

**AGREED RECORD OF CONCLUSIONS OF FISHERIES CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN  
THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND NORWAY ON THE REGULATION OF  
FISHERIES IN SKAGERRAK AND KATTEGAT FOR 2008**

**BRUSSELS, 26 NOVEMBER 2007**

1. A Community Delegation headed by Mr. Constantin ALEXANDROU and a Norwegian Delegation headed by Ms Ann Kristin WESTBERG met in Brussels from 21 to 26 November 2007 to consult on the regulation of fisheries in Skagerrak and Kattegat in 2008. This meeting was a continuation of a previous meeting held in Bergen.
2. The Heads of Delegations agreed to recommend to their respective authorities the arrangements for the regulation of fisheries in Skagerrak and Kattegat in 2008, outlined in this agreed record including the Annexes.
3. The Delegations reiterated their determination to cooperate, in their mutual interest, in securing continued responsible fisheries and ensuring the long-term conservation and sustainable exploitation of the marine living resources for which they are responsible.
4. **HADDOCK**
  - 4.1. The Delegations noted that the TAC for haddock includes both a directed fishery for haddock and by-catches in the industrial fisheries.
  - 4.2. The Parties shall, during the annual consultations, communicate catch statistics (covering 2007 and preliminary statistics for 2008) specified as catches taken in the directed fishery for haddock and estimates for by-catches in the industrial fisheries.
5. **SHRIMP**
  - 5.1. In respect of the shrimp stock, the Delegations took note of the ACFM advice for 2008 regarding Divisions IIIa and IVa East, and they took as a point of departure a total allowable catch level of 16,600 tonnes.
  - 5.2. Norway informed the Community of its intention to fix within this quantity a quota for shrimp for Division IVa East of 4,980 tonnes.
6. **HERRING**
  - 6.1. The Delegations noted that the herring fisheries in the Skagerrak and Kattegat areas exploited both the North Sea herring and the Baltic spring-spawning

herring. They further noted that the ICES advice for 2008 was that the fisheries on herring in Division IIIa should be managed in accordance with the management advice given on the spring-spawning herring. The Delegations therefore agreed that the TAC should be established in accordance with this advice. However, the Delegations noted that the information from ICES on the total fishing possibilities for herring in ICES division IIIa for 2008 consistent with this advice is unclear and difficult to interpret.

6.2. The Delegations agreed that as an ad hoc measure for 2008, for the quotas established in the Skagerrak and Kattegat areas, Norway can fish 30% of its quota in the North Sea in the Norwegian economic zone.

6.3. The Delegations concluded that the by-catches of herring taken in industrial and sprat fisheries will be limited to 11,470 tonnes in 2008.

6.4. The Delegations also agreed on the continuing need for closer co-operation between their respective scientists in order to promote transparency and mutual understanding of the sampling schemes for catches in industrial fisheries.

## **7. OTHER JOINT STOCKS**

7.1. With a view to considering the possible inclusion of additional stocks such as roundnose grenadier, greater silver smelt, common sole and Norway lobster in the allocation table in Annex I to this Agreed Record, the Delegations agreed to establish an Expert Group in order to review all relevant biological information for these stocks. The Expert Group will base its work on the Terms of Reference as set out in Annex II to this Agreed Record.

## **8. TECHNICAL MEASURES**

8.1. Fishing with beam-trawls for vessels with engines above 221kw is prohibited in an area inside 12 nautical miles from the coast between Hirtshals lighthouse to Hanstholm.

8.2. The Delegations agreed to consider harmonising the technical regulations in Skagerrak with the regulations applicable in the North Sea.

8.3. The Delegations referred to point 12.1 of the Agreed Record of Conclusions of Fisheries Consultations between the European Community and Norway for 2008, and noted that for the purpose of improving the exploitation pattern in the fisheries in the North Sea and Skagerrak, an expert meeting had been held from 4 to 6 June 2007 in Ålesund, Norway. They shared the view that such an expert meeting should be convened on a regular basis, as appropriate. They noted that the expert meetings will also cover technical conservation measures relating to fishing gear for in Skagerrak.

**9. WEIGHING OF PELAGIC LANDINGS**

9.1. The Delegations noted that the issue of the weighing of landings of pelagic vessels has been covered under the Agreed Record of Conclusions of Fisheries Consultations between the European Community and Norway for 2008.

**10. SATELLITE-BASED VESSEL MONITORING AND ELECTRONIC REPORTING SYSTEMS**

10.1. The Delegations agreed that the issue of satellite-based vessel monitoring and electronic reporting systems will be dealt with in the framework of the Agreed Record of Conclusions of Fisheries Consultations between the European Community and Norway for 2008.

**11. QUOTA ARRANGEMENTS**

11.1. The Delegations agreed that the negotiated quota arrangements constitute an ad hoc solution and shall be without prejudice to future fishery arrangements between the Parties.

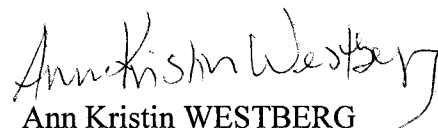
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## ANNEX I

### I. TACS AND ALLOCATIONS

Catches taken, during the period 1 January to 31 December 2008 in the Skagerrak and the Kattegat of the species mentioned below, shall be limited as follows (metric tonnes, fresh round weight):

SPECIES	AREA <sup>(1)</sup>	TAC 2008	ALLOCATION TO NORWAY	ALLOCATION TO EUROPEAN COMMUNITY
COD	S	3,165	102 <sup>(2)</sup>	3,063
HADDOCK <sup>(3)</sup>	S + K	2,856	120	2,736
WHITING	S + K	1,050	19	1,031
PLAICE	S	9,350	187	9,163
MACKEREL	S + K		<sup>(4)</sup>	
SHRIMPS	S	11,620	5,415	6,205
HERRING	S + K	51,673	6,892	44,781
SPRAT	S + K	52,000	3,900	48,100

<sup>(1)</sup> Skagerrak (S): the area defined in Article 1 of the Agreement of 19.12.1966. Skagerrak and Kattegat (S + K): the area defined in Article 1 of the Agreement of 10.12.1966, extended to the southern boundary of Kattegat, and defined as a straight line from Hasenøre to Gnibens spids, from Korshage to Spodsbjerg and from Gilbjerg Hoved to Kullen.

<sup>(2)</sup> This quantity does not include catches to be taken with passive gear inside the Norwegian baselines.

<sup>(3)</sup> The TAC for haddock includes both a directed fishery for haddock and by-catches in the industrial fisheries.

<sup>(4)</sup> A part of Norway's quota in the North Sea may be fished in the Skagerrak by vessels not exceeding 90 feet.

### II. GEAR

The use of trawl and purse-seine for the capture of pelagic species in the Skagerrak shall be prohibited from Saturday midnight to Sunday midnight.

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### **III. SPRAT**

Based on scientific information regarding the prevailing abundance of herring in relation to sprat in the Skagerrak and Kattegat, the Delegations agreed that it would be impractical to apply in 2008 the provisions in the Agreement of 4 May 1982 relating to by-catch and minimum size of herring in a fishery for sprat.

### **IV. CATCH STATISTICS**

The Parties shall communicate to each other, on a monthly basis, catch statistics for fishing by their own vessels for the species referred to in paragraph I.

This monthly information shall be communicated not later than the end of the following month.

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## ANNEX II

### TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR AN EXPERT GROUP ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF FISH STOCKS IN THE SKAGERRAK

The Expert Group is requested to:

1. collate available historical data on the geographical and seasonal distribution of catches by Party of the stocks of roundnose grenadier and other species including greater silver smelt, common sole and Norway lobster in the Skagerrak; and
2. compile and review relevant biological information on the stocks concerned including information on geographical and seasonal distribution of adults and juveniles

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