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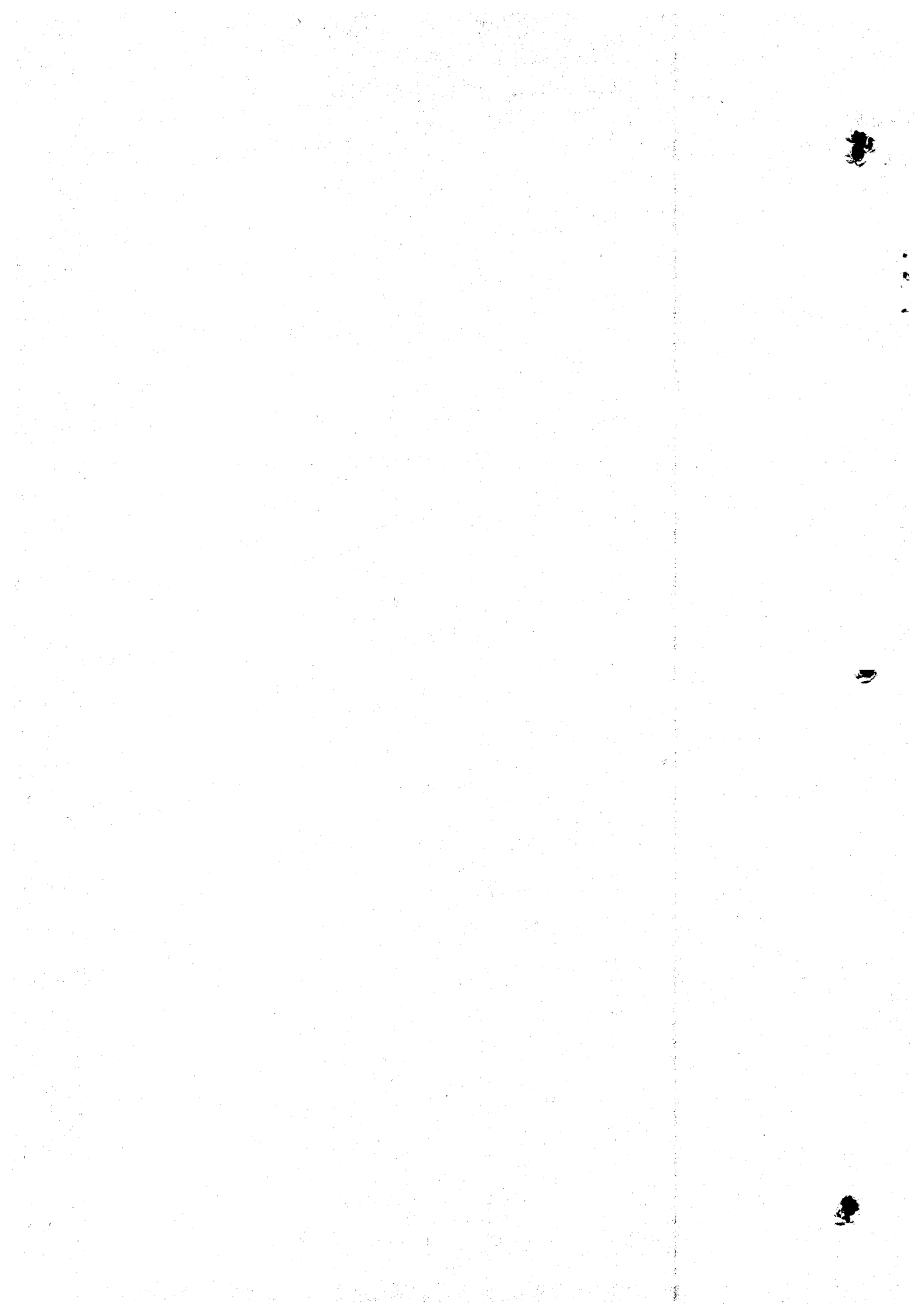
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Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)
providing for technical amendments to Regulation (EEC) No 587/79,
laying down for 1979 certain measures for the conservation
and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels
flying the flag of Norway

(presented by the Commission to the Council)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

At its meeting in July 1979 the Consultative Committee for Fisheries Management of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) revised its recommendations as to the total authorized catches in 1979 for certain fish stocks, namely cod and whiting, in the fishing zones of the Community and Norway in the North Sea.

In the light of these revised recommendations the Community and Norway held talks on 26 and 27 July 1979 in order to review their decisions on the management of the stocks in question. The delegations agreed to recommend to their authorities that the TACs should be increased in accordance with the revised recommendations of the ICES; agreement was also reached on the sharing of the amended TACs between the two parties and on certain changes in the allocation of TACs agreed for 1979 for certain other joint stocks, namely haddock and plaice. The conclusions reached in these talks are set out in an agreed record, a copy of which is annexed to this proposal .

The purpose of this proposal for a Regulation is to put into effect the conclusions of these consultations by amending the quotas laid down in Council Regulation (EEC) No 587/79 for Norwegian vessels in the fishing zones of the Member States.

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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 the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament¹,

Whereas the Community and the Kingdom of Norway have negotiated a Framework
Agreement on fisheries;

Whereas the Commission has submitted the Agreement to the Council for
approval;

Whereas the Council adopted on 26 March 1979 Regulation (EEC) No 587/79²,
as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 179³;

Whereas in July 1979 the International Council for the Exploration of the
Sea (ICES) revised its recommendations on the authorized catches for certain
fish stocks in the fishing zone of Norway and in that of the Community;

Whereas, pursuant to the aforesaid Agreement, the Community and Norway
have held consultations in the light of the new recommendations and whereas
as a result they have agreed on certain adjustments to the quotas formerly
agreed, including some of those laid down by Regulation (EEC) No 587/79,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

¹ OJ No

² OJ No L 81, 31.3.1979, p. 9

³ OJ No

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Article 1

Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 587/79 shall be replaced by the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

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

It shall apply until 31 December 1979.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President

ANNEX

Fishing quotas

(tonnes)

Species	Area within which fishing is authorized	Quantity
Herring	Skagerrak (1)	1 725 (2) (3)
Mackerel	ICES IV and Skagerrak (1)	75 000 (4)
	ICES VIa (5) + VIIId, e, f, h	35 000
Horse-mackerel	ICES IV, VIa (5) + VIIId, e, f, h	5 000
Sprat	ICES IV	71 000
	Skagerrak (1)	12 000 (3)
Cod	ICES IV	8 200
	Skagerrak (1)	500 (3)
Haddock	ICES IV	2 400
	Skagerrak (1)	400 (3)
Saithe	ICES IV and Skagerrak (1)	12 500
Whiting	ICES IV	3 500
	Skagerrak (1)	400 (3)
Plaice	ICES IV	400
	Skagerrak (1)	200 (3)
Sandeel, Norway pout/blue whiting	ICES IV	50 000 (6)
Blue whiting	ICES II, VIa (5), VIb, VII (7), XIV	125 000
Ling, blue ling and tusk	ICES IV, VI, VII	20 000
Dogfish	ICES IV, VI, VII	12 500 (8)
Basking shark (9)	ICES IV, VI, VII	800 (8)
Porbeagle	ICES IV, VI, VII	1 000
Northern deep-water prawn (Pandalus borealis)	ICNAF 0 + 1 (10)	4 891
	ICES XIV	Experimental fishery only
Greenland halibut and redfish	ICNAF 0 + 1, ICES XIV	1 800
Halibut	ICNAF 0 + 1, ICES XIV	200
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) This quota does not include fjord herring, which is caught between the Swedish frontier and the Lindesnes.

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

(4) Of which no more than 5 000 tonnes may be fished in the parts of ICES sub-area IV situated either south of 60° N or east of 2° E.

(5) North of 56°30' N.

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

(7) West of 12° W.

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

(9) Basking shark liver.

(10) East of the median line and south of 68° N.

Agreed Minute.

1. A Norwegian and a Community delegation held consultations in Oslo on 26 - 27 July 1979 in order to consult on fisheries matters of mutual interest.

2. ICES recommendations concerning the revisions of TAC's for the North Sea stocks of cod and whiting.

The two delegations examined the implications that recent ICES recommendations concerning the revision of TAC's for certain stocks of mutual interest might have for the quota arrangements established in the Agreed Record signed on 20 December 1978.

The Norwegian delegation preferred not to increase the TAC's, that had earlier been agreed for 1979 in order to have a safety margin in the quota management of the stocks. The Community's position was to follow the recommendations of ICES in accordance with previous policy. The Norwegian delegation accepted this proposal.

With reference to Annexes III and IV to the Agreed Record of 20 December 1978 and in particular to the footnote in Annex III, the delegations agreed to recommend to their authorities the amendments to the 1979 catch arrangements as stated in the Annex.

3. Consequences of the ^{prohibition} possibilities of fishing in the North Cape Bank area in April-June 1979.

The Community delegation, referring to previous consultations on this subject, pointed out that the temporary North Cape Bank closure had had as a

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consequence/certain of the quotas allocated to the Community by Norway could not be fully utilised. The Community delegation requested that the resulting change in the balance in the quota arrangements set out in the Agreed Record of 20.12.78 be redressed by a reduction of the Norwegian allocation of the joint mackerel stock on a reduction of the mackerel quota allocated by the Community to Norway.

The Norwegian delegation said that the available data concerning catches and fishing effort by Community vessels did not substantiate ^{the view} that the Community had been prevented from utilising its quotas by the North Cape Bank closure. Norway therefore rejected the Community's request for a review of the 1979 quota arrangements. The Norwegian delegation also pointed out that the Community had adopted even more restrictive measures in its own zone such as the Norway Pout Box.

The Community delegation declared that it reserved its right to come back to this matter after having examined the arguments put forward by the Norwegian delegation.

4. Utilisations of prawn quotas in NAFO subarea 0 and 1.

Referring to point III 3.2. of the Agreed Record of 20 December 1978 the Norwegian Delegation requested information on the utilisation of prawn quotas allocated to Greenland coastal fishermen and to Canada and asked whether it was now possible to increase the prawn quota to Norway.

The Community representative pointed out that the Community had not adopted any legal act allocating the Community quota between Member States, but that the part of the Community quota for 1979 which is intended to be reserved to Greenland coastal fishermen is likely, according to present forecasts, to be fully utilised by them.

The Community delegation indicated that Canada has not agreed to transfer any part of its allocation to the Community but has proposed that parts of its allocation be granted to Norwegian and Faroese vessels chartered by Canadian companies.

The Norwegian Delegation expressed its great surprise that no quota had been allocated to Greenland coastal fishermen and it requested information about actual catches by Greenland fishermen. It furthermore stated that it would come back to this question.

5. Quota and catch area limitations for blue whiting.

Referring to the Note Verbale from the Norwegian Mission dated 5 March 1979 regarding the quota and catch area limitation for the blue whiting stock in 1979 the Norwegian delegation asked for a formal reply from the Community. The Community representative undertook to provide a reply in the near future.

6. Implementation of arrangements for joint stocks for 1979.

The Norwegian delegation asked what measures the Community had adopted to ensure that Community vessels' catches of joint stocks did not exceed the quotas agreed on 20.12.1978.

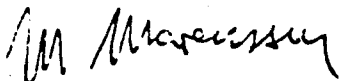
The Community representative referred to a decision adopted by the Council on 25 June 1979 concerning interim measures to be applied by Member States of the Community.

The Norwegian representative pointed out that this decision did not seem to ensure that the agreed quotas would be respected. He proposed that the Community and Norway should exchange catch statistics monthly for the joint stocks.

The Community representative said that the Community was not able at present to undertake any commitment in this respect pending a decision by the Council on a proposal submitted by the Commission concerning the management of these stocks.

The Norwegian representative observed that Norway strongly regretted that the Community had not yet taken steps to implement the arrangements negotiated in December 1978. He declared that Norway would find it difficult to continue negotiating such arrangements if the Community did not implement them.

Oslo, 27 July 1979



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Annex.

Catch arrangement for 1979 for some joint stocks.

The present catch arrangement does not prejudice in any way the shares of the joint stocks to be allocated in future years to the two parties on the basis of the zonal attachment of the joint stocks.

1000 tons	TAC	Norway's catch requirements 3)	EEC's quota in Norwegian Zone	EEC's catch requirements	Norway's quota in EEC Zone
Cod	247 ¹⁾	41	26,3	206	8,2
Haddock	83	8	14,7	75	2,4
Whiting	111 ²⁾	9	8,6	102	3,5
Plaice	120	1	15,3	119	0,4

1) increased from 183

2) increased from 85

3) Norway will make an additional transfer to the EEC of a total quantity of a maximum of 4000 tons for these stocks should Norwegian catches fall below the catch requirements stated. This will be reviewed at the latest 15 October 1979.

