

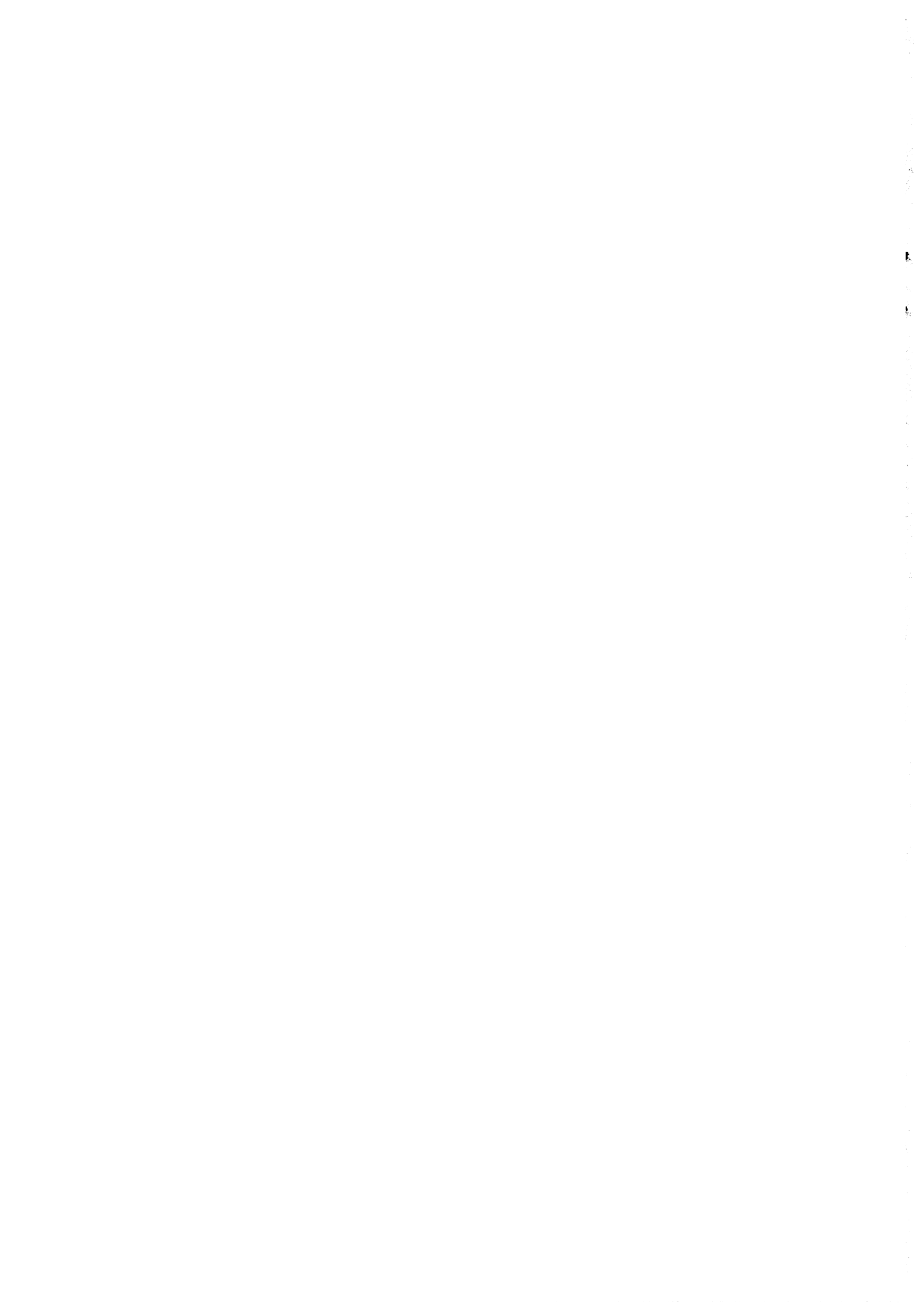
COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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The Commission submits for examination by the Council the annexed TAC figures which, on the basis of the recommendations in the First Report of the Scientific and Technical Committee for Fisheries (1) and the considerations on this Report developed in the Commission's Communication of 29th October 1979 (2), could be envisaged for the large number of fish stocks occurring within the Community fisheries zone.

The Commission wishes to emphasize, however, that as far as joint stocks are concerned, the figures may be subject to change in order to take account of the outcome of the consultations now being held within the context of reciprocal fisheries agreements negotiated by the Community with the third countries jointly responsible for the conservation of these stocks.

These consultations, as well as additional scientific data, should allow TAC's to be calculated for the stocks for which no figure has yet been advanced. In addition, scientific advice available in 1980 only might allow to adjust certain TAC's in the course of that year.

For the stocks in the waters around Greenland, the Commission will propose later the TACs which are appropriate to the specific situation of the fisheries in the zones concerned.

The TAC's proposed for herring and sprat in the Baltic Sea correspond to the recommendations adopted in September 1979 by the Baltic Sea Fisheries Commission. These recommendations will become binding unless Denmark and/or Germany have lodged objection within 90 days from the date of notification of these recommendations, i.e. around 30 December 1979.

The Council, therefore, needs to adopt a decision concerning these TACs before that date.

(1) established by Commission Decision of 8 June 1979 - O.J. n° L 156/29 of 23.06.1979

(2) COM (79) 612

The Commission wishes, however, to point out that the Baltic Sea Fisheries Commission's recommendations stipulate separate TACs for the Danish and German fishery zones. Since it would be contrary to Community principles and practice to establish such separate TACs, the Commission proposes that the two Member States concerned notify the Baltic Sea Fisheries Commission, before the expiry of the objection period, that they object to these recommendations but that the Community will limit catches in the area under fisheries jurisdiction of its Member States in the Baltic Sea to a level equal to the sum of the separate TACs foreseen for the individual Danish and German zones.

A draft letter to this effect is attached hereto.

A N N E X

TACs by stock and by sector envisaged for 1980

SPECIES	ICES DIVISION OR NAFO ZONE	TAC 1980 (in tonnes)
Cod	IIIa North Skagerrak	14 000 (+)
Cod	IIIa South Kattegat	16 400 (+)
Cod	IIIb,c,d ; Community zone only	83 200
Cod	IV	200 000
Cod	VI	12 100
Cod	VII except VIIa	9 000 (+)
Cod	VIIa	5 000
Cod	XIV	-
Cod	NAFO 0-1	-
Cod	NAFO 3 Ps	-
Haddock	IIIa Skagerrak + Kattegat	6 600 (+)
Haddock	IV	66 000
Haddock	VI	11 500
Haddock	VII	9 000 (+)
Saithe	IIIa, IV	129 000
Saithe	VI	31 000
Saithe	VII	4 880 (+)
Whiting	IIIa North Skagerrak	4 650 (+)
Whiting	IIIa South Kattegat	17 350 (+)
Whiting	IIIb, c,d Community zone only	3 850 (+)
Whiting	IV	100 000
Whiting	VI	10 500
Whiting	VIIa	10 000
Whiting	VII except a	18 000 (+)
Plaice	IIIa North Skagerrak	14 000 (+)
Plaice	IIIa South Kattegat	10 800 (+)
Plaice	IIIb,c,d Community zone only	4 150 (+)
Plaice	IV	112 000
Plaice	VI	1 680 (+)
Plaice	VIIa	2 500
Plaice	VIIb,c	320 (+)
Plaice	VII d,e	2 000
Plaice	VII f,g	700
Plaice	VIII	190 (+)
American plaice	NAFO 3 Ps	-
Witch	NAFO 3 Ps	-

SPECIES	ICES DIVISION OR NAFO ZONE	TAC 1980 (in tonnes)
Sole	IIIa	800 (+)
Sole	IV	14 000
Sole	VIa	50 (+)
Sole	VIIa	1 300
Sole	VIIb,c	50 (+)
Sole	VIIId	1 380
Sole	VIIe	780
Sole	VIIIf,g	1 000
Sole	VIII	3 070 (+)
Mackerel	III, IV	0 (1)
Mackerel	VI, VIIb,d,e	350 000
Sprat	IIIa	70 000 (+)
Sprat	IIIb,c,d Community zone only	4 900
Sprat	IV	400 000 (+)
Horse Mackerel	IV, VI, VII, VIII	250 000 (+)
Hake	IIIa	1 365 (+)
Hake	IV, VI, VII, VIIIa,b	30 000 (+)
Anchovies	VIII	-
Norway pout	IIIa, IV	540 000 (+)
Blue Whiting	IV, VI, VII, XIV	580 000 (+)
Anglerfish	VI, VII, VIII	21 350 (+)
Megrim	VI, VII, VIII	11 800 (+)
Sandeel	IIIa, IV	571 000 (+)
Sandeel	XIV	-
Sandeel	NAFO 0-1	-
Squid, octopus, cuttlefish	VI, VII, VIII	12 100 (+)
Squid, octopus, cuttlefish	NAFO 3-4	-

+ Precautionary TAC

(1) To protect this stock, fishing for mackerel is forbidden in ICES division VIa North of latitude 56°00' N until 30 April 1980.

SPECIES	ICES DIVISION or NAFO zone	TAC 1980 (in tonnes)
Redfish	V, XIV	-
Redfish	NAFO 0-1	-
Redfish	NAFO 3 Ps	-
Greenland halibut	V, XIV	-
Greenland halibut	NAFO 0-1	-
Halibut	NAFO 0-1, XIV	-
Roundnose grenadier	NAFO 0-1	-
Shrimp	NAFO 0-1: North of 68°00'N	-
	South of 68°00'N	-
Shrimp	French Guyana	3 000
Herring	IIIa North Skagerrak	8 890 (1) (2) (4)
Herring	IIIa South Kattegat	31 110 (3) (4)
Herring	IIIb, c, d : Community zone only	32 000 (1)
Herring	IV, VIId	0 (5)
Herring	VIa, incl. Donegal Bay, excl. Clyde	0 (5)
Herring	VIa Clyde stock (6)	2 000 (1) (+)
Herring	VIIa (7) Mourne stock (8)	0 (5)
Herring	VIIa (7) Manx stock (9)	10 000 (1) (10)
Herring	VIIb, c (Donegal Bay excepted)	7 000 (1) (+)
Herring	VIIe, f	0 (5)
Herring	VIIg-k(11) (Bantry Bay excepted)	0 (12)
Herring	VIIj (Bantry Bay only)	6 000 (1) (+)
Catfish	NAFO 0-1	-
Capelin	NAFO 0-1	-
Capelin	XIV	-
Salmon	III b, c, d	1 473 (+)

(+) precautionary TAC
See footnotes on the following page.

Footnotes of page 3 :

- (1) By-catches of herring landed at the end of each voyage shall not exceed 10 % by weight of the catches of sprats and 5 % by weight of the catches of other species. The by-catches landed will be deducted from the quantities to be allocated to each Member State.
- (2) Fishing for herring is forbidden in the Skagerrak from 1 January to 31 March 1980 and from 1 October to 31 December 1980.
- (3) By-catches of herring landed from the Kattegat at the end of each voyage shall not exceed 15 % by weight of the catches of sprats and 5 % by weight of the catches of other species.
- (4) Trawling and purse seining is prohibited in the Skagerrak from Saturday midnight to Sunday midnight and in the Kattegat from Friday midnight to Sunday midnight.
- (5) By-catches of herring landed at the end of each voyage shall not exceed 10 % by weight of the catches of sprats and 5 % by weight of the catches of other species.
- (6) Maritime area situated to the North East of a line drawn between the Mull of Kintyre and Corsewall Point.
- (7) VIIa is diminished by the area added to the Celtic Sea delimited :
 - to the north by latitude 52°30'N
 - to the south by latitude 52°00'N
 - to the west by the coasts of Ireland
 - to the east by the coast of the U.K.
- (8) Fishing prohibited within 12 miles zone from the base line off the East coast of Ireland and Northern Ireland between 53°00'N and 55°00'N during all year.
- (9) Reference is to herring caught round the Isle of Man and in summer between the Isle of Man and the coast of Northern Ireland, outside the 12 miles.
- (10) Fishing for herring is forbidden in the Irish Sea (ICES division VIIa) throughout all the year within 12 miles of the coasts of England, Scotland and Wales between latitudes 53°20'N and 55°00'N and from 22 September to 16 November 1980 in that part of the Irish Sea (ICES VIIa) north of latitude 53°30'N.
- (11) Augmented 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 U.K.
- (12) By-catches of herring are forbidden in this zone when fishing directly for mackerel and for sprat. By-catches of herring landed from this zone at the end of each voyage must not exceed 5 % by weight of fish of other species.

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Subject: Recommendations made by the Fifth Session of the Commission
under Article X of the Convention.

I refer to the Commission's notification dated 1979 of the recommendations made by the Commission during its Fifth Annual Session and shall hereby notify, in conformity with Article XI, paragraph 2 of the Convention on Fishing and Conservation of the Living Resources in the Baltic Sea and the Belts, that [Denmark] [the Federal Republic of Germany] objects to the recommendations establishing TACs for herring and sprat for 1980.

This objection is made because the establishment of a separate TAC for the fishery zone of [Denmark] [the Federal Republic of Germany] in the Baltic Sea is contrary to [Denmark's] [the Federal Republic of Germany's] obligations as a Member State of the European Economic Community.

I am, however, authorized to inform the Commission that the European Economic Community has decided to limit the total catches in 1980 in waters falling under the sovereignty or jurisdiction of Denmark and of the Federal Republic of Germany to the following quantities :

- for cod	83.200 t
- for herring	32.000 t
- for sprat	4.900 t

The above-cited limits for herring and sprat have been fixed so as to correspond to the sum of the figures foreseen in the Commission's recommendations for Denmark and the Federal Republic of Germany.