

**AGREED RECORD OF CONCLUSIONS OF FISHERIES CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN
THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE FAROE ISLANDS, ICELAND, NORWAY AND THE
RUSSIAN FEDERATION ON THE MANAGEMENT OF NORWEGIAN SPRING
SPAWNING (ATLANTO-SCANDIAN) HERRING IN THE NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC IN
2027**

London, 15.10.2026

1. A delegation from the United Kingdom, headed by James SHARPLES, a delegation from the Faroe Islands, headed by Ingibjörg Tummassardóttir PETERSEN, a delegation from Iceland, headed by Guðmundur ÞÓRDARSON, a delegation from Norway, headed by Elisabeth Norgård GABRIELSEN met at NEAFC in London on 14-15 October 2026 to consult on the management of the Norwegian Spring Spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) Herring stock in the North-East Atlantic in 2027. A delegation from the Russian Federation, headed by Anastasia PODOLYAN, attended the consultations via videoconference.
2. A delegation from the European Union, headed by Pawel SWIDEREK and a delegation from Greenland, headed by Iben FUNCH DØJ attended the meeting.
3. The delegations agreed to follow up with ICES on the request to evaluate a long-term management strategy for Norwegian Spring Spawning Herring in 2027.
4. In accordance with the ICES advice, the delegations agreed that the level of catches of Norwegian Spring-Spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring in North-East Atlantic for 2027 should be no more than 588 004 tonnes. The delegations also agreed that the establishing of unilateral quotas for 2027 does not in any way imply the acceptance of the level of these quotas by any Party.
5. All Parties expressed a genuine willingness to continue addressing the issue of a new quota sharing arrangement and underlined the need to reach such new arrangement in order to achieve comprehensive, sustainable management of the stock.
6. The delegations encouraged the Parties to develop and coordinate their scientific research activities in order to improve the information available for the assessment and the management of this stock.
7. The delegations welcomed the outcomes of the Report of the 2026 Coastal States Working Group on the distribution of Norwegian Spring-Spawning Herring in the North-East Atlantic and the Barents Sea and agreed to update this report in 2027.
8. The delegations exchanged final quota and catch information for 2024 and 2025 as well as preliminary information for 2026 (Annex II). The delegations also exchanged information with regard to their fishing activities, including exchanges and access arrangements (Annex III).

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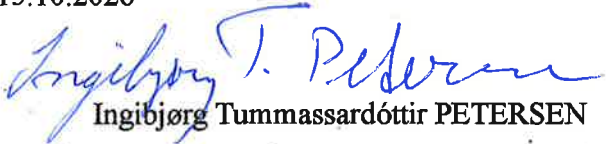


9. The delegations agreed to continue to provide information in the same format as set out in Annex II and Annex III to this Agreed Record. Each Party shall, by 1 May 2027, provide updated information in this regard to the chair of the consultations from April 2027 to March 2028, Iceland, who shall forward this information within 10 working days to all Parties to this Agreed Record.
10. The delegations agreed that the Parties may fish Norwegian Spring-Spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring within their quotas in their respective zones of fisheries jurisdiction and in international waters.
11. The delegations agreed that further arrangements by the Parties, including arrangements for access, quota transfers and other conditions for fishing in their respective zones of fisheries jurisdiction, are regulated by bilateral agreements.

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**LONG-TERM MANAGEMENT
STRATEGY**

**FOR THE NORWEGIAN SPRING
SPAWNING (ATLANTO-SCANDIAN)
HERRING STOCK**

1. The Parties agree to implement a long-term management strategy for the fisheries on the Norwegian Spring Spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) Herring stock, which is consistent with the precautionary approach and the MSY approach, aiming at ensuring harvest rates within safe biological limits.
2. For the purpose of this long-term management strategy, in the following text, "TAC" means the total allowable catch as agreed by Coastal States.
3. As a priority, the long-term management strategy shall ensure with high probability that the size of the stock is maintained above B_{lim} .
4. In the case that the spawning biomass is forecast to be above or equal to $B_{trigger}$ ($=B_{pa}$) on 1 January of the year for which the TAC is to be set, the TAC shall be fixed to a fishing mortality of $F_{mgt}=0.14$.
5. Where the rules in paragraph 4 would lead to a TAC, that deviates by more than 20% below or 25% above the TAC of the preceding year, the Parties shall fix a TAC that is respectively no more than 20% less or 25% more than the TAC of the preceding year. The TAC constraint shall not apply if the spawning biomass at 1 January in the year for which the TAC is to be set is less than $B_{trigger}$.
6. In the case that the spawning biomass (SSB) is forecast to be less than the precautionary biomass ($B_{trigger}$) but above or equal to B_{lim} on 1 January of the year for which the TAC is to be set, the TAC shall be fixed at a level that is consistent with a fishing mortality given by:

$$\text{Target } F = 0.05 + [(SSB - B_{lim}) * (F_{mgt} - 0.05) / (B_{trigger} - B_{lim})]$$

7. In the case that the spawning biomass is forecast to be less than B_{lim} on 1 January of the year for which the TAC is to be set, the TAC will be fixed corresponding to a fishing mortality $F=0.05$.

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8. 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.
9. Each Party may authorise fishing by its vessels of up to 10% beyond the quota allocated. However, this shall not apply if the stock is forecast to be under B_{trigger} at the end of the TAC year. All quantities fished beyond the allocated quota for one year shall be deducted from the Party's quota allocated for the following year.
10. The Parties, on the basis of ICES advice, shall review this long-term management strategy at intervals not exceeding five years. The first such review shall take place no later than 2023, in time for ICES to issue advice for 2024.

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ANNEX II

Reporting of quotas and catches of Norwegian Spring-Spawning herring in the North-East Atlantic 2024-2026

2024					QUOTAS (tonnes)				CATCHES (tonnes)								
Party	Quota established	Balance from 2023	Quota exchange	Quota after transfers and flexibility	NEAFC Regulatory Area	European Union Zone	Faroeese Fishing Zone	Greenland fishing zone	Icelandic Exclusive Economic Zone	Norwegian Economic Zone	Fishery Zone around Jan Mayen	Fishery Protection Zone around Svalbard	Russian Economic Zone	United Kingdom Zone	TOTAL CATCH	Balance to 2025	
Faroe Islands	74 219	27 037	-11 955	89 321	20 366		54		38 157	8					58 585	30 736	
Iceland	60 843	552		61 395	572				61 182	258 475					61 704	-369	
Norway	255 847	-1 656		254 191	556					24 754					259 031	-4 840	
Russian Federation	49 999	1 331	6 435	57 765	19 476		5 559								89 790	7 875	
United Kingdom	7 617	876	-2 000	6 493						5 843					5 843	590	
Total Coastal States	448 525	28 140	-7 569	489 105	40 920		0	0	99 330	289 080	0	0	0	0	484 955	34 152	
European Union	17 773	2 329	2 000	22 102	4 485					15 604				2	20 131	2 032	
Greenland	3 900		5 500	9 400	4 235				836						5 071	4 329	
Total all Parties	470 198	30 469	0	500 667	49 659		5 613	836	99 336	304 714	0	0	1	2	460 155	40 512	
EU's quota after application of the EU-UK TCA, which transferred from the EU quota to the UK for 2024 a total of 2 040 tonnes/0,52 percentage points of EU's share.																	

(*) EU's quota after application of the EU-UK TCA, which transferred from the EU quota to the UK for 2024 a total of 2 040 tonnes/0.32 percentage points of EU's share.

2025	QUOTAS (tonnes)				CATCHES (tonnes)											
Party	Quota established	Balance from 2024	Quota exchange	Quota after transfers and flexibility	NEAFC Regulatory Area	European Union Zone	Faroe Fishing Zone	Greenland fishing zone	Icelandic Exclusive Economic Zone	Norwegian Economic Zone	Fishery Zone around Jan Mayen	Fishery Protection Zone around Svalbard	Russian Economic Zone	United Kingdom Zone	TOTAL CATCH	Balance to 2026
Faroe Islands	40,179	7,422	-10,300	36,901	3,163		933		31,726						35,887	1,014
Iceland	62,679	-188	0	62,491	3,102				61,444	258,729					64,549	-2,035
Norway	257,871	-4,840	0	253,031						36,871	1,857		0		258,729	-5,698
Russian Federation	51,510	5,000	5,800	62,310	6,872		2,432			7,511					48,032	14,278
United Kingdom	7,847	590	0	8,437											7,511	844
Total Coastal States	420,086	7,984	-4,900	423,170	13,137	0	3,420	0	93,180	303,111	1,857	0	0	0	414,705	8,303
European Union	18,310		0	18,310	3,019					0					15,391	15,391
Greenland	25,000		4,900	29,900	1,206		2	0						0	3,619	15,391
Total all Parties	463,396	7,984	0	471,380	17,362	0	3,422	0	93,180	303,111	1,857	0	0	0	413,932	52,466

2026 (Provisional)				QUOTAS (tonnes)				CATCHES (tonnes)								
	Quota established	Balance from 2025	Quota exchange	Quota after transfers and flexibility	NEAFC Regulatory Area	European Union Zone	Faroe Fishing Zone	Greenland fishing zone	Icelandic Exclusive Economic Zone	Norwegian Economic Zone	Fishery Zone around Jan Mayen	Fishery Protection Zone around Svalbard	Russian Economic Zone	United Kingdom Zone	TOTAL CATCH	Balance to 2027
Party																
Faroe Islands	53 391	4 018	-12 514	45 095	664			267		42 484					43 415	1 680
Iceland	83 290	-2 055	0	81 235	1 397				22 174	12					23 983	57 652
Norway	342 666	-5 698	0	336 968						168 083					168 083	168 385
Russian Federation	68 448	5 651	7 414	81 513	5 073					55 050			3		61 126	30 387
United Kingdom	10 427	844	5 595	14 866						14 616					14 616	259
Total Coastal States	558 222	2 760	-4 583	559 677	7 134		0	767	0	281 243	0		3	0	330 823	348 354
The European Union provides data to NEAFC: https://www.neafc.org/catch																
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Greenland	25 000		4 900	29 900	1 275										1 775	23 625
Total all Parties	583 222	2 760	3 595	589 577	8 409	0	767	0	22 174	281 245	0		3	0	332 098	777 476

ANNEX III Reporting of transfers and access arrangements for Norwegian Spring-Spawning herring in the North-East Atlantic in 2026

Transfers in 2026¹

Party	Quotas	Balance from 2025	Total available	Transfer to					
				European Union	Faroe Islands	Iceland	Norway	Russian Federation	United Kingdom
Faroe Islands	53,391	2,927	56,318		---			7,414	4,900
Iceland	83,290	-2,055	81,235			---			
Norway	342,666	-5,698	336,968				---		
Russian Federation	68,448	5,651	74,099					---	
United Kingdom	10,427	844	11,271						---
European Union	24,347	1,831	26,178	---					3,595
Greenland	25,000		25,000						---

¹ Transfers imply full access

Access arrangements in 2026

Party	European Union	Faroe Islands	Iceland	Access to			
				Norway	Russian Federation	United Kingdom	Greenland
Faroe Islands		---	Full access	53,391			
Iceland		Full access	---				
Norway				---			
Russian Federation				68,448	---		
United Kingdom	Full access			20,000		---	
European Union	---			13,500		Full access	
Greenland							---

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