

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

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fishing zone, the fixing of the total allowable catches for 1981
and the shares available to the Community

(presented by the Commission to the Council)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

ICES has just completed its work on analysing the state of the main stocks in 1981 and how they are likely to develop in 1982; in the light of the most recent scientific data, it has been led to revise its previous recommendations for the management in 1981 of certain stocks of cod (sub-areas IV, VI and division VIIa), haddock (sub-area IV), whiting (sub-area IV and division VIIa), herring (sub-areas IV, VI, VII), plaice and sole (divisions VIIa and VIIf,g).

1. This proposal concerning the fixing of the 1981 total allowable catches (TACs) is meant first of all to take account of this new data as well as of the outcome of the consultations which have recently taken place with Norway which in so far as the joint stocks in the North Sea are concerned, related particularly to cod, haddock, whiting and the herring stock of division IVa. It also takes account of the exchange of views with the Faroese Islands in line with the provisions contained in the proces-verbal agreed between the Community and the Faroese Islands on 17 February 1981; the arrangements for reciprocal fishing in 1981 contained therein are now being examined by the Council.

In regard to salmon, the Commission has changed the TAC for zone NAFO 1 from 1.190 to 1.270 tonnes; this increase is justified by the gain in weight per unit through differing the opening date of the Greenland fishing season to 25 August. This linkage is made, on the one hand, in the light of the scientific work particularly that carried out within the specialised ICES Working Group and, on the other hand, taking into account the provisions in the exchange of letters annexed to the draft fishing agreement between the Community and Canada already submitted for the approval of the Council. The technical conditions for fishing, relating to mesh size, which correspond to the new date for the opening of fishing in contrast with the traditional pattern characterising the salmon fishing season as it was conducted heretofore, are contained in the draft modified proposal for a Council Regulation fixing the conditions governing fishing operations when taking the total allowable catches for 1981.

2. Secondly, this proposal consolidates the proposals for TACs such as those made by the Commission on 5th March 1981, in order to take account of successive amendments made up to the present time so that the totality of provisions proposed by the Commission for all the stocks occurring in the Community zone can be presented in one document.

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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 Regulation (EEC) No. / of establishing a Community
system for the conservation and management of fishery resources (1) and
in particular Articles 3 and 4, thereof ;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

[Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament (2) 7; *)

Whereas in order to ensure the protection of the fishing grounds and stocks
of fish and to ensure thereby a balanced exploitation of the resources of the
sea in the interests of both fishermen and consumers, there should be fixed
each year for each species requiring a limitation of catches, a total allowable
catch (TAC) per stock or group of stocks, the share of the TACs available for
the Community, taking into account commitments to third countries ;

HAD ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING REGULATION :

(1) O.J. N°

[(2) O.J. N° 7 *)

*) The text within square brackets would be included if the Regulation establishing
a Community system for the conservation and management of fishery resources
were not adopted by the Council in time.

Article 1

The total allowable catches (TAC) fixed for 1981, on the basis of stocks or groups of stocks, in the waters under the sovereignty or jurisdiction of the Member States and subject to Community fishing regulations, together with the shares of these TACs available for the Community, are set out in the annex hereto.

Article 2

The Council, acting by a qualified majority on a proposal from the Commission, may modify the annex of this Regulation in order, if necessary, to take account of new scientific advice becoming available, changes in any other of the factors on which the provisions of this Regulation are based and any subsequent modifications in the agreements reached with interested non-member States about the allocation to them of quotas for fishing in the Community fishing zone in 1981. ⁷ *)

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 3rd day after publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

It is applicable from 1.1.1981.

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

Done at

For the Council
The President

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ANNEX

TACs by stock and by sector envisaged for 1981-Proportions available to the Community

Species	ICES Division or NAFO zone	TAC 1981 (in tonnes)	Proportions available to the Community for 1981
Cod	IIIa North Skagerrak	16.000*	13.400
Cod	IIIa South Kattegat	16.400	9.900
Cod	IIIb,c,d	120.000**	89.000xxx
Cod	IV	220.000	204.850
Cod	VI	20.000 (1)	20.000
Cod	VII except VIIa	9.000 (+)	9.000
Cod	VIIa	13.000	13.000
Cod	XIV	8.000	8.000
Cod	NAFO 1	50.000	50.000
Cod	NAFO 3Ps	28.000	4.700
Haddock	IIIa Skagerrak+Kattegat	5.100 (+)	4.500
Haddock	IV	140.000	127.700
Haddock	VI	18.000 (2)	18.000 (2)
Haddock	VII	4.000	4.000
Saithe	IIIa, IV	127.000	67.000
Saithe	VI	27.000	27.000
Saithe	VII	5.000 (+)	5.000
Whiting	IIIa North: Skagerrak	4.650 (+)	3.850
Whiting	IIIa South: Kattegat	17.500 (+)	16.000
Whiting	IIIb,c,d (Community zone only)	4.000 (+)	4.000
Whiting	IV	150.000	134.980
Whiting	VI	16.400	16.400
Whiting	VIIa	12.000	12.000
Whiting	VII except VIIa	18.000 (+)	18.000
Plaice	IIIa North: Skagerrak	14.000 (+)	13.400
Plaice	IIIa South: Kattegat	10.500 (+)	9.500
Plaice	IIIb,c,d (Community zone only)	4.150 (+)	4.150
Plaice	IV	105.000	104.000
Plaice	VI	1.680 (+)	1.680
Plaice	VIIa	4.000	4.000
Plaice	VIIb,c	300 (+)	300
Plaice	VII d,e	3.000 (+)	3.000
Plaice	VII f,g	1.400	1.400
Plaice	VIII	250 (+)	250

* Not including 1.600 tonnes attributed to Norwegian coastal area.

** Community zone only - xxx Plus 30.000 tonnes not yet allocated.

(+) Precautionary TAC

(1) 19.500 tonnes in zone VIa, 500 tonnes in area VIb.

(2) 15.500 tonnes in area VIa, 2.500 tonnes in area VIb.

SPECIES	ICES DIVISION or NAFO zone	TAC 1981 (in tonnes)	Proportions available to the Community for 1981
American Plaice	NAFO 3 Ps	5.000	550
Witch	NAFO 3 Ps	3.000	410
Sole	IIIa	800 (+)	800
Sole	IV	15.000	15.000
Sole	VIa	50 (+)	50
Sole	VIIa	1.800	1.800
Sole	VIIb,c	50 (+)	50
Sole	VIIId	1.200 (+)	1.200
Sole	VIIe	1.000 (+)	1.000
Sole	VIIIf,g	1.400	1.400
Sole	VIII	3.100	3.100
Mackerel	IIIa, IV	40.000	8.900
Mackerel	VI, VII, VIII	335.500	304.500
Sprat	IIIa	77.000 (+)	49.000
Sprat	IIIb,c,d:Community zone only	3.700 (+)	3.700
Sprat	IV	400.000 (+)	314.000
Horse mackerel	IV, VI, VII, VIII	250.000	244.000
Hake	IIIa	1.365 (+)	1.365
Hake	IV, VI, VII, VIIIA,b	38.630 (+)	28.130
Anchovies	VIII	32.000 (+)	3.000
Norway	IIIa, IV	540.000	490.000
Blue Whiting	IV, VI, VII, XIV, Community zone only	580.000 (+)(x)	440.000
Sandeel	XIV	0	0(1)
Sandel	NAFO 1	0	0(1)
Squid octopus cuttlefish	VI, VII, VIII	12.100	12.100
Squid octopus cuttlefish	NAFO 3-4	150.000	7.000

(+) Precautionary TAC.

(x) Provisional.

(1) Apart from certain catch possibilities for experimental purposes.

SPECIES	ICES Division or NAFO Zone	TAC 1981 (in tonnes)	Proportions available to the Community for 1981 (in tonnes)
Redfish	V, XIV	85.000(+)	42.500
Redfish	NAFO 1	10.000(+)	10.000
Redfish	NAFO 3Ps	18.000	2.000
Greenland halibut	V, XIV	15.000	3.000
Greenland halibut	NAFO 0-1	20.000xx	19.250 (1)
Halibut	XIV	200	200 (2)
Halibut	NAFO 1	500	500 (2)
Shrimp	XIV	8.000	3.800
Shrimp	NAFO 0-1: north of 68°00'N) south of 68°00'N }	30.000xx	28.400 (3)
Shrimp	French Guyana	(4)	(4)
Herring	IIIa North: Skagerrak	15.300	5.050
Herring	IIIa South: Kattegat	35.600	17.800
Herring	IIIB,c,d	31.800xx	27.800
Herring	IVa	0	0
Herring	IVb	0	0
Herring	IVc, VIId (Blackwater stock excepted)	20.000 (5)	19.000 (5)
Herring	IVc (Blackwater stock) (a)	60	60
Herring	VIa, incl. Donegal Bay, excl. Clyde	65.000	55.000
Herring	VIa, Clyde stock (b)	2.000	2.000
Herring	VIIa (c) Mourne stock	400	400
Herring	VIIa (c) Manx stock (d)	3.400	3.400
Herring	VIIb,c (Donegal Bay excepted)	7.000(+)	7.000
Herring	VIIe	500 (+)	500
Herring	VIIIf	0	0
Herring	VIIg-k,(e) (Bantry Bay excepted)	0	0 (6)
Herring	VIIj (Bantry Bay only)	6.000(+)	6.000
Catfish	NAFO 1	6.000	6.000
Capelin	XIV, V	600.000(x)	80.000
Salmon	IIIB,c,d (Community zone only)	700	700
Salmon	NAFO 1: West of 44° West		1.270 (7)

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(x) Provisional

(xx) Community zone only

See footnotes on the following page

Footnotes

- (1) 7.500 tonnes exclusively reserved to coastal fishermen of Greenland.
 - (2) Special allocation exclusively reserved for coastal fishermen of Greenland.
 - (3) 27.000 tonnes exclusively reserved to coastal fishermen of Greenland.
 - (4) See Regulation (EEC) N° 848 /81 of 27 March 1981.
 - (5) Catches must be taken within the period 1 October 1981 to 31 March 1982 and South of 53°00'N.
 - (6) Ireland is authorized to carry out directed fishing for herring up to 1.000 tonnes by boats based in ports adjacent to this area, provided that the only method of fishing allowed is drift netting with nets the size of which is not less than 54mm, stretched mesh, and that the definition of the boats in question is subject to the approval of the Commission.
 - (7) Catch possibilities exclusively reserved to coastal fishermen of Greenland .
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- (a) Maritime region of the Thames estuary between Felixstowe and North Fore-land within 6 miles from the U.K. baselines.
 - (b) Maritime area situated to the North-East of a line drawn between the Mull of Kintyre and Corsewall Point.
 - (c) ICES zone VIIa) is reduced by the zone added to the Celtic Sea bounded :
 - to the North by latitude 52°30'N,
 - to the South by latitude 52°00'N,
 - to the West by the coast of Ireland,
 - to the East by the coast of the United Kingdom.
 - (d) Reference is to the herring stock in the Irish Sea (ICES zone VIIa)) excluding the zones referred to in footnotes (b) and (c).
 - (e) Increased by zone bounded :
 - to the North by latitude 52°30'N,
 - to the South by latitude 52°00'N,
 - to the West by the coast of Ireland,
 - to the East by the coast of the United Kingdom.