

Recommendation 3: 2012

THE NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC FISHERIES COMMISSION AT ITS ANNUAL MEETING IN NOVEMBER 2011 ADOPTED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLES 5 AND 6 OF THE CONVENTION ON FUTURE MULTILATERAL COOPERATION IN NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC FISHERIES, A RECOMMENDATION FOR CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR NORWEGIAN SPRING SPAWNING (ATLANTO-SCANDIAN) HERRING IN THE NEAFC CONVENTION AREA IN 2012

1. NEAFC takes note of the Agreed Record of Conclusions of Fisheries Consultations on the management of Norwegian Spring-Spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring between the European Union, the Faroe Islands, Iceland, Norway and the Russian Federation signed in London on 14 October 2011.

2. NEAFC further notes that by way of the said Agreed Record, the aforementioned Parties agreed on an allowable catch (TAC) for the Norwegian Spring-Spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring of 833,000 tonnes in 2012.

3. In accordance with Article 5 of the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the North-East Atlantic Fisheries, the Contracting Parties have agreed to the following measures for the Norwegian Spring-Spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring in 2012:

a. All fisheries conducted in waters of the Convention Area as defined in Article 1 (1) of the Convention, which lie beyond waters under the fisheries jurisdiction of Contracting Parties (the Regulatory Area) shall be within the TAC referred to in paragraph 2,

b. The national quotas referred to Annex I of the said Agreed Record may be fished in the Regulatory Area,

c. Catches taken by a Contracting Party in the Regulatory Area in accordance with the said Agreed Record shall be deducted from the respective quotas allocated to the Contracting Parties representing a Party to the Agreed Record.

d. Only vessels entitled to fly the flag of a NEAFC Contracting Party, having been authorised by its flag state to fish for Norwegian Spring-Spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) Herring in the NEAFC Convention Area in accordance with the said Agreed Record, may take part in the fishery.

4. A Working Group to review the long-term management arrangement for the Norwegian Spring-Spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring stock shall be established. The Working Group shall prepare a report on possible modifications of the management arrangement, taking into

account methods and approaches currently applied by ICES when advising on stock exploitation, and present the report to the Coastal States before 1 June 2012.

The Coastal States shall submit a request to ICES, which will evaluate the consistency of possible modifications of the long-term management arrangement, including notably the maximum sustainable yield for the stock. The results of this analysis shall be presented at the next consultations of the Coastal States on the management of the herring stock for 2013.