

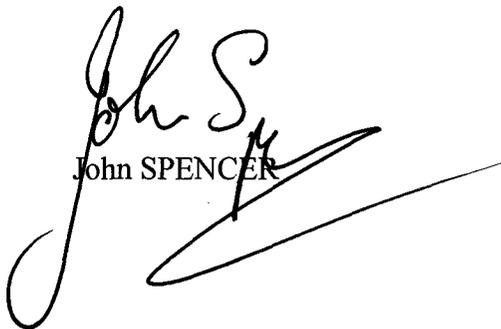
**AGREED RECORD OF CONCLUSIONS OF FISHERIES CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN
THE EUROPEAN UNION AND NORWAY ON THE MANAGEMENT OF
MACKEREL IN THE NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC FOR 2011**

COPENHAGEN, 10 DECEMBER 2010

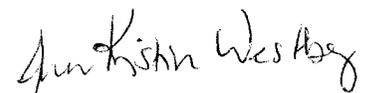
1. A Delegation from the European Union headed by Mr John SPENCER and a Delegation from Norway headed by Mrs Ann Kristin WESTBERG, met in Copenhagen on 10 December 2010 to consult on the management of mackerel in the North-East Atlantic.
2. The Delegations exchanged views on the management of North-East Atlantic mackerel and, in particular, on the Coastal State consultations held between the European Union, the Faroe Islands, Iceland and Norway during 2010. They expressed their disappointment that the Coastal States were unable to conclude these consultations. Furthermore, they considered that the lack of a fully-fledged Coastal State agreement could undermine the status of the stock and stated that all fisheries of North-East Atlantic mackerel should be jointly managed and consequently be covered within a total catch limitation covering all fisheries.
3. In this context, the Delegations recalled the Agreed Record of Conclusions of Fisheries Consultations between the European Union and Norway on the management of mackerel in the North-East Atlantic, signed on 26 January 2010, as well as the Agreed Record of Fisheries Consultations between Norway and the European Union for 2011, signed in Bergen on 4 December 2010.
4. The Delegations agreed to recommend to their respective authorities the arrangements for the management of mackerel in 2011, as set out in Annexes I to III to this Agreed Record.

Copenhagen, 10 December 2010

For the European Union Delegation


John SPENCER

For the Delegation of Norway


Ann Kristin WESTBERG

ARRANGEMENT FOR THE REGULATION OF THE FISHERIES OF MACKEREL IN 2011

1. In accordance with the arrangement on the long-term management of mackerel stock set out in Annex III, the Delegations agreed to recommend the following catch limits for 2011:

European Union	400,813 tonnes
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Norway	183,069 tonnes
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2. In accordance with the Agreed Record of Conclusions of Fisheries Consultations between the European Union and Norway on the management of mackerel in the North-East Atlantic, signed on 26 January 2010, the southern component fishery (ICES Divisions VIIIc and IXa) is fully integrated into the mackerel sharing arrangement for 2011. Consequently, with the integration of the southern component fishery, the Norwegian Delegation informed the EU Delegation that the corresponding quota established by Norway would no longer be established.
3. Each Party may transfer to the following year unutilised quantities of up to 10 % of the quota allocated to it. The quantity transferred shall be in addition to the quota allocated to the Party concerned in the following year. This quantity cannot be transferred further to the quotas for subsequent years.
4. Each Party may authorise fishing by its vessels of up to 10 % beyond the quota allocated. All quantities fished beyond the allocated quota for one year shall be deducted from the Party's quota allocated for the following year.
5. The Parties may fish mackerel within the catch limits laid down in paragraph 1 in their respective zones of fisheries jurisdiction and in international waters.
6. The Delegations agreed that Norway may transfer an unutilised quantity of 14,500 tonnes from 2010 to 2011 and that the European Union may transfer an unutilised quantity of 2,000 tonnes from 2010 to 2011.

The quantities transferred shall be in addition to the quotas allocated to the respective Parties in 2011 and cannot be transferred further to the quotas for subsequent years. Furthermore, they shall be fished in the Parties' own waters, and shall not be counted in respect of any access or transfer arrangements as set out in Annex II of this Agreed Record.



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**ACCESS AND TRANSFER ARRANGEMENTS
FOR THE FISHERIES OF MACKEREL IN 2011**

The following arrangement between the European Union and Norway shall be applied in 2011:

1. The fishery conducted under the access arrangement shall be conducted in accordance with the technical regulations (including opening and closing dates) applicable to the waters of the Party granting the access.
2. The EU and Norway shall have full access to fish their respective shares of the North Sea TAC in the waters of the other Party in ICES Division IVa. The mutual access regime and TAC is set out in Table 1 of this Agreed Record.
3. The EU shall, within the sharing arrangement mentioned under point 2, be allocated an additional fixed component of 1,865 tonnes, which may be fished in ICES Division IVa and IIIa, including the Norwegian Economic Zone of those areas.
4. Norway shall transfer a quota of 14,050 tonnes, equivalent to 10.8 % of the Norwegian catch limit in the Norwegian Sea¹, to the EU for fishing in ICES Divisions IIa and IVa.
5. The EU shall transfer a quota of 14,050 tonnes, identical to the quota specified under point 4, to Norway for fishing in EU waters of ICES Divisions IIa, VIa (north of 56°30'N), VII d, e, f, h and IVa.
6. The following access arrangements shall apply for 2011:

For the EU:

- 6.1. Full access to the Norwegian Economic Zone of ICES Division IVa for the mackerel quotas that the EU authorises to be fished in its own waters of ICES Division IVa.
- 6.2. Access to the Norwegian Economic Zone of ICES Division IIa for a tonnage equivalent to 20% of the tonnage permitted under point 6.1 above. Deducted from this quantity is any catch taken in ICES Division IIa under the reciprocal exchange of quotas mentioned in point 4.

For Norway:

- 6.3. Full access to the EU Zone of ICES Division IVa for mackerel quotas that Norway authorises to be fished in the Norwegian Economic Zone of ICES Division IVa.
 - 6.4. Access to the European Union Zone of ICES Division VIa (north of 56°30'N) for a tonnage equivalent to 20 % of the tonnage permitted in point 6.3 above. Deducted from this quantity is any catch taken in ICES Division VIa under the reciprocal exchange of quotas mentioned in point 5.
7. Licence arrangements shall be agreed upon at a later stage. *akw*

¹ Norwegian Sea TAC – 130,097 tonnes

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**ARRANGEMENTS ON THE LONG-TERM MANAGEMENT
OF THE MACKEREL STOCK**

The Delegations agreed to implement a long-term management plan for the mackerel stock in the North-East Atlantic for 2011 and subsequent years, which is consistent with a precautionary approach and designed to provide for sustainable fisheries and a greater potential yield. The long-term management plan shall consist of the following elements:

1. For the purpose of this long-term management plan, SSB means the estimate according to ICES of the spawning stock biomass at spawning time in the year in which the TAC applies, taking account of the expected catch.
2. When the SSB is above 2,200,000 tonnes, the TAC shall be fixed according to the expected landings, as advised by ICES, on fishing the stock consistent with a fishing mortality rate in the range of 0.20 to 0.22 for appropriate age groups as defined by ICES.
3. When the SSB is lower than 2,200,000 tonnes, the TAC shall be fixed according to the expected landings, as advised by ICES, on fishing the stock at a fishing mortality rate determined by the following:

$$\text{Fishing mortality } F = 0.22 * \text{SSB}/2,200,000$$

4. Notwithstanding paragraph 2, the TAC shall not be changed by more than 20% from one year to the next, including from 2010 to 2011.
5. In the event that the ICES estimate of SSB is less than 1,670,000 tonnes, the Parties shall decide on a TAC which is less than that arising from the application of paragraphs 2 to 4.
6. The Parties may decide on a TAC that is lower than that determined by paragraphs 2 to 4.
7. The Parties shall, as appropriate, review and revise these management measures and strategies on the basis of any new advice provided by ICES.

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TABLE 1

JOINT STOCK QUOTAS IN THE NORTH SEA FOR 2011

Species and ICES Area	TAC	Zonal Attachment		Transfer from Norway to European Union	Transfer from EU to Norway	Quota to Norway		Quota to European Union	
		Norway	European Union			Total	EU Zone ⁽¹⁾	Total	Norwegian Zone ⁽¹⁾
		Tonnes	Tonnes						
Mackerel IV, IIIa	71,957 ⁽²⁾	47,197	24,760 ⁽²⁾	-----	-----	47,197 ⁽³⁾	47,197 ⁽³⁾	24,760 ⁽⁴⁾	24,760 ⁽⁴⁾

- (1) Any part of this allocation not taken may be added to the allocation in the Party's own zone.
- (2) Includes a fixed component of 1,865 tonnes
- (3) May be fished in ICES Division IVa only, except for 3,000 tonnes, which may be fished in ICES Division IIIa.
- (4) Of which no more than 6,000 tonnes may be fished in ICES Divisions IVb, IVc and IIIa.

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