

**Annex 2: On the Commission Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2010 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Community waters and, for Community vessels, in waters where catch limitations are required**

The table below sets out the recommendations from FISH and SAR on fishing opportunities for 2010 for certain species. It is based on a table summarizing the Commission advice on fishing opportunities<sup>1</sup> and the ICES advice. The table is limited to ten species, which we consider being of particular concern, either due to their particularly difficult status (for example anchovy and cod) and/or due to the fact that the Commission advice differs significantly from the ICES advice (for example cod, hake and haddock). The FISH and SAR recommendations in the right-hand column are based on the key principles that the setting of fishing possibilities should follow scientific advice and be in line with management plans which are compatible with the precautionary approach, where available.

Stocks/Area	ICES advice for 2010	TAC 2009 (tonnes)	COM TAC proposal for 2010 (tonnes)	Difference with ICES advice	FISH and SAR recommendations
<b>Anchovy</b> (IX, X, CECAF 34.1.1)	Catches restricted to 4,800 tonnes	8,000	6,800	+42%	Max 4,800 tonnes
<b>Anchovy</b> (VIII)	Closure of fishery	0	0	0 %	Maintain closure of fishery
<b>Anglerfish</b> (IIa (EC), NS (EC))	No effort increase (IIa, IIIa, IV, VI) <sup>2</sup>	11,345	11,345	0 %	Follow COM proposal of 11,345 tonnes
<b>Anglerfish</b> (Vb (EC), VI, XII, XIV)	No effort increase (IIa, IIIa, IV, VI) <sup>2</sup>	5,567	5,567	0 %	Follow COM proposal of 5,567 tonnes

<sup>1</sup>[http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/press\\_corner/press\\_releases/2009/com09\\_54\\_table\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/press_corner/press_releases/2009/com09_54_table_en.pdf)

<sup>2</sup>The discrepancies between areas and advice are due to differences between the structure of the ICES advice and the Commission proposal.

Stocks/Area	ICES advice for 2010	TAC 2009 (tonnes)	COM TAC proposal for 2010 (tonnes)	Difference with ICES advice	FISH and SAR recommendations
<b>Anglerfish</b> (VIIIc, IXa, X, CECAF 34.1.1)	Zero catch or develop a management plan (VIIIc, IXa) <sup>3</sup>	1,760	1,320	∞	Zero catch
<b>Anglerfish</b> (VII)	No effort increase (VIIb–k, VIIIa, VIIIb, VIIIc) <sup>3</sup>	28,080	32,292	+ 15%	Max 28,080 tonnes
<b>Anglerfish</b> (VIIIa, b, d, e)	No effort increase (VIIb–k, VIIIa, VIIIb, VIIIc) <sup>3</sup>	7,920	9,108	+ 15%	Max 7,900 tonnes
<b>Cod</b> (IIa (EC), North Sea (EC))	Max landings 40,300t incl. VIId, Norwegian zone and Skagerrak (follow LTMP)	28,798 (EC share: 23,902)	Management plan 33,552t (EC)	–	Follow Commission proposal (apply management plan)
<b>Cod – Kattegat</b> (IIIa)	Zero catch	505	379	∞	Zero catch
<b>Cod – Skagerrak</b> (IIIa)	See Cod in IIa (EC), North Sea (EC)	3,165 <sup>4</sup>	Management plan	–	Follow COM proposal (apply management plan)
<b>Cod</b> (VIa, Vb)	Zero catch	240	180	∞	Zero catch

<sup>3</sup>The discrepancies between areas and advice are due to differences between the structure of the ICES advice and the Commission proposal.

<sup>4</sup>The Commission has proposed separate TACs for Skagerrak and the Eastern Channel, while ICES advice includes these two areas in the advice for the North Sea, making the two more difficult to compare.

Stocks/Area	ICES advice for 2010	TAC 2009 (tonnes)	COM TAC proposal for 2010 (tonnes)	Difference with ICES advice	FISH and SAR recommendations
<b>Cod – Irish Sea</b> (VIIa)	Zero catch	899	674	∞	Zero catch
<b>Cod</b> (VIIb, e-k, VIII, IX, X, CECAF 34.1.1. (EC))	Substantial reduction	4,023	3,017	–	Follow COM proposal
<b>Cod</b> (VIIId)	Apply management plan (65% of F2008)	1,678 <sup>4</sup>	Management plan	0%	Follow COM proposal: apply Management Plan
<b>Haddock – North Sea</b> (IIa – EC waters, IV)	Apply management plan	42,110	Management plan	0%	Follow COM proposal: apply Management Plan; max 36,366 tonnes
<b>Haddock – Faroe Islands &amp; West Scotland</b> (Vb, VIa)	Stop fishing and develop recovery plan	3,516	1,600	∞	Close fishery and develop recovery plan
<b>Ling</b> (EC + international waters of VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XII, XIV)	10,000 tonnes (including Norway)	16,664	14,164	–	Max 10,000 tonnes in total
<b>Ling</b> (IIIa, EC waters of IIIb, IIIc, IIId)	<i>(included in the advice above)</i>	100	85	–	
<b>Ling</b> (IV: Norwegian waters)	<i>(included in the advice above)</i>	NR	Management plan	–	
<b>Ling</b> (IV: EC waters)	<i>(included in the advice above)</i>	2,856	2,428	–	
<b>Ling</b> (V: EC + international waters)	7,500 tonnes (Va) + no effort increase (Vb)	34	34	–	Max 7,500 tonnes in Va and no increase in effort in Vb

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<b>Ling</b> (I, II (EC waters))	6,000 tonnes	45	38	–	Max 6,000 tonnes, including Norway
<b>Plaice – North Sea</b> (IV, IIa: EC waters)	Apply LTMP for plaice and sole 63,825 tonnes	55,500	Management plan	0 %	Apply management plan for plaice and sole; max 63,825 tonnes
<b>Plaice</b> (VIIa)	Max 1627 t	1,430	1,627	0%	Follow COM proposal
<b>Plaice</b> (VIId, e)	VIId: 3,500 tonnes + VIIe: reduction from 970 tonnes	4,646	3,949	0%	Follow COM proposal (landings of max 3,500 tonnes in VIId + TAC in VIIe significantly reduced; max 3,949 tonnes in total)
<b>Plaice</b> (VIIb, c)	Max 33 tonnes	94	80	+ 142 %	Max 33 tonnes
<b>Plaice</b> (VIIIf, g)	F needs to be reduced by 50 %	422	451	+ 27%	Max 330 tonnes
<b>Plaice</b> (VIIh, j, k)	Reduce TAC	256	218	–	Follow COM proposal
<b>Skates and Rays</b> (IIa (EC), NS (EC))	Separate advice by species	1,643	1,397	–	No advice for area IIa. Zero catch of angel shark and common skate, and no targeted fishery for undulate ray. Reduce TAC for other species
<b>Skates and Rays</b> (IIIa)	Separate advice by species	68	58	–	Zero catch of angel shark and common skate, and no targeted fishery for undulate ray. Reduce TAC for other species.
<b>Skates and Rays</b> (VII d)	Separate advice by species	1,044	887	–	Zero catch of angel shark and no targeted fishery for undulate ray. Reduce TAC for other species
<b>Skates and Rays</b> (VI, VII – EC waters)	Separate advice by species	15,749	13,387	–	Zero catch of angel shark and white skate, and no targeted fishery for common skate and undulate ray. Reduce TAC for other species
<b>Skates and Rays</b> (VIII, IX – EC waters)	Separate advice by species	6,422	5,459	∞	Total of max 3.9 tonnes for all elasmobranchs (based on ICES 2008 advice)

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<b>Spurdog (IIIa)</b>	Zero TAC in all areas	104	10	∞	Zero TAC
<b>Spurdog (EC waters of IIa, III and IV)</b>	Zero TAC in all areas	316	32	∞	Zero TAC
<b>Porbeagle (I to XIV)</b>	No targeted fishing and no landings	436	na	–	Zero TAC
<b>Common Sole (VIIIa, b)</b>	Fish at F status quo Max 4900 tonnes	4,390	4,490	-8.4%	Follow COM proposal
<b>Common Sole – North Sea (IIa, IV – EC waters)</b>	Apply LTMP. 14,100 tonnes	14,000	14,100	0%	Follow COM proposal, apply management plan; max 14,100 tonnes
<b>Hake –Southern stock (VIIIc, IX, X, CECAF 34.1.1 – EC waters)</b>	4,900 tonnes	8,104	9,300	+90%	Max 4,900 tonnes
<b>Whiting – North Sea (IIa – EC waters, IV)</b>	7,400 tonnes	15,173	na	–	Max 7,400 tonnes