese, Norwegian and International waters of Barents Sea and Norwegian Sea, Spitzbergen, and Bear Island
9		Herring	*Clupea harengus*	North Sea, Eastern English Channel and EU waters of Norwegian Sea
10		Herring	*Clupea harengus*	Southern North Sea, Eastern English Channel (directed fishery)
11 new		Roundnose Grenadier	*Coryphaenoides rupestris*	EU and international waters of Faroes Grounds; Rockall, the Northwest Coast of Scotland and North Ireland, West of Ireland, Porcupine Bank, Eastern and Western; English Channel, Bristol Channel, Celtic Sea North and South, and Southwest of Ireland - East and West
12		Megrims	*Lepidorhombus spp.*	Norwegian Sea (EU waters), North Sea (EU waters)

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13		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
14 new		Anglerfish	*Lophius piscatorius*	Bay of Biscay - South, Portuguese Waters, Azores Grounds, CECAF 34.1.1
15 new		Haddock	*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*	West of Ireland, Porcupine Bank, Eastern and Western English Channel, Bristol Channel, Celtic Sea North and South, Southwest of Ireland - East and West, Bay of Biscay, Portuguese waters and Azores Grounds; EU waters of CECAF 34.1.1
16 *		Haddock	*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*	EU and international waters of Rockall, North of Azores and East Greenland
17		Haddock	*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*	North Sea, Norwegian Sea (EU waters)
18		Haddock	*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*	Kattegat and Skagerrak, Union waters of subdivisions 22-32
19 new		Whiting	*Merlangius merlangus*	North Sea; Union waters of Norwegian Sea
20		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 and West
21		Hake	*Merluccius merluccius*	Overall northern stocks
22 new		Blue ling	*Molva dypterygia*	EU and international waters of Faroes Grounds, Rockall, Northwest Coast of Scotland and North Ireland, 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
23		Norway lobster	*Nephrops norvegicus*	Norwegian Sea (EU waters), North Sea (EU waters)
24		Norway lobster	*Nephrops norvegicus*	Faroes Grounds (EU and international waters), Rockall, Northwest Coast of Scotland and North Ireland

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25		Norway lobster	*Nephrops norvegicus*	Skagerrak and Kattegat, Union waters of subdivisions 22-32
26 new		Norway lobster	*Nephrops norvegicus*	Bay of Biscay – North – Central – Offshore and West
27		Northern Prawn	*Pandalus borealis*	Skagerrak and Kattegat
28		Plaice	*Pleuronectes platessa*	Eastern English Channel, Western English Channel
29 new		Plaice	*Pleuronectes platessa*	North Sea, Norwegian Sea (EU waters), that part of IIIa not covered by the Skagerrak and the Kattegat
30		Plaice	*Pleuronectes platessa*	Baltic Sea: 22-32
31		Plaice	*Pleuronectes platessa*	Kattegat
32 new		Plaice	*Pleuronectes platessa*	Skagerrak
33		Saithe	*Pollachius virens*	Skagerrak and Kattegat, North Sea, EU waters of Norwegian Sea, Sound, Belt Sea
34		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
35 new		Greenland halibut	*Reinhardtius hippoglossoides*	Union waters of Norwegian Sea and North Sea; Union and international waters of Faroes Grounds and Rockall, Northwest Coast of Scotland and North Ireland, the Northwest Coast of Scotland and North Ireland
36 new		Greenland halibut	*Reinhardtius hippoglossoides*	Greenland waters of Iceland and Faroes Grounds and East Greenland
37		Salmon	*Salmo salar*	Baltic main basin
38		Common sole	*Solea spp.*	Western English Channel

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39		Common sole	*Solea spp.*	Skagerrak and Kattegat, Sound, Belt Sea, Union waters of Subdivisions 22-32
40 new		Common sole	*Solea spp.*	Union waters of Norwegian Sea and North Sea
41 new		Sprat	*Sprattus sprattus*	Baltic Sea: 22-32
42		Sprat	*Sprattus sprattus*	Norwegian Sea and North Sea
43		Horse Mackerel	*Trachurus trachurus*	Portuguese waters
44 new		Norway pout	*Trisopterus esmarkii*	Skagerrak and Kattegat; EU waters of Norwegian Sea and North Sea

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

* Stocks that were in line with MSY in previous year but were not included in previous edition of this document (Council of December 2015).