

AGREED RECORD OF CONCLUSIONS OF CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN UNION AND NORWAY ON A LICENSE ARRANGEMENT RELATING TO VESSELS FISHING FOR NORWEGIAN SPRING SPAWNING HERRING (ATLANTO-SCANDIAN HERRING) IN 2012

BERGEN, 2 DECEMBER 2011

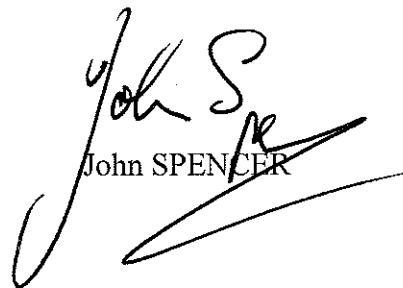
1. Following the agreed records of Conclusions of Fisheries Consultations on the management of the Norwegian Spring-Spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring stock in the North-East Atlantic for 2012, signed in London 14 October 2011, a Norwegian delegation headed by Mr Snorri PALMASON and a European Union Delegation headed by Mr John SPENCER met in Bergen on 2 December 2011 to consult on a licence arrangement for vessels fishing for this stock in 2012.
2. The heads of delegations agreed to recommend to their respective authorities the arrangement for 2012 outlined in the Annex to this Agreed record.

Bergen, 2 December 2011

For the Norwegian Delegation


Snorri PALMASON

For the European Union Delegation


John SPENCER

ANNEX

The European Union will, upon request from the Norwegian fisheries authorities, issue a maximum of 20 licences to Norwegian vessels for fishing of Norwegian spring-spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring in European Union fishing waters north of 62°N.

The Norwegian fisheries authorities will, upon request from the European Union, issue a maximum of 77 licenses to European Union vessels for fishing of Norwegian spring-spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring in the Norwegian Economic Zone north of 62°N as well as in the fishery zone around Jan Mayen. The European Union will ensure that no more than 57 vessels will be present simultaneously in these waters.

The Parties acknowledged that the number of licenses for 2012 is an ad hoc arrangement without prejudice to any future arrangement and that the number of licences may be adjusted on the basis of calculated catch effort needed to enable the party to fish the allocated quota.

As the number of licenses for 2012 is the same as for 2011, vessels which were authorized to fish on 31 December 2011, may continue their activities in 2012.

Upon request from the other Party, and within the limit of the agreed maximum number of licences, licences in respect of particular vessels may be withdrawn at any time and be replaced by licences for alternative vessels. Such adjustments will be processed expeditiously and issued without unnecessary delay.

Either Party may request consultations on the operations of this arrangement with the view to, *inter alia*, adjusting the numbers of licences granted for European Union vessels in the Norwegian Economic Zone north of 62°N for the rest of the year if the circumstances so warrant, and taking due regard to the remaining quota available.

