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

15 December 2017

Following decisions from the Council on 13 December 2017 and previous negotiations with third countries, the following fish stocks should be harvested in line with the maximum sustainable yield (MSY) in 2018, to allow for long-term high yields (provided that the corresponding total allowable catches [TAC] are respected).

		Common name	***Species***	**Catch areas**
1 *		Sandeel	*Ammodytes tobianus*	Union waters of Norwegian Sea; Kattegat and Skagerrak; North Sea
2		Herring	*Clupea harengus*	Irish Sea
3		Herring	*Clupea harengus*	Baltic Sea: Western (22-24)
4		Herring	*Clupea harengus*	Baltic Sea: Central (25-29, 32)
5		Herring	*Clupea harengus*	Baltic Sea: Riga (28.1)
6		Herring	*Clupea harengus*	Baltic Sea: Bothnian (30-31)
7		Herring	*Clupea harengus*	Skagerrak and Kattegat (directed)
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		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 new		Cod	*Gadus morhua*	West of Ireland, Porcupine Bank, Western English Channel, Bristol Channel, Celtic Sea, South-West of Ireland, Bay of Biscay, Portuguese Waters, Azores Grounds; Union waters of CECAF
13 new		Cod	*Gadus morhua*	Irish Sea
14 new		Cod	*Gadus morhua*	North Sea; Union waters of Norwegian Sea; that part of IIIa not covered by the Skagerrak and Kattegat

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15 new		Cod	*Gadus morhua*	Eastern English Channel
16 new		Cod	*Gadus morhua*	Skagerrak
17		Megrims	*Lepidorhombus spp.*	Norwegian Sea (EU waters), North Sea (EU waters)
18		Megrims	*Lepidorhombus spp.*	Union 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; international waters of North of Azores and East Greenland
19 new		Megrims	*Lepidorhombus spp.*	Irish Sea
20 new		Megrims	*Lepidorhombus spp.*	Bay of Biscay – North – Central – Offshore and West
21 new		Megrims	*Lepidorhombus spp.*	Bay of Biscay - South, Portuguese Waters, Azores Grounds, CECAF 34.1.1
22		Anglerfish	*Lophius piscatorius*	Bay of Biscay - South, Portuguese Waters, Azores Grounds, CECAF 34.1.1
23		Haddock	*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*	EU and international waters of Rockall, North of Azores and East Greenland
24 *		Haddock	*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*	Irish Sea
25		Haddock	*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*	North Sea, Norwegian Sea (EU waters)
26		Haddock	*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*	Kattegat and Skagerrak, Union waters of subdivisions 22-32
27 *		Haddock	*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*	Northwest Coast of Scotland and North Ireland or West of Scotland
28		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
29		Hake	*Merluccius merluccius*	Overall northern stocks

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30		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
31		Norway lobster	*Nephrops norvegicus*	Norwegian Sea (EU waters), North Sea (EU waters)
32		Norway lobster	*Nephrops norvegicus*	Faroes Grounds (EU and international waters), Rockall, Northwest Coast of Scotland and North Ireland
33		Norway lobster	*Nephrops norvegicus*	Skagerrak and Kattegat, Union waters of subdivisions 22-32
34 new		Norway lobster	*Nephrops norvegicus*	Irish Sea
35		Norway lobster	*Nephrops norvegicus*	Bay of Biscay – North – Central – Offshore and West
36		Northern Prawn	*Pandalus borealis*	Skagerrak and Kattegat
37		Plaice	*Pleuronectes platessa*	Eastern English Channel, Western English Channel
38 new		Plaice	*Pleuronectes platessa*	Irish Sea
39		Saithe	*Pollachius virens*	Skagerrak and Kattegat, North Sea, EU waters of Norwegian Sea, Sound, Belt Sea
40		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
41		Salmon	*Salmo salar*	Baltic main basin
42		Common sole	*Solea spp.*	Western English Channel
43		Common sole	*Solea spp.*	Skagerrak and Kattegat, Sound, Belt Sea, Union waters of Subdivisions 22-32

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44 new		Common sole	*Solea spp.*	Eastern English Channel
45 new		Common sole	*Solea spp.*	Bristol Channel and Celtic Sea North
46 new		Common sole	*Solea spp.*	Bay of Biscay – North and Central
47		Common sole	*Solea spp.*	Norwegian Sea (EU waters), North Sea (EU waters)
48		Sprat	*Sprattus sprattus*	Baltic Sea: 22-32
49		Sprat	*Sprattus sprattus*	Norwegian Sea (EU waters), North Sea (EU waters)
50		Horse Mackerel	*Trachurus trachurus*	Portuguese waters
51 new		Horse Mackerel	*Trachurus trachurus*	Norwegian Sea, Northern North Sea; 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, Western English Channel, Bristol Channel, Celtic Sea, South-West of Ireland, Bay of Biscay – North – Central – Offshore and West; Union and international waters of Faroes Grounds; international waters of North of Azores and East Greenland
52 new		Horse Mackerel	*Trachurus trachurus*	Bay of Biscay - South
53		Norway pout	*Trisopterus esmarkii*	Skagerrak and Kattegat; EU waters of Norwegian Sea and North Sea

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 2016).