

**AGREED RECORD OF FISHERIES CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN
THE UNITED KINGDOM AND NORWAY FOR 2022**

21 DECEMBER 2021

1. A Delegation from the United Kingdom (UK) headed by Mr Colin FAULKNER and a Norwegian Delegation headed by Ms Ann Kristin WESTBERG met in Bergen 2 and 3 November 2021 and virtually over the course of December 2021 to consult on mutual fisheries relations for 2022. These consultations marked the start of a new bilateral fisheries arrangement between Norway and the United Kingdom.
2. The Delegations recalled the Fisheries Framework Agreement between the Parties, signed 30 September 2020. They recalled the principles which underpin their close cooperation as set out in Article 1 of that agreement. They further recalled their close cooperation in 2021 in international fisheries forums, including Regional Fisheries Management Organisations, and looked forward to deepening their dialogue further in 2022.
3. The Delegations referred to the Agreed Record of Fisheries Consultations between United Kingdom, Norway and the European Union signed 10 December 2021 and the ongoing discussions regarding certain arrangements to secure seamless processes in relation to data exchange and reporting, licensing reporting and other practical regulation issues.
4. The Heads of Delegation agreed to recommend to their respective authorities the fishery arrangements for 2022 as outlined in this Agreed Record, including Annex I and Tables 1 to 3.
5. The Delegations agreed to meet in May or June 2022 at the latest to establish an annual intersessional process, to ensure the successful implementation of this Agreed Record and to deepen the strategic relationship between the Parties.

6. EXCHANGE OF FISHING POSSIBILITIES

- 6.1 The Delegations agreed to exchange quotas for a number of stocks, as set out in Tables 1 and 2.

7. ZONAL ACCESS

- 7.1 The Delegations agreed for 2022 to establish mutual zonal access of 30,000 tonnes for all demersal/whitefish stocks in ICES Subarea 4. This will be on the basis that if the relevant Party's vessels are entitled to catch demersal/whitefish stocks in their own Exclusive Economic Zone, then that same entitlement will apply in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the other Party up to the maximum overall limit of 30,000 tonnes.
- 7.2 The Delegations committed to putting in place appropriate safeguards to ensure that these access arrangements do not have detrimental consequences for fish stocks and the wider marine environment. The Delegations noted the importance of suitable and robust monitoring mechanisms to detect and react swiftly to significant changes from historic

fishing patterns and catches as a result of these new arrangements. They further agreed that they will formally review catch data quarterly and, where appropriate, implement amended management measures, for example quota management measures, as soon as practicable. The Delegations also recognised that, given the novelty of these arrangements, joint guidance on their implementation would be beneficial, and agreed to discuss this in early 2022.

- 7.3 The Delegations agreed that vessels from the UK will be granted zonal access of 17,000 tonnes of Norwegian Spring Spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring in Norway's Exclusive Economic Zone North of 62°N and that Norwegian vessels will be granted zonal access of 17,000 tonnes of North Sea herring in the UK's Exclusive Economic Zone in the North Sea (ICES Subarea 4). The Delegations also agreed that, should circumstances allow in 2022, Norwegian levels of access to fish North Sea herring in UK waters could be increased.

8. CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT

- 8.1 The Delegations recalled the longstanding cooperation between the Parties' respective control authorities, which entails both strategic and operational cooperation throughout the entire value chain. These activities are regulated by a bilateral agreement on monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS) between the Parties (Bilateral arrangement for enhanced fisheries co-operation between the United Kingdom and Norway on Monitoring, Control and Surveillance of fisheries signed 12 May 2015).
- 8.2 The Delegations agreed to further develop their existing cooperation in the field of MCS in order to improve compliance with relevant regulations and to secure sustainable management of fisheries and the marine ecosystem in general in the Parties' jurisdictions. The Delegations agreed to review in 2022 their bilateral arrangement on MCS with the aim of improving and designing a bilateral arrangement which would allow for a forward-looking perspective on the development and introduction of new technological solutions and other relevant MCS measures.
- 8.3 The Delegations noted that relevant technical regulations apply to vessels fishing in the waters of the other Party. Furthermore, the Delegations also referred to the Technical Annex to the Agreed Record of Consultations on Fisheries between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Kingdom of Norway (Technical Annex), which sets out the operational guidance and will be published shortly by both Parties on their relevant Government websites.
- 8.4 The Delegations also agreed to establish a permanent and joint Compliance Forum within the framework of their bilateral arrangement on MCS. The Compliance Forum would be tasked to strengthen the bilateral arrangement on MCS and to facilitate joint efforts on relevant issues, such as strategic and operational risk-management (risk-assessment, risk-handling and evaluation) and information-sharing. The Compliance Forum should also identify, study and consider potential harmonised MCS measures. The forum should provide to the Delegations an update on its work including any proposals on harmonised MCS measures well in advance of their bilateral consultations for 2023.

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9. ELECTRONIC DATA EXCHANGE

- 9.1 The Delegations noted that further steps towards introducing ERS and VMS in NEAFC based on the FLUX UN/CEFACT International Standard (Recommendation 19:2019) has been taken at the Annual Meeting of NEAFC in 2020 and agreed that the NEAFC ERS and VMS should be taken into consideration in the further development of new agreements on position reporting, and electronic catch and activity data.
- 9.2 The Delegations noted the steps taken in NEAFC towards introducing ERS and VMS based on the FLUX UN/CEFACT International Standard (Recommendation 19:2019) and agreed that the NEAFC ERS and VMS should be taken into consideration in the further development of new agreements on position reporting, and electronic catch and activity data.
- 9.3 The Delegations agreed to establish a Working Group of Electronic Reporting and Recording Experts in 2022. The Working Group should meet under the Terms of Reference set out in Annex I.
- 9.4 The Delegations highlighted that well-functioning and reliable reporting systems are essential for science, management, control and enforcement of fisheries regulations.

10. NOTIFICATION OF NEW LEGISLATION

- 10.1 The Delegations agreed to communicate to one another in a timely manner the introduction of any new fisheries legislation of relevance to the vessels of the other Party.

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TABLE 1

QUOTAS TO THE UK OF NORWEGIAN EXCLUSIVE STOCKS FOR 2022

STOCKS	ICES AREA	QUANTITY (TONNES)
Arcto-Norwegian cod	1; 2	500
Miscellaneous species ¹	1; 2	70

¹ Bycatch in the fishery targeting cod

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TABLE 2

EXCHANGE OF OTHER STOCKS FOR 2022

SPECIES	ICES AREA	STOCKS IN UK WATERS FOR TRANSFER TO NORWAY (TONNES)	STOCKS IN NORWEGIAN WATERS FOR TRANSFER TO THE UK (TONNES)
Cod	NAFO 3M	187	
Cod ²	6	15	
Greenland Halibut ³	2a, 4, 5b, 6	600	
Ling ³	6	1200	
Tusk ³	6	650	
Greater forkbeard ²	6	150	
Blue ling ²	6	60	
Anglerfish	4		600
Blue ling	4		25
Hake	4		600
Whiting	4		500

² Bycatch only

³ Long-line only in ICES Subarea 6

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TABLE 3

ZONAL ACCESS FOR NORTH SEA AUTUMN SPAWNING HERRING AND NORWEGIAN SPRING SPAWNING HERRING

SPECIES	ICES AREA	ACCESS FOR UK VESSELS IN NORWEGIAN EEZ	ACCESS FOR NORWEGIAN VESSELS IN UK EEZ
North Sea Autumn Spawning Herring	4		17,000
Norwegian Spring Spawning Herring	Norway's Exclusive Economic Zone North of 62°N	17,000	

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**TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR A WORKING GROUP ON
ELECTRONIC REPORTING AND RECORDING EXPERTS FOR 2022**

The Delegations agreed that the Working Group on Electronic Reporting should meet before 31 May 2022 under the Terms of Reference described below. After that the Working Group should meet as appropriate.

The Working Group will:

- 1) Revise the arrangements on ERS set down in the Technical Annex, with a view to:
 - a) Establishing technical procedures and specifications taking into account the use of the UN/FLUX standards, based on the arrangements of the new NEAFC ERS.
 - b) Identifying additional reporting needs, outstanding issues and elements that can improve performance of the current system for electronic exchange of catch and activity data (ERS) between the United Kingdom and Norway to be implemented in the new ERS system based on UN/FLUX standards, including automatic forwarding of return messages from the coastal State to the vessel, to secure satisfactory exchange and increased quality of catch and activity data.
 - c) Establishing technical procedures and specifications to implement the possibility to pull data covering fishing activities before entering and after exiting the economic zone of the other Party, to be implemented in the new ERS system based on UN/FLUX standards.
- 2) Review the arrangements on VMS set down in the Technical Annex.
- 3) The Working Group should submit its report to the Parties well in advance of the annual consultations for 2022.

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