AGREED RECORD OF FISHERIES CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE FAROE ISLANDS AND NORWAY ON THE MANAGEMENT OF MACKEREL IN THE NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC

17 June 2024

- A Delegation from the Faroe Islands, headed by Mr Herluf SIGVALDSSON, and a
 Delegation from Norway, headed by Ms Ann Kristin WESTBERG, met in Copenhagen,
 London and Oslo in April and May 2024 to consult on fisheries relations with respect to
 access arrangements for North-East Atlantic mackerel.
- 2. The Delegations recalled the Agreed Record of Fisheries Consultations between the Faroe Islands, Norway and the United Kingdom on the management of mackerel in the North-East Atlantic, signed on 17 June 2024, and noted the consequential reduction in fishing pressure as compared to 2021, 2022 and 2023.
- 3. The Delegations decided to recommend to their respective authorities the arrangements for mackerel as set out in this Agreed Record.

4. ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS

4.1 The Delegations decided that for 2024 Norway would grant the Faroe Islands access to the Norwegian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) to fish 35,491 tonnes of mackerel.

5. CONDITIONS FOR FAROESE VESSELS FISHING IN THE NORWEGIAN EEZ

- 5.1 The number of Faroese vessels permitted to fish mackerel in the Norwegian EEZ at the same time is 12.
- 5.2 Vessels fishing for mackerel south of N 62° may only use purse seine.
- 5.3 If vessels not used directly in fishing operations conducted according to this arrangement are used to transport catches to shore, catches from different vessels are to be kept separate on board the transport vessel.
- 5.4 Vessels conducting fishing operations according to this arrangement, and vessels transporting catches to shore, are both responsible for sending electronic reports according to "forskrift 31. august 2010 nr. 1231 om elektronisk rapportering for utenlandske fiskeog fangstfartøy i Norges økonomiske sone, territorialfarvann, fiskerisonen ved Jan Mayen og fiskerisonen ved Svalbard". "Fiskeriaktivitet" in the electronic catch message (DCA) must contain the code "REL" when catches of mackerel according to this arrangement are transferred to a transport vessel. The transport vessel must report transferred catches, making use of electronic messages containing the transfer code "TRA".

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- 5.5 All mackerel fished in the Norwegian EEZ must be sold through or with consent from the Norwegian Pelagic Sales Organization (Norges Sildesalgslag SA).
- 5.6 In addition to established control areas vessels fishing for mackerel may also use control area INDIA N 64° 10' E 000° 00'.

6. DURATION

- 6.1 The Delegations noted that, unless they mutually decide otherwise, the arrangements set out in this Agreed Record would also apply for 2025 and 2026, with access to Norwegian waters provided at the same relative proportion of the Faroe Islands' national quota after transfers as set out in the Agreed Record of Fisheries Consultations between the Faroe Islands and the United Kingdom on the management of Mackerel in the North-East Atlantic dated 17 June 2024.
- 6.2 The Delegations indicated their intention to continue applying these arrangements after 2026 except where:
 - (i) one of the parties provides at least 12 months' notice to the other of their intention to withdraw from these arrangements, or
 - (ii) the parties mutually decide on different arrangements.
- 6.3 The Delegations noted that the application of these arrangements is subject to the Faroe Islands and Norway not changing their coastal State shares from those laid out in the Agreed Record of Fisheries Consultation between the Faroe Islands, Norway and the United Kingdom on the management of mackerel in the North-East Atlantic, signed on 17 June 2024.

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