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PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

concerning, for certain fish stocks occurring in the Community 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

This proposal for a Council Regulation (EEC) consolidates the proposals for total allowable catches (TACs) in 1981 which the Commission made to the Council in November 1980 (1) together with the subsequent amendments (2). It does not include certain footnotes which the Commission had until now included in the Annex to its proposed TAC Regulation 1981 ; the material in these footnotes is now being dealt with in a separate proposal for a Regulation. Consequently the previous proposals concerned are withdrawn.

This consolidated proposal is being made in circumstances where the agreements with Norway and the Faroes and the framework agreement and the joint management agreement with Canada have not been approved and where no agreement has been reached with Sweden for reciprocal fishing rights nor with Sweden/Norway concerning the Skagerrak. The proposal takes this situation into account by proposing autonomous TACs for stocks in Community waters only West of Greenland at the same level as would have been available to the Community for 1981 if the joint management agreement with Canada had been approved except in the case of West Greenland shrimp where, pursuant to the decision of the Council of 11 February last an autonomous TAC of 30.000 tonnes has been fixed for 1981 ; in the case of Norway and the Faroes the proposal allows for the reciprocal quantities agreed in negotiations with each of them ; in the case of stocks in Skagerrak, Kattegat and Baltic the proposals remain the same as those earlier made to Norway/Sweden and to Sweden respectively.

In view of the implementation in 1980 of the increase to 80 mm of the minimum mesh size in the Hake fishery, the Commission proposes an upward revision of the TAC for Hake in ICES sub-areas IV, VI, VII and division VIIIa,b from 30.000 to 38.630. Of this TAC an amount of 28.130 is reserved to the Community. An amount of 3.000 tonnes is similarly reserved out of the TAC of 32.000 tonnes for anchovies in ICES sub-area VIII.

The amendments which need to be made to the Commission's earlier TAC proposals for 1981 in order to take account of the abovementioned factors have been carried into this consolidated TAC proposal.

(1) COM (80) 722 final of 13.11. 1980

(2) COM (80) 881 final of 16.12.1980 ; COM (81) 16 final of 21.1.1981 ;
COM (81) 47 final of 4.2.1981 ; COM (81) 57 final of 9.2.1981.

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concerning, for certain fish stocks occurring in the Community fishing zone, the fixing of the total allowable catches for 1981 and the shares available to the Community.

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)] ; *)

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°] *)

*) 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	10.400
Cod	IIIb,c,d	120.000 **	86.500 xxx
Cod	IV	190.000	170.850
Cod	VI	10.000 (1)	10.000
Cod	VII except VIIa	9.000 (+)	9.000
Cod	VIIa	5.000	5.000
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	120.000	106.800
Haddock	VI	18.000 (2)	18.000 (2)
Haddock	VII	3.800	3.800
Saithe	IIIa, IV	127.000	67.000
Saithe	VI	27.000	27.000
Saithe	VII	4.880 (+)	4.880
Whiting	IIIa North: Skagerrak	4.650 (+)	3.850
Whiting	IIIa South : Kattegat	17.500 (+)	16.000
Whiting	IIIb,c,d(Community zone only)	3.850 (+)	3.850
Whiting	IV	150.000	134.980
Whiting	VI	14.000	14.000
Whiting	VIIa	8.000	8.000
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	103.980
Plaice	VI	1.680 (+)	1.680
Plaice	VIIa	2.000	2.000
Plaice	VIIb,c	320 (+)	320
Plaice	VII d,e	3.000 (+)	3.000
Plaice	VII f,g	600	600
Plaice	VIII	190 (+)	190

* Not including 1.600 tonnes attributed to Norwegian coastal area.

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

(+) Precautionary TAC

(1) 9.500 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	1.500	1.500
Sole	VII b,c	50 (+)	50
Sole	VII d	1.200 (+)	1.200
Sole	VII e	1.000 (+)	1.000
Sole	VII f,g	1.000	1.000
Sole	VIII	3.070	3.070
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 (+)	311.600
Horse mackerel	IV, VI, VII, VIII	250.000	244.000
Hake	IIIa	1.365 (+)	1.365
Hake	IV, VI, VII, VIII a,b	38.630 (+)	28.130
Anchovies	VIII	32.000 (+)	3.000
Norway pout	IIIa, IV	540.000	490.000
Blue Whiting	IV,VI,VII,XIV, Community zone only	580.000 (+)(x)	458.800
Sandeel	XIV	0	0 (1)
Sandeel	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
Redfish	V, XIV	85.000(+)	42.500
Redfish	NAFO 1	10.000(+)	10.000
Redfish	NAFO 3 Ps	18.000	2.000
Greenland halibut	V, XIV	15.000	14.200
Greenland halibut	NAFO 0-1	20.000 xx	19.250 (1)
Halibut	XIV	200	200 (2)
Halibut	NAFO 1	500	500 (2)
Roundnose grenadier	NAFO 0-1	6.400 xx	6.400 (3)
Shrimp	XIV	8.000	3.800
Shrimp	NAFO 0-1: north of 68°00'N } south of 68°00'N }	30.000 xx	28.400 (4)
Shrimp	French Guyana	(5)	(5)
Herring	IIIa North: Skagerrak	15.300	5.050
Herring	IIIa South: Kattegat	37.700	18.850
Herring	III b,c,d;	31.800 (xx)	27.800
Herring	IVa,c, (Blackwater stock) VII d,e	40.000 (xx)	40.000
Herring	IVb	0	0
Herring	IVc (Blackwater stock) (a)	60	60
Herring	VIa, incl. Donegal Bay, excl. Clyde	0	0
Herring	VIa, Clyde stock (b)	2.000	2.000
Herring	VIIa (c) Mourne stock	0	0
Herring	VIIa (c) Manx stock (d)	6.000	6.000
Herring	VII b,c (Donegal Bay excepted)	7.000 (+)	7.000
Herring	VII f	0	0
Herring	VII g-k, (e) (Bantry Bay excepted)	0	0 (6)
Herring	VII j (Bantry Bay only)	6.000(+)	6.000
Catfish	NAFO 1	6.000	6.000
Capelin	XIV, V	600.000(x)	10.000(x)
Salmon	III b,c,d (Community zone only)	700	695
Salmon	NAFO 1: West of 44° West	-	1.190 (7)

(+) Precautionary TAC
(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) 1.000 tonnes exclusively reserved to coastal fishermen of Greenland.
- (4) 27.000 tonnes exclusively reserved to coastal fishermen of Greenland.
- (5) See Regulation (EEC) N° /80.
- (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, in accordance with the fishing patterns of 1976 and 1977.
 - (a) Maritime region of the Thames estuary between Felixstowe and North Foreland 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.