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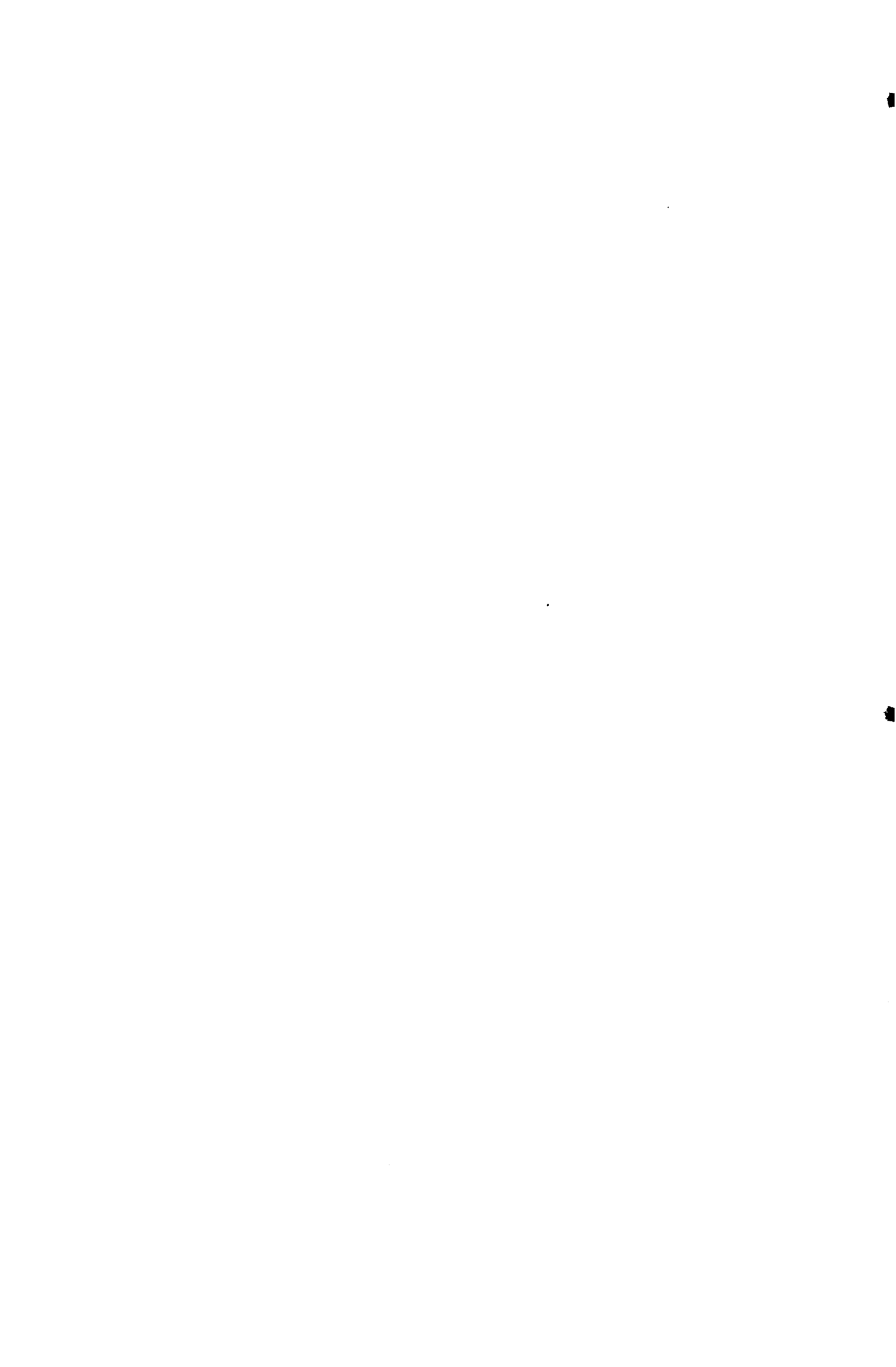
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PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)
AMENDING REGULATION (EEC) No 1717/80 LAYING DOWN
FOR 1980 CERTAIN MEASURES FOR THE CONSERVATION
AND MANAGEMENT OF FISHERY RESOURCES APPLICABLE
TO VESSELS FLYING THE FLAG OF NORWAY

(presented by the Commission to the Council)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Following the extension of the Danish fishing zone off the east coast of Greenland to the North of 67° N on 1 June 1980, consultations took place on 16 July 1980 between the Community and Norway at the request of the Norwegian authorities under the fisheries agreement between the Community and Norway concluded on 27 June 1980.

During these consultations the Community Delegation undertook to recommend to its authorities that Norwegian fishermen should be authorized to fish for capelin in the waters referred to above during the remainder of the current year.

At the same time the two delegations held consultations on the subject of TACs for certain common stocks of fish in the light of new scientific reports from ICES. These talks concluded with the delegations undertaking to recommend their authorities to increase the TACs and the reciprocal quotas for stocks of haddock and whiting in the North Sea.

Following new reports from ICES on herring stocks in the Skagerrak and the Kattegat, consultations took place on 17 July 1980 between the Community, Norway and Sweden. These consultations resulted in an agreement between the delegations to recommend their authorities to increase TACs of this stock and the quotas for each of the parties.

The purpose of the Regulation now being proposed is to authorize fishing for capelin by Norwegian vessels in the Community fishing zone and to modify the quotas for herring, haddock and whiting allocated to Norwegian vessels as agreed during the consultations.

Protocol for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

amending Regulation (EEC) No 1717/80 laying down for 1980 certain measures
for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels
flying the flag of Norway

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European
Economic Community, and in particular Article 43
thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,
Having regard to the opinion of the Euro-
pean Parliament (1),

Whereas, following the decision of the Danish Govern-
ment to extend the fishing zone off the east coast of
Greenland to the north of 67° N, fishing activities in
those waters shall be subject to the relevant Commu-
nity rules;

Whereas, at the request of the Norwegian authorities,
consultations were held between the Community and
Norway within the framework of the Agreement on
fisheries concluded between the two parties on
27 June 1980, with a view to determining the condi-
tions under which certain Norwegian fishing activities
could be carried out in those waters;

Whereas the continuance of fishing activities by
Norwegian vessels in those waters should be autho-
rized during 1980; whereas, therefore, Council Regula-
tion (EEC) No 1717/80 of 27 June 1980 laying down
for 1980 certain measures for the conservation and
management of fishery resources applicable to vessels
flying the flag of Norway should be amended so as
to include a quota for capelin;

(1)

(2) O.J. No L 168, 1.7.1980, p. 9

Whereas, in the light of new scientific views on the
total allowable catches (TACs) for certain fish
stocks common to the Community and Norway or to the
Community, Norway and Sweden, consultations took
place between the parties concerned; whereas,
during those consultations, the delegations
agreed to recommend to their authorities that
the TACs for these stocks and the reciprocal
quotas be increased;

Whereas the conclusions of these consultations
should be implemented by adjusting the quotas
allocated to Norwegian vessels for herring
stocks in the Skagerrak and for haddock and
whiting in the North Sea by Regulation No
(EEC) No 1717/80,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EEC) No 1717/80 is hereby amended as
follows:

1. Article 2 (3) shall be replaced by the following:

'3. Vessels referred to in paragraph 1, except
those fishing for capelin and those fishing in ICES
division III a), shall transmit to the Commission
the information specified in Annex IV. This infor-
mation shall be transmitted in accordance with the
rules laid down that year.'

2. Article 3 (1) and (2) shall be replaced by the
following:

'1. Fishing within ICES sub-area XIV and ICES
division Va) and NAFO sub-area 1, under the
quotas established in Article 1, shall be subject to
the holding on board of a licence issued by the
Commission on behalf of the Community and to
the observance of the conditions set out in the
licence.'

However, as regards capelin fishing, the abovementioned rules shall apply only as from 1 October 1980.

2. Licences for the purposes of paragraph 1 shall
be issued subject to the condition that the number
of licences shall not exceed:

- 13 for fishing Greenland halibut and redfish,
- 26 for fishing northern deep-water prawn
(*Pandalus borealis*) within ICES sub-area XIV
and in NAFO sub-area 1,

— 168 for capelin fishing north of 67° N in ICES sub-area XIV and ICES division Va).

However, the number of vessels fishing simultaneously for northern deep-water prawn may not exceed:

- 14 as an average calculated per month for the whole year, the maximum being 19 vessels per month, in NAFO sub-area 1,
- nine as an average calculated per month for the whole year, the maximum being 15 vessels per month, in ICES sub-area XIV.

3. Annex I shall be replaced by the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

It shall apply from 1 January until 31 December 1980.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at []

For the Council
The President

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ANNEX

ANNEX I

Fishing quotas

Species	Area within which fishing is authorized	Quantity (tonnes)
Herring	Skagerrak ⁽¹⁾	4.250 ⁽²⁾
Mackerel	ICES IV and Skagerrak ⁽¹⁾ ICES VI a) ⁽²⁾ + VII d), e), f), h)	39 800 22 000
Horse-mackerel	ICES IV, VI a) ⁽²⁾ + VII d), e), f), h)	5 000
Sprat	ICES IV Skagerrak	71 000 11 000 ⁽²⁾
Cod	ICES IV Skagerrak ⁽¹⁾	10 000 2 000 ⁽²⁾
Haddock	ICES IV Skagerrak ⁽¹⁾	6.000 300 ⁽²⁾
Saithe	ICES IV and Skagerrak ⁽¹⁾	20 000
Whiting	ICES IV Skagerrak ⁽¹⁾	7.000 400 ⁽²⁾
Plaice	ICES IV Skagerrak ⁽¹⁾	500 200 ⁽²⁾
Sandeel, Norway pout/ blue whiting	ICES IV	50 000 ⁽⁴⁾
Blue whiting	ICES II, VIa) ⁽²⁾ , VIb), VII ⁽²⁾ , XIV	125 000
Ling, blue ling and tusk	ICES IV, VI, VII	20 000
Dogfish	ICES IV, VI, VII	8 000 ⁽⁴⁾
Basking shark ⁽⁷⁾	ICES IV, VI, VII	800 ⁽⁴⁾
Porbeagle	ICES IV, VI, VII	1 000
Northern deep-water prawn (Pandalus borealis)	NAFO 1 ⁽⁸⁾ ICES XIV	2 500 2 500 ⁽⁹⁾
Greenland halibut and redfish	NAFO 1, ICES XIV	1 800
Halibut	NAFO 1, ICES XIV	200
Capelin	ICES XIV ⁽¹⁰⁾ , V a) ⁽¹⁰⁾	20 000
Other species	ICES IV	5 000

⁽¹⁾ Limited in the west by a line drawn from the lighthouse of Hanstholm to the lighthouse of Lindesnes and in the south by a line drawn from Skagen lighthouse to the lighthouse of Tistlarna and from there to the nearest coast of Sweden.

⁽²⁾ To be reduced by the quantities taken outside the EEC fishing zone.

⁽³⁾ North of 56° 30' N.

⁽⁴⁾ Of which sandeel alone no more than 50 000 tonnes of Norway pout and blue whiting together no more than 40 000 tonnes.

⁽⁵⁾ West of 12° W.

⁽⁶⁾ This quota does not include catches taken in the areas defined in Annex II.

⁽⁷⁾ Basking shark liver.

⁽⁸⁾ South of 68° N.

⁽⁹⁾ Experimental fishery only.

⁽¹⁰⁾ North of 67° N.