PROTOCOL OF FISHERIES CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN NORWAY AND THE EUROPEAN UNION, ON BEHALF OF SWEDEN, FOR 2025

5 DECEMBER 2024

Consultations on the Swedish fishery in the Norwegian Economic Zone south of 62° North for 2024, within the framework of the fisheries agreement between Norway and Sweden of 9 December 1976, took place in Oslo from 28 to 31 October, in Madrid from 18 to 21 November, and in Brussels from 3 to 5 December 2024 between a European Union Delegation, on behalf of Sweden, headed by Mr. Thomas BRÉGEON, and a Norwegian Delegation, headed by Ms. Ann Kristin WESTBERG.

1. REPORT ON THE SWEDISH FISHERY IN THE NORWEGIAN ECONOMIC ZONE

- 1.1. The EU Delegation, on behalf of Sweden, reported on the Swedish fishery during 2023 and 2024. It was concluded that the official catch statistics were in conformity with the catch reports submitted by Swedish vessels to the Norwegian fisheries authorities.
- 1.2. The Delegations noted that catches of other species should be kept at a traditional level. To this end, the Norwegian Delegation noted that catches of anglerfish and "other species" had increased from 2017 to 2023. The Norwegian Delegation appreciated that catches of those species, and in particular anglerfish, had decreased considerably in 2024. The Delegations agreed that efforts should be made to keep these catches to reflect a traditional level.
- 1.3. In order to increase transparency, the Delegations agreed to further discuss co-operation in the field of catch statistics. In this context, it was agreed that monthly catch statistics for the preceding month, broken down by species for fisheries regulated under section 2.1 in the Norwegian Economic Zone will be forwarded.

2. QUOTAS AND LICENCES FOR A SWEDISH FISHERY IN THE NORWEGIAN ECONOMIC ZONE FOR 2025

2.1. The Norwegian Delegation informed the EU Delegation, on behalf of Sweden, that the following quotas would be allocated to Sweden in the Norwegian Economic Zone in 2025:

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	Tonnes
Cod	382
Haddock	707
Saithe	880
Pollack and Whiting	190
Herring	863
Mackerel	246^{1}
Shrimps	123
Industrial species,	
of which a maximum of 400 tonnes of horse mackerel	800
Other species:	At a traditional level
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By-catches of cod, saithe, haddock, pollack and whiting shall be counted against the quotas for these species.

2.2. Licences

The Norwegian Delegation informed the EU Delegation, on behalf of Sweden, that the licences for Swedish vessels in 2025 will be issued on the same basis as previously, in line with established practice.

The two Delegations agreed that licences issued for fishing under this arrangement in the Norwegian Economic Zone may only be used by vessels flying the flag of Sweden.

5 December 2024

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¹ May also be fished North of 62°N