

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

15 December 2025

1. A Delegation from Iceland, headed by Mr. Guðmundur ÞÓRÐARSON, and a Delegation from Norway, headed by Ms. Ann Kristin WESTBERG, met in London in October and November 2025 to consult on fisheries relations concerning access arrangements with respect to the management of North-East Atlantic mackerel.
2. The Delegations recalled the Agreed Record of Fisheries Consultations between the Faroe Islands, Iceland, Norway and the United Kingdom on the management of mackerel in the North-East Atlantic signed 15 December 2025.
3. The Delegations decided to recommend to their respective authorities the arrangements for mackerel as set out in this Agreed Record.

4. Transfer and Access arrangements

- 4.1 The Delegations reiterated that for 2026 and beyond Norway and Iceland would establish their respective quotas based on their net shares set out in the Agreed Record of Fisheries Consultations between the Faroe Islands, Iceland, Norway and the United Kingdom on the management of mackerel in the North-East Atlantic, signed 15 December 2025, and noted that these shares reflect an annual transfer of quota from Iceland to Norway.
- 4.2 The Delegations noted that the respective quota of Norway may be fished in the Norwegian area of fisheries jurisdiction or in international waters, and that the respective quota of Iceland may be fished in the Icelandic area of fisheries jurisdiction or in international waters.
- 4.3 The Delegations consequently decided that for 2026 and beyond, in exchange for the commitments with respect to transfer arrangements set out in paragraph 4.1, Norway would grant Iceland annual access to fish mackerel in the Norwegian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). For 2026, Iceland would be granted access to fish mackerel in the Norwegian EEZ at the level of 60% of its respective quota, based on their net share set out in paragraph 4.4 of the Agreed Record of Fisheries Consultations between the Faroe Islands, Iceland, Norway and the United Kingdom on the management of mackerel in the North-East Atlantic, signed 15 December 2025. The Delegations decided that access would be granted in the same relative proportion in 2027 and beyond.

Conditions for Icelandic vessels fishing in the Norwegian EEZ

- 4.4 The number of vessels flying the flag of Iceland permitted to fish mackerel in the Norwegian EEZ at the same time is 12.
- 4.5 Vessels fishing for mackerel south of N 62⁰ N may only use purse seine.
- 4.6 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.
- 4.7 Vessels conducting fishing operations according to this arrangement, and vessels transporting catches to shore, are both responsible for sending electronic reports according to the regulation "*forskrift 31. august 2010 nr. 1231 om elektronisk rapportering for utenlandske fiske og 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".

- 4.8 When fishing for mackerel in the Norwegian EEZ at least 66 % of the access quota set out in paragraph 4.3 must be sold through or with consent from the Norwegian Pelagic Sales Organization (Norges Sildesalgslag SA). This requirement will come into effect once 34 % of the available access quota is reached. Icelandic vessels may, on a voluntary basis, sell their catch through Pelagic Sales Organization before they have fished 34 % of the available access quota.
- 4.9 Foreign fishing vessels fishing for mackerel in the Norwegian Economic Zone shall present themselves for control as set out in the regulation "*forskrift om fremstilling for kontroll for utenlandske fartøy som driver fiske i Norges økonomiske sone*" adopted 19 July 2005 no 1834.

5. Duration

- 5.1 The Delegations noted that, unless they mutually decide otherwise, the arrangements set out in this Agreed Record would apply throughout 2028.
- 5.2 The Delegations indicated their intention to continue applying these arrangements after 2028, 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.



5.3 The Delegations noted that the application of these arrangements is subject to Iceland and Norway not changing their coastal State shares or net shares from those laid out in the Agreed Record of Fisheries Consultation between the Faroe Islands, Iceland, Norway and the United Kingdom on the management of mackerel in the North-East Atlantic, signed 15 December 2025.

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