Recommendation I : 2007

RECOMMENDATION BY THE NORTH EAST ATLANTIC FISHERIES COMMISSION AT ITS ANNUAL MEETING IN NOVEMBER 2006 TO ADOPT CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR MACKEREL IN THE NEAFC CONVENTION AREA IN 2007

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 2007 signed in Edinburgh 24 October 2006.

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 422,551 tonnes for their mackerel fishery within waters under their national fisheries jurisdiction in 2007. Furthermore, they agreed that a part of this quantity might be fished in areas beyond the fisheries jurisdiction of the Parties.

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

1. An allowable catch of 47,839 tonnes of mackerel is established for 2007 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 422,551 tonnes has been adopted for their mackerel fishery in 2007, part of which may be fished in the area defined in paragraph 1.

3. The allowable catch for 2007 referred to in paragraph 1 shall be allocated as follows:

   Russian Federation 26,250 tonnes
   Denmark (in respect of Faroe Islands and Greenland)
   European Community 20,152 tonnes
   Norway
   Iceland 1,437 tonnes

4. The relevant coastal States have agreed to transfer 3,766 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 3 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 2007.

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.