

**AGREED RECORD OF FISHERIES CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN
THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE FAROE ISLANDS FOR 2014
LONDON, 13 MARCH 2014**

1. A Delegation of the European Union, headed by Mr John SPENCER and a Delegation of the Faroe Islands, headed by Mr Herluf SIGVALDSSON, met in London on 13 March 2014 for consultations on mutual fisheries relations in 2014. A list of participants is attached as Annex 3.
2. In conformity with the Agreement on fisheries between the European Community, of the one part, and the Government of Denmark and the Home Government of the Faroe Islands, of the other part, the Delegations agreed to recommend to their respective authorities that the allocations for 2014 set out in Annex 1 should be made to vessels of either Party fishing in the waters of the other Party.
3. The Delegations agreed that a further technical meeting would be held in the Faroe Islands between the Parties during 2014 with a view to clarifying issues of mutual interest, which are not covered in detail in this Agreed Record.

Mackerel

- 4.1 The Delegations welcomed the results of the consultations, which were concluded in London on 12 March 2014, and which resulted in a Coastal State agreement on a mackerel arrangement between the European Union, the Faroe Islands and Norway for the period 2014 to 2018.
- 4.2 The Delegations agreed to grant reciprocal access for 2014 to one another's waters, as follows:
 - The European Union is granted access to fish 46,850 tonnes of its 2014 catch limit in Faroese waters.
 - The Faroe Islands are granted access to fish 46,850 tonnes of their 2014 catch limit in EU waters of ICES Sub-area VIa north of 56°30'N¹.

Blue whiting

- 5.1 As the major shareholders, the Delegations noted the improved status of the stock and agreed to grant reciprocal access for 2014 to one another's waters, as set out below, in addition to the quotas exchanged under this Agreed Record and set out in Annex 1.
 - The European Union is granted access to fish 25,000 tonnes of its catch limit in Faroese waters.
 - The Faroe Islands is granted access to fish 25,000 tonnes of its catch limit in EU waters of ICES Sub-areas II, V, VIa², VIb and VI³ and ICES division IVa⁴.

¹ May be fished in ICES Divisions IIa, IVa North of 59° N (EU Zone) from 1 January to 15 February and from 1 October to 31 December

² North of 56°30'N

³ West of 12°W



Licensing and permitted fishing vessels

- 6.1 The Delegations agreed that the "Agreed Record of Conclusions of Licence Arrangements between the European Community and the Faroe Islands for 2008" signed at Brussels on 5 December 2007, shall remain valid for 2014.
- 6.2 However, in view of the absence in fisheries relations between the Union and the Faroe Islands since 2010, the Delegations agreed that the Parties would exchange information on the lists of vessels authorised to fish in each other's waters during 2014. The Delegations agreed that both Parties would ensure that measures are in place to confirm to vessels, on entering the other Party's waters, whether or not they are included in the list of vessels that are permitted to fish.
- 6.3 The Delegations agreed to inform each other of the contact details for licences.

Catch statistics

- 7.1 The Delegations agreed that each Party shall supply the other Party with monthly and, in the case of mackerel and blue whiting, weekly catch statistics of fishing by its vessels in the other Party's zone. These statistics shall be supplied to the respective Parties by the 15th of the month for the previous month's catches.
 - 7.3 The Delegations agreed to inform each other of the contact details for correspondence on catch statistics.
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Vessel Monitoring System

8. The Delegations noted that an agreement between the Parties had been concluded on 21 April 2005 on Satellite Based Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) and that this agreement shall continue to be applied during 2014.

Electronic reporting system

9. The Delegations agreed that it would be necessary to establish an electronic reporting system during 2014 and that this issue would be referred to the technical meeting referred to in paragraph 3 of this Agreed Record.

Control of blue whiting and mackerel fisheries in European Union waters

10. The European Union Delegation informed the Faroese Delegation that in order to maintain an effective control of the blue whiting and mackerel fisheries in European Union waters, the provisions on control as set out in Annex 2 would be applied in 2014.

Special Area between the United Kingdom and the Faroe Islands

11. The Delegations took note of the relevant provisions of the Agreement signed 18 May 1999 between the Government of Denmark together with the Home Government of the Faroe Islands, on the one hand, and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, on the other hand, relating to the Maritime Delimitation in the area between the Faroe Islands and the United Kingdom.

⁴ The catches in ICES Division IVa, in respect of this arrangement, shall be limited to no more than 25% of the total access quantity

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Regarding third-party vessels licensed by both Parties to operate in the Special Area defined in the Agreement the Delegations agreed to implement the following system regarding reporting in the Special Area:

The Parties shall exchange information on licences given to third country vessels that will operate in the Special Area.

If both Parties have issued licences to a third country vessel, all relevant vessel information (registration number etc.) shall be submitted to the control authorities of both Parties.

If a third country vessel has obtained a licence from both Parties, the vessel shall report its total catches in the Special Area to both Parties. The catches shall be deducted from the quotas allocated by each Party, divided equally between them. If the quota allocated by one Party is exhausted, the catches shall be deducted from the quota allocated by the other Party.

A specific hail in and hail out system for the Special Area shall be introduced.

Catches taken in the Special Area shall be specified in the logbook.

Third country vessels shall be subject to VMS control by the Party issuing the licence(s). This VMS information shall be exchanged between the Parties.

The Parties agree to establish close collaboration between their relevant control and inspection authorities with a view to an efficient monitoring of the fishing activities in the Special Area.

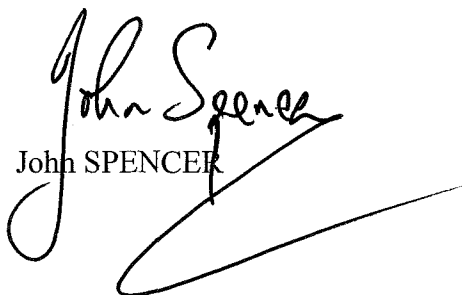
The Parties agreed that it would be desirable that inspection vessels be present in the Special Area during certain periods of intensive fishing activities (e.g. during blue whiting migration through the area).

If a vessel is licensed by both Parties, each Party shall enforce its own technical measures.

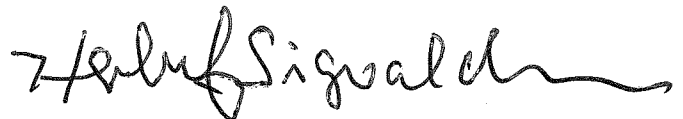
12. The Delegations agreed that fishing activities under this Agreed Record could start on 1 April 2014.

London, 13 March 2014

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QUOTAS FOR 2014

1. Each Party shall open the catch quotas indicated hereunder for the other Party in its fishery zone:

1.1. Quotas for European Union vessels fishing in the Faroese zone in 2014

SPECIES	ICES-DIVISION	QUANTITY (TONNES)
Cod and Haddock	Vb	950
Saithe	Vb	3,000
Redfish	Vb	1,300
Blue Ling and Ling	Vb	1,500 ⁽¹⁾
Flatfish	Vb	300
Blue Whiting	Faroese waters	2,000
Other Species	Vb	800 ⁽²⁾

- (1) By-catch of maximum of 500 tonnes of roundnose grenadier and black scabbard to be counted against this quota.
- (2) Excluding fish species of no commercial value

1.2. Quotas for Faroese vessels fishing in the European Union zone in 2014

SPECIES	FISHING AREAS (ICES OR NAFO)	QUANTITY (TONNES)
Ling and Tusk	VIa ⁽¹⁾ , VIb	200 ⁽²⁾
Blue Ling	VIa ⁽¹⁾ , VIb	150 ⁽³⁾
Horse Mackerel	IVa, VIa ⁽¹⁾ , VIIe, f, h	1,700
Norway pout	IV	7,000 ^{(8) (9)}
Blue Whiting	II, V, VIa ⁽¹⁾ , VIb and VII ⁽⁴⁾ and IVa ⁽⁷⁾	15,000 ⁽⁵⁾
Other White Fish (by-catches only)	IV, VIa ⁽¹⁾	150
Herring	IIIa N (Skagerrak) ⁽⁶⁾	600

(1) North of 56°30'N.

(2) Of which an incidental catch of other species of 20% per ship, at any given time, is authorised in ICES Divisions VIa and b. However, this percentage may be exceeded in the first 24 hours following the beginning of the fishing on a specific ground. The total incidental catch of other species in Divisions VIa and b may not exceed 75 tonnes.

(3) By-catches of roundnose grenadier and black scabbard to be counted against this quota.

(4) West of 12°00'W.

(5) Catches of blue whiting may include unavoidable by-catches of argentine.

(6) Limited in the West by a line drawn from the lighthouse of Hanstholm to the lighthouse of Lindesnes and in the South by a line drawn from the lighthouse of Skagen to the lighthouse of Tistlarna and from there to the nearest coast of Sweden.

(7) The catches in ICES Division IVa shall be limited to no more than 25% of the quota

(8) Includes 15% unavoidable by-catches to be counted against this quota

(9) Use of a sorting grid is obligatory

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1.3. Quotas for Faroese vessels fishing in Greenland waters in 2014

SPECIES	FISHING AREAS (ICES OR NAFO)	QUANTITY (TONNES)
Northern deep -water Prawns (<i>Pandalus borealis</i>)	ICES XIV/V	1,300
Greenland Halibut	ICES XIV/V	110
Redfish	ICES XIV/V	250

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Part I**Conditions for Faroese vessels intending to fish for blue whiting in European Union waters:**

The following provisions shall apply to Faroese vessels intending to fish for blue whiting in European Union waters:

- a) Vessels that already have catch on board may only commence their fishing trip after having received authorisation from the competent authority of the coastal Member State concerned. Such vessels shall only enter European Union waters after passing through one of the following control areas:
- A. ICES rectangle 48 E2 in Division VIa;
 - B. ICES rectangle 50 F1 in Division IVa;
 - C. ICES rectangle 46 F1 in Division IVa;
 - D. ICES rectangle 36 D4 in VIIc;
 - E. ICES rectangle 37 D4 in VIIc.
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Upon entering European Union waters, the master of the vessel shall contact the Fisheries Monitoring Centre of the coastal Member State concerned, as follows:

- (i) UK (Edinburgh) by e-mail at the following address: ukfcc@scotland.gsi.gov.uk or by telephone (+44 131 271 9700) at least four hours prior to entering one of the control areas A, B or C, or
- (ii) Ireland (Haulbowline) by e-mail at the following address: fmcireland@defenceforces.ie or by telephone (+353 21 4378752) at least 12 hours prior to entering one of the control areas D or E.

The notification shall specify the name, international radio call sign and port letters and number (PLN) of the vessel, the total quantity by species on board and the position (longitude/latitude) where the master estimates that the vessel will enter European Union waters as well as the area where he intends to commence fishing. The vessel shall not commence fishing until it has received acknowledgement of the notification and instructions on whether or not the master is required to present the vessel for inspection. Each acknowledgement shall have a unique authorisation number which the master shall retain until the fishing trip is terminated.

Notwithstanding any inspections that may be carried out at sea the competent authorities may in duly justified circumstances require a master to present his vessel for inspection in waters of Blacksod Bay or in the ports of Killybegs, Lerwick or Scrabster.

- b) Vessels that enter European Union waters with no catch on board shall be exempt from the requirements laid down in point (a).



- c) The fishing trip shall be considered as being terminated when the vessel leaves EC waters or enters a European Union port where its catch is fully discharged.

Vessels shall only leave European Union waters after passing through one of the following control routes:

- A. ICES rectangle 48 E2 in zone VIa;
- B. ICES rectangle 46 E6 in zone IVa;
- C. ICES rectangles 48 E8, 49 E8 or 50 E8 in zone IVa.

The master of the vessel shall give at least four hours' prior notification of entering one of the afore mentioned control routes to the Fisheries Monitoring Centre in Edinburgh by e-mail or telephone as provided for in point (a). The notification shall specify the name, international radio call sign and port letters and number (PLN) of the vessel, the total quantity by species on board and the control route through which the vessel intends to pass.

The vessel shall not leave the area within the control route until it has received acknowledgement of the notification and instructions on whether or not the master is required to present the vessel for inspection. Each acknowledgement shall have a unique authorisation number, which the master shall retain until the vessel leaves European Union waters.

Notwithstanding any inspections that may be carried out at sea the competent authorities may in duly justified circumstances require a master to present his vessel for inspection in the ports of Lerwick or Scrabster.

- d) Vessels that transit through European Union waters must stow their nets so that they may not readily be used in accordance with the following conditions:
- (i) Nets, weights and similar gear shall be disconnected from their trawl boards and towing and hauling wires and ropes; and
 - (ii) Nets, which are on or above deck, shall be securely lashed to some part of the superstructure.

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Part II

Conditions for Faroese vessels intending to fish mackerel in European Union waters

The following provisions shall apply to Faroese vessels intending to fish for mackerel in EC waters:

- a) Vessels may only commence their fishing trip after having received authorisation from the competent authority of the coastal Member State concerned. Such vessels shall only enter European Union waters after passing through one of the following control areas:

ICES rectangle 48 E2 in Division VIa;

ICES rectangle 50 F1 in Division IVa;

ICES rectangle 46 F1 in Division IVa;

ICES rectangle 53 F0 in Division IIa.

At least four hours prior to entering one of the control areas, upon entering European Union waters, the master of the vessel shall contact the UK Fisheries Monitoring Centre (Edinburgh) by e-mail at the following address: ukfcc@scotland.gsi.gov.uk or by telephone (+44 131 271 9700).

The notification shall specify the name, international radio call sign and port letters and number (PLN) of the vessel, the total quantity by species on board and the control area through which the vessel will enter EC waters. The vessel shall not commence fishing until it has received acknowledgement of the notification and instructions on whether or not the master is required to present the vessel for inspection. Each acknowledgement shall have a unique authorisation number which the master shall retain until the fishing trip is terminated.

- b) Vessels that enter European Union waters with no catch on board shall be exempt from the requirements laid down in paragraph a).
- c) The fishing trip shall be considered as being terminated when the vessel leaves EC waters or enters a European Union port where its catch is fully discharged.

Vessels shall only leave the European Union waters after passing through one of the control areas.

Upon leaving European Union waters, the master of the vessel shall give at least two hours prior notification of entering one of the control areas, to the Fisheries Monitoring Centre in Edinburgh by e-mail or telephone as provided for in paragraph a).

The notification shall specify the name, international radio call sign and port letters and number (PLN) of the vessel, the total quantity by species on board and the control area through which the vessel intends to pass. The vessel shall not leave the control area until it has received acknowledgement of the notification and instructions on whether or not the master is required to present the vessel for inspection. Each acknowledgement shall have a unique authorisation number, which the master shall retain until the vessel leaves the European Union waters.

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