

PROPOSAL BY DENMARK (IN RESPECT OF THE FAROE ISLANDS AND GREENLAND), THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, NORWAY AND THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION ON A RECOMMENDATION BY THE NORTH EAST ATLANTIC FISHERIES COMMISSION TO ADOPT CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR MACKEREL IN THE NEAFC CONVENTION AREA IN 2008

NEAFC takes note of the Agreed Record of Conclusions of Fisheries Consultations between the European Community the Faroe Islands and Norway on the management of mackerel in the North-East Atlantic for 2008 signed in Oslo 30 October 2007.

NEAFC further notes that by way of the said Agreed Record, the aforementioned Parties as relevant coastal States agreed to recommend the adoption of a total catch limitation of 385,366 tonnes for their mackerel fishery within waters under their national fisheries jurisdiction in 2008. Furthermore, they agreed that a part of this quantity might be fished in areas beyond the fisheries jurisdiction of the Parties.

In conformity with Articles 5 and 6 of the Convention, the Contracting Parties have agreed as follows:

1. An allowable catch of 43,629 tonnes of mackerel is established for 2008 in areas beyond fisheries jurisdiction of the Contracting Parties in ICES Sub-areas and Divisions IIa, V, VI, VII and XII.

2. This allowable catch is established in order to ensure compatibility with the management measures adopted by the relevant coastal states. In this context, the European Community, the Faroe Islands and Norway informed NEAFC that a total catch limitation of 385,366 tonnes has been adopted for their mackerel fishery in 2008, part of which may be fished in the area defined in paragraph 1.

3. The allowable catch for 2008 referred to in paragraph 1 shall be allocated as follows:

Denmark (in respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland)	}	18,814 tonnes
European Community		
Norway		
Iceland		1,309 tonnes
Russian Federation (including the transfer referred to in paragraph 4)		23,506 tonnes

4. The relevant coastal States have agreed to transfer 3,000 tonnes from their joint quota to the Russian Federation and that the level of this transfer will gradually be reduced and phased out no later than 2010.

5. These allocations may also be fished within areas of national jurisdiction of the Contracting Parties.

6. The allowable catch referred to in paragraph 1 shall for subsequent years, according to the general stock development, be established on the basis of the relationship between the TAC set by the relevant coastal States and the allowable catch set for areas beyond the fisheries jurisdiction of Contracting Parties for 2008.

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7. Likewise, the quota allocations referred to in paragraph 3 shall for subsequent years be adjusted according to the general stock development in such a manner that the relative relationship between the quotas allocated is maintained (Joint quota of the relevant coastal states 50%, the Russian Federation 47%, Iceland 3%).

8. The share-out of the joint quota of the relevant coastal States is to be decided between these Parties.