Recommendation 3: 2017

Recommendation on Conservation and Management Measures for Norwegian Spring-Spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) Herring in the NEAFC Regulatory Area for 2017

The Commission hereby adopts the following Recommendation pursuant to Article 5 of the Convention:

1. NEAFC notes that, as Coastal States to the management of the Norwegian Spring-Spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring stock, the European Union, the Faroe Islands, Iceland, Norway and the Russian Federation have agreed that the level of total catches of Norwegian spring-spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring in 2017 in the North-East Atlantic should be no more than 646,075 tonnes, corresponding to the long-term management plan adopted by Coastal States in 1999.

2. The Coastal States will establish their individual quotas for 2017 within the framework of the total catch limitation referred to in paragraph 1.

3. The individual Coastal State quotas may be fished within their respective zones of fisheries jurisdiction as well as in the Regulatory Area.

4. Catches taken by Coastal States in the Regulatory Area shall be deducted from the respective individual quotas of those Coastal States.

5. Each Contracting Party shall notify the measures it has taken for 2017 to the Secretary by 1 May 2017. The Secretary shall notify these measures to the other Contracting Parties.

6. Each Contracting Party may transfer unutilised quantities of up to 10% of the quota established by the Party for 2016 to the quota established by that Party for 2017. Such transfer shall be in addition to the quota established by the Party concerned for 2017.

   In the event of overfishing of quotas by any Contracting Party in 2016, the quantity overfished shall be deducted from the quota for that Party or those Parties for 2017.

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   In the event of overfishing of quotas by any Contracting Party in 2017, the quantity overfished shall be deducted from the quota for that Party or those Parties for 2018.

8. Only those 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 Regulatory Area in 2017, may take part in the fishery.

9. These conservation and management measures are taken without prejudice to any future conservation and management measures to be taken for the Norwegian spring-spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring in the North-East Atlantic.