

Recommendation 1:2012

THE NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC FISHERIES COMMISSION AT ITS ANNUAL MEETING IN NOVEMBER 2011 ADOPTED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 5 OF THE CONVENTION ON FUTURE MULTILATERAL COOPERATION IN NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC FISHERIES, A RECOMMENDATION ON CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR BLUE WHITING IN THE NEAFC CONVENTION AREA IN 2012

1. NEAFC takes note of the Agreed Record of Conclusion of Fisheries Consultations between Iceland, the European Union, the Faroe Islands and Norway on the Management of Blue Whiting in the North-East Atlantic in 2012 signed in London, 11 October 2011.

2. NEAFC further notes that by way of the said Agreed Record, the aforementioned Parties agreed to restrict their fishery on the Blue Whiting Stock in 2012 according to a total catch limitation of 359 881 tonnes.

3. The Contracting Parties recommend the following measures:

a. In order to ensure consistency and compatibility with the said Agreed Record, the Contracting Parties hereby establish an allowable catch limitation of 56 851 tonnes of Blue Whiting for 2012 in waters beyond the areas under national fisheries jurisdiction of the Contracting Parties.

b. This allowable catch limitation shall be allocated as follows:

Denmark in respect of:

Faroe Islands	6 658 tonnes (*)
Greenland	2 117 tonnes
European Union	7 917 tonnes (*)
Iceland	4 498 tonnes (*)
Norway	6 658 tonnes (*)
Russian Federation	29 002 tonnes

(*) Catches taken under these allocations shall be deducted from quotas allocated to Parties to the Agreed Record referred to in paragraph 2.

4. At the annual meeting in 2008 the Contracting Parties agreed that the relative shares established under paragraphs 2 and 3 are fixed for the future management of blue whiting in the NEAFC context.

5. The national quotas referred to in Annex I of the Agreed Record referred to in paragraph 2 may be fished in the areas defined in paragraph 3 a.

6. Quotas that are transferred to a Contracting Party to be fished within national waters of another Contracting Party may be fished in the areas defined in paragraph 3 a, subject to agreement between the Contracting Parties concerned.

7. Each Party may transfer unutilised quantities of up to 10% of the quota allocated to it for 2011 to 2012. Such transfer shall be in addition to the quota allocated to the Party concerned for 2012. In the event of over-fishing of the allocated quotas by any Party in 2011, the quantity shall be deducted from the quota allocated in 2012 for the Party or Parties concerned.

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