

AGREED RECORD

**OF CONCLUSIONS OF FISHERIES CONSULTATIONS ON THE MANAGEMENT OF THE NORWEGIAN
SPRING-SPAWNING (ATLANTO-SCANDIAN) HERRING STOCK IN THE NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC
FOR 2014**

REYKJAVIK, 28 MARCH 2014

1. A Delegation of Iceland, headed by Mr Kristján Freyr HELGASON, a Delegation of the European Union, headed by Mr John SPENCER, a Delegation of Norway, headed by Ms Sigrun M. HOLST and a Delegation of the Russian Federation, headed by Mr Yuri LEPSEVICH, met in London on 4-6 February 2014 to consult on the management of the Norwegian Spring-Spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring stock for 2014. This meeting was a continuation of previous meetings held in London. The consultations were finalised by correspondence.
2. The Delegations agreed to recommend to their respective authorities the arrangement for the regulation of the Norwegian Spring-Spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring stock in 2014 set out in Annex I to this Agreed Record. Furthermore, they agreed to recommend to their respective authorities the long-term management arrangement set out in Annex II.
3. The Delegations noted that the European Union, the Faroe Islands, Iceland, Norway and the Russian Federation had agreed in 2013 to establish a Working Group to collect and collate information on the distribution of all life stages (egg, larvae, immature and adult) of Norwegian spring-spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring in the North-East Atlantic and Barents Sea, and on the distribution of catches from this stock. The Terms of Reference for the Working Group are set out in Annex III.
4. This Agreed Record, including the bilateral arrangements related to the implementation of this Agreed Record, shall be applied provisionally from the date of signature and enter into force when all Parties have notified each other of the completion of their necessary procedures.
5. The Delegations encouraged the Parties to develop their scientific research activities in order to improve the information available for the assessment and the management of the stock.
6. The Delegations agreed to set aside a quantity of 21,594 tonnes for the Faroe Islands based on the sharing arrangement agreed between the Parties in Oslo 18 January 2007.

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7. The Delegations agreed to request Iceland as host of the consultations, to provide the North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC) with a copy of this Agreed Record and its Annexes.

Reykjavik, 28 March 2014.

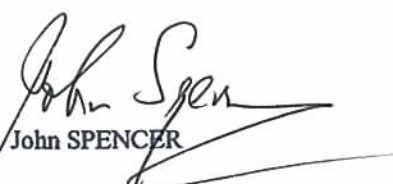
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ANNEX I

1. A TAC (total allowable catch) for the Norwegian Spring-Spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring stock of 418,487 tonnes is established for 2014.

2. In keeping with the above, the Parties will restrict their fishing on the herring stock in 2014 on the basis of the following quotas:

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| European Union | 27,244 tonnes |
| Iceland | 60,722 tonnes |
| Norway | 255,277 tonnes |
| Russian Federation | 53,650 tonnes |

3. Each Party may transfer unutilised quantities of up to 10% of the quota allocated to the Party for 2014 to the quota allocated to that Party for 2015. Such transfer shall be in addition to the quota allocated to the Party concerned for 2015.
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 2014 shall be deducted from the Party's allocation for 2015.
5. The Parties will provide information regarding quotas and catches in the format set out in the Appendix to this Annex. Each Party shall, by 1 May 2014, provide updated information to the Faroe Islands as host of the consultations on management measures for 2015 regarding their total catches in 2013, on any allocation of quotas to other Parties in 2013, and on their total provisional catches in 2014. The Faroe Islands shall forward this information as soon as possible to all Parties to this Arrangement.
6. Further arrangements, including arrangements for access and other conditions for fishing in the respective zones of fisheries jurisdiction of the Parties, are regulated by bilateral arrangements.

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ANNEX II

ARRANGEMENT ON THE LONG-TERM MANAGEMENT OF THE
NORWEGIAN SPRING – SPAWNING (ATLANTO-SCANDIAN) HERRING STOCK

The Parties agreed to implement a long-term management plan for the Norwegian Spring-Spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring stock, which is consistent with a precautionary approach, intended to constrain harvesting within safe biological limits and designed to provide for sustainable fisheries. The plan shall consist of the following:

1. Every effort shall be made to maintain a level Spawning Stock Biomass (SSB) greater than the critical level (B_{lim}) of 2,500,000 tonnes.
2. For 2013 and subsequent years, the Parties agreed to restrict their fishing on the basis of a TAC consistent with a fishing mortality rate of less than 0.125 for appropriate age groups as defined by ICES, unless future scientific advice requires modification of this fishing mortality rate.
3. Should the SSB fall below a reference point of 5,000,000 tonnes (B_{pa}), the fishing mortality rate, referred to under paragraph 2, shall be adapted in the light of scientific estimates of the conditions then prevailing to ensure a safe and rapid recovery of the SSB to a level in excess of 5,000,000 tonnes. The basis for such adaptation should be at least a linear reduction in the fishing mortality rate from 0.125 at B_{pa} (5,000,000 tonnes) to 0.05 at B_{lim} (2,500,000 tonnes).
4. 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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Annex III

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The European Union, the Faroe Islands, Iceland, Norway and the Russian Federation agree to establish a Working Group to collect and collate information on the distribution of all life stages (egg, larvae, immature and adult) of Norwegian spring-spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring in the North-East Atlantic and Barents Sea, and on the distribution of catches from this stock.

The Working Group shall:

1. Present data on the geographical distribution on an annual and quarterly/survey basis of all life stages of Norwegian spring-spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring (biomass and abundance or their appropriate proxies) by age and by relevant areas under national fisheries jurisdiction and in international waters.
2. Tabulate catch data on a monthly basis, both total and divided by country, distributed by areas under national fisheries jurisdiction and beyond as precise as the data allow.

Distributions shall be calculated for each of the years 1995-2013.

The Working Group should compare the information collected and collated with the results of the scientific working report on zonal attachment of Norwegian spring-spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring delivered in 1995.

The Working Group shall meet in London in November 2013.

The final report shall be submitted to the Parties no later than 1 September 2014.

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Reykjavik, 28 March 2014

With reference to the Agreed Record of Conclusion of Fisheries Consultations on the Management of the Norwegian Spring-Spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring stock in the North-East Atlantic for 2014 between the Russian Federation, the European Union, Iceland and Norway of ... March 2014, separate bilateral arrangements on access to the respective zones of fisheries jurisdiction of the Parties have been concluded. As a continuation of this and previous meetings held in London, the parties have agreed to finalize this ad hoc arrangement by e-mail.

The following arrangement between the European Union and Norway will be applied:

Within the framework of the above five party arrangement, the European Union is granted access to fish 24,519 tonnes of herring in areas under Norwegian fisheries jurisdiction north of 62°N.

Norway is granted access to fish 24,519 tonnes of herring in Union waters north of 62°N.

License arrangements are to be agreed upon at a later stage.

For the Delegation of the
European Union


John SPENCER

For the Delegation of Norway


Sigrun M. HOLST

ARRANGEMENT

BETWEEN ICELAND AND NORWAY ON ACCESS TO THE NORWEGIAN ECONOMIC ZONE NORTH OF 62°N, THE FISHERY ZONE AROUND JAN MAYEN AND THE ICELANDIC EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE

In accordance with paragraph 3 of the Agreed Record of Conclusion of Fisheries Consultations on the Management of the Norwegian Spring-Spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring stock in the North-East Atlantic for 2014 between the Russian Federation, the European Union, Iceland and Norway of 4-6 February 2014, separate bilateral arrangements on access to the respective zones of fisheries jurisdiction of the Parties have been concluded. As a continuation of this and previous meetings held in London, the parties have agreed to finalize this ad hoc arrangement by e-mail.

The following arrangement between Iceland and Norway shall apply:

Icelandic fishing vessels are granted access in 2014 to fish 60,722 tonnes of herring in the Fishery Zone around Jan Mayen or in the Norwegian Economic Zone north of 62°N, of which a maximum of 11,299 tonnes of herring may be fished in the Norwegian Economic Zone north of 62°N.

Norwegian fishing vessels are granted access in 2014 to fish 29,425 tonnes of herring in the Icelandic Exclusive Economic Zone.

In the event that Icelandic fishing vessels catch less than 8,370 tonnes of herring in the Norwegian Economic Zone north of 62°N during 2014, Norway will transfer 419 tonnes of its herring quota for 2015 to Iceland.

The Parties will agree upon further provisions on the conditions of the fisheries.

Reykjavik, 28 March 2014

For the Icelandic Delegation


Kristjan Freyr HELGASON

For the Norwegian Delegation


Sigrun M. HOLST

ARRANGEMENT
BETWEEN ICELAND AND THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION
ON ACCESS TO THE ICELANDIC EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE IN 2014

1. With reference to the Agreed Record of Conclusions signed today between the Russian Federation, the European Union, Iceland and Norway on the Management of the Norwegian Spring-Spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring stock in the North-East Atlantic for 2014, the Delegations of Iceland and the Russian Federation have agreed that Russian fishing vessels shall be granted access in 2014 to take up to 1,803 tonnes of herring within the Icelandic Exclusive Economic Zone. As a continuation of this and previous meetings held in London, the parties have agreed to finalize this ad hoc arrangement by e-mail.
2. South of 67°00'N, Russian vessels may not fish for herring west of 11°30'W.
3. The Parties will agree upon further provisions on the conditions of the fisheries.

Reykjavik, 28 March 2014

For the Delegation of Iceland


Kristjan Freyr HELGASON

For the Delegation of the Russian Federation


Yuri LEPSEVICH

Reykjavik, 28 March 2014

With reference to the Agreed Record of Conclusion of Fisheries Consultations on the Management of the Norwegian Spring-Spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring stock in the North-East Atlantic for 2014 between the Russian Federation, the European Union, Iceland and Norway on the Management of the Norwegian Spring-Spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring stock in the North-East Atlantic of 4-6 February 2014, separate bilateral arrangements on access to the respective zones of fisheries jurisdiction of the Parties have been concluded. As a continuation of this and previous meetings held in London, the parties have agreed to finalize this ad hoc arrangement by e-mail.


The following arrangement between Norway and the Russian Federation will be applied:

Within the framework of the above four party arrangement the Russian Federation is granted access to fish 53,650 tonnes of herring in areas under Norwegian fisheries jurisdiction north of 62°N. In addition, the Russian Federation is granted access to areas under Norwegian fisheries jurisdiction north of 62°N to fish unutilized quantities in accordance with Annex I, paragraph 3 in the Agreed Record for 2014. The Russian Federation will, before 1 May 2014, inform Norway about the quantity to be transferred within this framework.

For the Delegation of Norway


Sigrun M. HOLST

For the Delegation of the Russian Federation


Yuri LEPSEVICH

APPENDIX TO ANNEX I

REPORTING OF QUOTAS AND CATCHES OF NORWEGIAN SPRING-SPAWNING (ATLANTIC-SCANDIAN) HERBING STOCK *

| 2010 (FINAL) | | QUOTAS (TONNES) | | | | CATCHES (TONNES) | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|---|-----------------------|-------------|--------------|
| | Coastal states' shares | Balance 2009 | Quota exchange | Quotas after exchange and flexibility | NEAFC Regulatory Area | European Union Waters | Faroese Fishing Zone | Icelandic Exclusive Economic Zone | Norwegian Economic Zone | Fishery Zone around Jan Mayen | Fishery Protection Zone around Svalbard | Russian Economic Zone | TOTAL CATCH | Balance 2011 |
| Party | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| European Union | 90 543 | - 4 448 | - | 92 045 | 928 | 110 | - | - | 60 535 | - | 6 404 | - | 74 277 | 9 654 |
| Farø Islands | 75 523 | - 680 | - 3 600 | 72 343 | 1 450 | - | 4 397 | 3 040 | 65 195 | 650 | - | - | 73 793 | - 360 |
| Iceland | 215 198 | - 9 911 | - | 205 287 | 3 500 | - | 7 701 | 102 420 | 28 002 | 40 | - | - | 291 743 | 3 833 |
| Norway | 804 830 | - 69 257 | - 10 000 | 835 373 | 12 122 | 2 | - | 3 131 | 659 051 | 650 | - | - | 874 938 | - 39 683 |
| Russian Federation | 190 121 | - 3 477 | - 10 000 | 203 598 | 27 484 | - | - | - | 118 035 | 3 631 | 49 037 | - | 164 667 | 4 811 |
| Total | 1 483 003 | - 70 489 | - | 1 408 534 | 48 524 | 112 | 12 093 | 108 591 | 1 135 129 | 4 871 | 69 341 | - | 1 422 848 | - |

* Includes allocation of quota to Greenland and their catches

| 2011 (FINAL) | | QUOTAS (TONNES) | | | | CATCHES (TONNES) | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|---|-----------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Party | Coastal states' shares | Balance 2010 | Quota exchange | Quotas after exchange and flexibility | NEAFC Regulatory Area | European Union Waters | Faroes Fishing Zone | Icelandic Exclusive Economic Zone | Norwegian Economic Zone | Fishery Zone around Jan Mayen | Fishery Protection Zone around Svalbard | Russian Economic Zone | TOTAL CATCH | Balance 2012 |
| European Union | 64 319 | 9 654 | - | 73 973 | - | - | - | - | 55 279 | 1 772 | - | - | 57 051 | 6 432 |
| Faroe Islands | 50 981 | - | 3 000 | 47 981 | 4 692 | - | 38 808 | 415 | 11 457 | - | - | - | 53 270 | 8 449 |
| Iceland | 143 359 | - | 1 453 | 144 812 | - | - | 11 952 | 127 402 | 8 683 | 216 | - | - | 144 033 | 897 |
| Norway | 802 680 | - | 39 583 | 842 263 | 47 314 | 1 | - | - | 523 889 | 638 | - | - | 872 032 | - |
| Russian Federation | 128 681 | - | 4 611 | 133 292 | 20 283 | - | 19 | - | 677 068 | 2 105 | - | - | 144 429 | 1 543 |
| Total | 1 083 000 | - | 21 446 | 1 050 068 | 81 192 | 1 | 48 077 | 127 817 | 677 068 | 4 831 | - | - | 874 825 | - |

| 2012 | | QUOTAS (TONNES) | | | | CATCHES (TONNES) | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|--|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Party | Coastal states' shares | Balance from 2011 | Quota exchange | Quotas after exchange and flexibility | NEAFC Regulatory Area | European Union Waters | Faroese Fishing Zone | Icelandic Exclusive Economic Zone | Norwegian Economic Zone | Fishery Protection Zone around Jan Mayen | Russian Economic Zone | TOTAL CATCH | Balance to 2013 |
| European Union | 64 228 | - 9 432 | - | 60 660 | 18 610 | - | - | - | 30 891 | - | - | 57 407 | 3 153 |
| Faroe Islands | 42 983 | - 5 649 | - 2 350 | 34 984 | 4 911 | - | 28 253 | - | 3 358 | - | - | 34 834 | - 1 860 |
| Iceland | 120 868 | - 897 | - | 122 553 | - | - | 24 231 | 94 302 | - | - | - | 118 533 | 4 020 |
| Norway | 608 130 | - 25 008 | - 10 988 | 471 754 | 4 315 | 0 | 856 | - | 408 187 | - | 19 634 | 491 001 | - 19 287 |
| Russian Federation | 108 791 | - 1 943 | - 10 000 | 118 634 | 18 160 | - | 23 | - | 17 842 | 10 868 | - | 118 634 | - |
| Total | 853 000 | - 22 088 | - 2 350 | 808 665 | 43 002 | 0 | 33 164 | 94 302 | 838 258 | 10 868 | - | 822 509 | - |

| 2013 | | QUOTAS (TONNES) | | | | CATCHES (TONNES) | | | | | | | |
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| Party | Coastal states' shares | Balance from 2012 | Quota exchange | Quotas after exchange and flexibility | NEAFC Regulatory Area | European Union Waters | Faroese Fishing Zone | Icelandic Exclusive Economic Zone | Norwegian Economic Zone | Fishery Protection Zone around Jan Mayen | Russian Economic Zone | TOTAL CATCH | Balance to 2014 |
| European Union | 40 287 | - 3 153 | - | 43 450 | 9 732 | | | | 8 342 | | | 18 074 | 25 378 |
| Faroe Islands* | 105 230 | - 1 860 | - 2 050 | 101 320 | | | 105 032 | | | | | 105 032 | - 3 402 |
| Iceland | 89 817 | - 4 020 | 833 | 84 670 | | | 368 | 25 377 | | | | 25 778 | 62 683 |
| Norway | 377 590 | - 19 287 | 833 | 357 490 | | | | | 130 557 | | | 134 557 | 220 933 |
| Russian Federation | 79 356 | - | - | 79 356 | 2 742 | | 181 | | 8 510 | 18 700 | 16 | 48 784 | 32 402 |
| Total | 692 280 | - 13 644 | - 2 080 | 676 596 | 13 474 | * | 105 811 | 25 377 | 153 499 | 15 590 | 10 | 332 182 | |

* Unilateral quota

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| Coastal states' shares | Quota allocated to the Party |
| Balance | Unilateral/Quota beyond the quota from last year (flexibility) |
| Quota exchange | Quota exchange between countries |
| Quota after exchange and flexibility | New quota |

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