Recommendation on Conservation and Management Measures for Norwegian Spring Spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) Herring in the NEAFC Regulatory Area for 2019

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 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 2019 should be no more than 588,562 tonnes, based on the long-term management strategy and as advised by ICES.


3. Conservation and management measures shall include catch limits.

4. 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 Regulatory Area, may take part in the fishery.

5. Each Contracting Party shall notify the conservation and management measures it has taken to the Secretary by 1 May 2019. The Secretary shall without delay notify these measures to the other Contracting Parties.

6. These conservation and management measures shall be without prejudice to any future conservation and management measures to be taken for Norwegian Spring-Spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring in the North-East Atlantic.