

**AGREED RECORD OF CONCLUSIONS OF FISHERIES CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN
THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND NORWAY ON THE REGULATION OF
FISHERIES IN SKAGERRAK AND KATTEGAT FOR 2006**

BRUSSELS, 2 DECEMBER 2005

1. A Community Delegation headed by Mr. Constantin ALEXANDROU and a Norwegian Delegation headed by Mr. Petter MEIER met in Brussels from 28 November to 2 December 2005 to consult on the regulation of fisheries in Skagerrak and Kattegat in 2006. This meeting was a continuation of previous meetings 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 2006, outlined in this agreed record including the Annex.

HADDOCK

- 3.1 The Delegations noted that the TAC for haddock includes both a directed fishery for haddock and by-catches in the industrial fisheries.
- 3.2. The Parties shall, during the annual consultations, communicate catch statistics (covering 2005 and preliminary statistics for 2006) specified as catches taken in the directed fishery for haddock and estimates for by-catches in the industrial fisheries.

SHRIMP

- 4.1. In respect of the shrimp stock, the Delegations took note of the ACFM advice for 2006 regarding Divisions IIIa and IVa East, and they took as a point of departure a total allowable catch level of 16,000 tonnes.
- 4.2. Norway informed the Community of its intention to fix within this quantity a quota for shrimp for Division IVa East of 4,800 tonnes.

HERRING

- 5.1. 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 2006 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 2006 consistent with this advice is unclear and difficult to interpret.

- 5.2. The Delegations agreed that as an ad hoc measure for 2006, for the quotas established in the Skagerrak and Kattegat areas, Norway can fish 50% of its quota in the North Sea in the Norwegian economic zone.
- 5.3. The Delegations concluded that the by-catches of herring taken in industrial and sprat fisheries will be limited to 20,528 tonnes in 2006.
- 5.4. 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.

ROUNDNOSE GRENADIER

- 6.1. Recalling the recent NEAFC recommendation for conservation and management measures for deep-sea species in the NEAFC Regulatory Area in 2006, the Delegations expressed their concern about the substantial expansion during the last two years of the fishery for Roundnose grenadier in the Norwegian Economic Zone (NEZ) in Skagerrak.
- 6.2. The Norwegian Delegation informed the Community Delegation of its intention in 2006 to introduce management measures in order to redress the fishery in a sustainable and traditional level, and invited the Community to consult on these issues in Norway during January 2006.

TECHNICAL MEASURES

7. 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. The Delegations agreed to consider harmonising the technical regulations in Skagerrak with the regulations applicable in the North Sea. They agreed to meet for consultations on this issue no later than April 2006.

WEIGHING OF PELAGIC LANDINGS

9. 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 2006.

SATELLITE-BASED VESSEL MONITORING AND ELECTRONIC REPORTING SYSTEMS

10. 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 2006.

QUOTA ARRANGEMENTS

11. 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.

Brussels, 2 December 2005

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ANNEX

I. TACs AND ALLOCATIONS

Catches taken, during the period 1 January to 31 December 2006 in the Skagerrak and the Kattegat of the species mentioned below, shall be limited as follows (metric tonnes, fresh round weight):

SPECIES	AREA ⁽¹⁾	TAC 2006	ALLOCATION TO NORWAY	ALLOCATION TO EUROPEAN COMMUNITY
COD	S	3,315	108 ⁽²⁾	3,207
HADDOCK ⁽³⁾	S + K	3,189	134	3,055
WHITING	S + K	1,500	27	1,473
PLAICE	S	7,680	154	7,526
MACKEREL	S + K		⁽⁴⁾	
SHRIMPS	S	11,200	5,219	5,981
HERRING	S + K	81,600	10,883	70,717
SPRAT	S + K	52,000	3,900	48,100

- ⁽¹⁾ 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.
- ⁽²⁾ This quantity does not include catches to be taken with passive gear inside the Norwegian baselines.
- ⁽³⁾ The TAC for haddock includes both a directed fishery for haddock and by-catches in the industrial fisheries.
- ⁽⁴⁾ 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.

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 2006 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.