PROTOCOL OF FISHERIES CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN UNION, ON BEHALF OF SWEDEN, AND NORWAY FOR 2015

CLONAKILTY, 4 DECEMBER 2014

Consultations on the Swedish fishery in the Norwegian Economic Zone south of 62° North for 2015, within the framework of the fisheries agreement between Norway and Sweden of 9 December 1976, took place in Clonakilty on 4 December 2014 between a European Union Delegation, on behalf of Sweden, headed by Mr John SPENCER, and a Norwegian Delegation, headed by Ms Ann Kristin WESTBERG. These consultations were a continuation of previous consultations held in Bergen.

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 2013 and 2014.

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. 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 would be forwarded.

2. QUOTAS AND LICENCES FOR A SWEDISH FISHERY IN THE NORWEGIAN ECONOMIC ZONE FOR 2015

2.1. Quotas

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 2015:

	Tonnes
Cod	382
Haddock	707
Saithe	880
Pollack and Whiting	190
Herring	1,093
Mackerel	312
Shrimps	123
Industrial species,	
of which a maximum of 400 tonnes of horse mackerel	800
Other species:	At a traditional level

By-catches of Cod, Saithe, Haddock, Pollack and Whiting shall be counted against the quotas for these species.

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2.2. Licences

The Norwegian Delegation informed the EU Delegation, on behalf of Sweden, that the licences for Swedish vessels in 2015 would be issued on the same basis as previously, in line with established practice.

Regarding mackerel licences, applications shall be forwarded no later than 31 July 2015 and will be processed and issued before the mackerel fishery is opened in the Norwegian Economic Zone.

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.

Clonakilty, 4 December 2014

For the European Union Delegation, on behalf of Sweden

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