

Annex 2: On the Commission Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2011 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 2011 for certain species. The table is limited to species which we consider problematic, either due to their stock status or due to the fact that the Commission proposal differs significantly from the scientific advice. The FISH and SAR recommendations in the right-hand column are based on the key principles that the limiting of fishing possibilities should follow, such as scientific advice or long-term management plans compatible with the precautionary approach, where available.

Stocks/Area	TAC 2010 (tonnes)	COM TAC proposal 2011 (tonnes)	% change from 2010 to 2011	FISH and SAR recommendations	Justification/Comments
Anchovy (IX,X, CECAF 34.1.1)	8,000	6,800	-15%	<i>Less than 4,800t.</i>	ICES MSY transition: reduce catch to recent levels greater than decline rate. Precautionary approach: Substantial reduction. Reported landings in 2009 were 3,013t. ICES has advised on a TAC of less than 4,800t since 2007.
Anglerfish (IIa (EC), IV (EC))	11,345	9,643	-15%	<i>Support Commission proposal.</i>	ICES MSY approach: Catch and effort reduction.
Anglerfish (Vb (EC), VI, XII, XIV)	5,567	4,732	-15%	<i>Support Commission proposal.</i>	ICES MSY approach: Catch and effort reduction.
Anglerfish (VII)	32,292	27,448	-15%	<i>Support Commission proposal.</i>	ICES MSY approach: Catches should be consistent with no increase in effort.
Anglerfish (VIIIa, b, d, e)	9,108	7,742	-15%	<i>Support Commission proposal.</i>	ICES MSY approach: Catches should be consistent with no increase in effort.

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Anglerfish (VIIIc, IXa, X, CECAF 34.1.1)	1,496	1,480	-1%	<i>Support Commission proposal.</i>	ICES MSY approach: less than 1,500t.
Blue Ling (EC and International waters of VI, VII)	1,732	2,341	15%	<i>No directed fisheries. Maintain closed areas in VI and VII.</i>	ICES advice: No direct fishery and limit bycatch. Current closed areas maintained and new areas to be implemented.
Blue Whiting (EU and international waters of I–VII, VIIa,b,d,e, XII, XIV)	48,138	pm	n/a	<i>40,100t as a maximum for all parties to the management plan.</i>	Follow management plan and consider ICES precautionary approach of zero landings.
Cod – Irish Sea (VIIa)	674	337	-50%	<i>0 TAC with no bycatch allowance in other fisheries.</i>	ICES found that the LTMP is inconsistent with precautionary approach. Under article 10(2), the Council can take stricter measures if STECF advises that stocks are not recovering. ICES advice since 2000 is to close this fishery.
Cod – Kattegat (IIIa)	382	190	-50%	<i>0 TAC with no bycatch allowance in other fisheries.</i>	ICES found that the LTMP is inconsistent with precautionary approach. Under article 10(2), the Council can take stricter measures if STECF advises that stocks are not recovering. ICES advice since 2000 is to close this fishery.
Cod (EU waters of IIa, IV and that part of IIIa not covered by Skagerrak Kattegat)	15,536	pm	n/a	<i>Follow management plan.</i>	Management plan, resulting in a 20% reduction. TAC in line with ICES MSY transition scheme.
Cod (VIa; EU and international waters of Vb east of 12°00'W)	240	120	-50%	<i>No directed fisheries. Allocation of 120 tonnes for bycatch.</i>	Most cod in these areas caught as bycatch. ICES found that the LTMP is inconsistent with precautionary approach.
Cod (VIIId)	1,091	pm	n/a	<i>Follow management plan.</i>	Management plan, resulting in a 20% reduction. TAC in line with ICES MSY transition scheme.

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Cod – Skagerrak (IIIa)	2,588	pm	n/a	<i>Follow management plan.</i>	Management plan, resulting in a 20% reduction in line with ICES MSY transition scheme.
Common Sole – North Sea (IIa, IV – EC waters)	14,100	13,600	-4%	<i>Support Commission proposal.</i>	Management plan Harvest Control Rules EC Reg 676/2007. IV: 13,600t according to management plan.
Common sole (IIIa, EU waters of IIIb, IIIc and subdivisions 22–32)	700	840	-4%	680	ICES precautionary approach rather than ICES MSY approach, as biomass is below Bpa but above Bmsy.
Common Sole (VI; EU and international waters of Vb; international waters of XII and XIV)	61	52	-15%	<i>n/a</i>	No advice available from ICES. No advice from STECF.
Common Sole (VIIa)	402	320	-20%	240t	ICES MSY approach: Less than 240t.
Common sole (VIIb and c)	45	38	-15%	<i>Support Commission proposal.</i>	No specific management advice provided by ICES. Stock status unknown.
Common sole (VIIId)	4,219	4,156	-1%	<i>Support Commission proposal.</i>	ICES MSY approach: Less than 4,840t.
Common sole (VIIe)	618	710	15%	<i>Less than 660t.</i>	ICES MSY approach: Less than 660t.
Common sole (VIIIf and g)	993	1241	25%	<i>Support Commission proposal.</i>	ICES MSY approach: Less than 1,400t.
Common sole (VIIh,j and k)	498	423	-15%	<i>Support Commission proposal.</i>	ICES MSY and precautionary approach: No increase in catches.

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Common sole (VIIIa and b)	4,829	4,200	-13%	<i>Support Commission proposal.</i>	ICES MSY approach: Less than 4,200t.
Hake – Southern stock (VIIIc, IX, X, CECAF 34.1.1 – EC waters)	9,300	10,695	15%	<i>Reduce TAC with 9% to 8,500t. Proceed urgently with review of current recovery plan.</i>	Recovery plan has failed and in review. Follow ICES Precautionary approach advice (see Annex 1 for more information).
Herring (EU and international waters of Vb,VIb and VIaN)	24,420	22,481	-8%	<i>Support Commission proposal.</i>	ICES MSY approach: Vb and VIb: adjust to recent catch levels, but do not change more than 15%, VIaN: Less than 22,500t.
Herring (VIIa)	4,800	4,800	0%	<i>Support Commission proposal.</i>	ICES MSY approach: Less than 4,800t.
Herring (VIIb, VIIc, VIaS)	7,451	3,726	-50%	0 TAC	ICES MSY approach: Zero catch. Risk of collapse. Recovery measures should be implemented.
Herring (VIIe and f)	1,000	850	-15%	800	No recent assessment by ICES. Stock status unknown. STECF considers a reduction to recent catch levels. Maximum reported landings are 800t in last 6 years.
Herring (VIIg,h,j,k and VIIa south of 52°30' N)	10,150	13,200	30%	<i>Support Commission proposal.</i>	ICES MSY approach: Less than 16,800t.
Herring (Via)	720	MS	n/a	n/a	No advice available from ICES. STECF proposes to reduce to recent catch levels.
Mackerel (EU and international waters of IIa, III, IV, Vb,VI-X, XII, XIV and EU waters of CECAF)	930,002	pm	n/a	<i>646,000t as a maximum for all parties to the management plan.</i>	Following the management plan results in a TAC of between 592,000 and 646,000t.

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Nephrops (EU waters of IIa and IV)	24,688	22,580	-9%	21,159	Follow ICES MSY approach for functional units 6-9, the precautionary approach for 5, 32 and 33, and reduce catches in 10 to recent levels. Many FUs show signs of overexploitation.
Nephrops (IX and X; EU waters of CECAF 34.1.1)	337	303	-10%	<i>Localised closures or zero catch. Proceed urgently with review of current plan.</i>	Recovery plan has failed and in review. For two of the five management units (26-27), ICES advises no catch. As a single TAC is set, this should be set to zero or localised closures established.
Nephrops (VI; EU and international waters of Vb)	16,057	13,681	-15%	<i>Support Commission proposal.</i>	ICES MSY approach: Less than 13,720t (functional units 11, 12 and 13).
Nephrops (VII; Irish Sea East Unit 14)	933	680	-27%	<i>Support Commission proposal.</i>	ICES MSY approach: Less than 680t.
Nephrops (VII; Irish Sea East Unit 15)	11,013	9,500	-14%	<i>Support Commission proposal.</i>	ICES MSY approach: Less than 9,500t.
Nephrops (VII; Irish Sea East Unit 16) Porcupine Bank	1,574	1,254	-20%	<i>Seasonal closure of the Porcupine bank or zero catch.</i>	ICES MSY approach: to reduce to lowest possible level. Indicators show that the stock has declined to critically low levels. Temporary closures are considered effective recovery measures.
Nephrops (VII; Irish Sea East Unit 17)	1,090	950	-13%	<i>Support Commission proposal.</i>	ICES MSY approach: Less than 950t.
Nephrops (VII; Irish Sea East Unit 18)	n/a	200	n/a	<i>Support Commission proposal.</i>	No specific advice provided from ICES for FU18. No major Nephrops fishery in this area. Catches around 200t since 2003 and used as guidance on appropriate future landings.
Nephrops (VII; Irish Sea East Unit 19)	1032	800	-22%	<i>Support Commission proposal.</i>	ICES precautionary approach: reduce catches to less than 800t.
Nephrops (VII; Irish Sea East Unit 20-22)	6,536	5,300	-19%	<i>Support Commission proposal.</i>	ICES precautionary approach: reduce catches to less than 5,300t.

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Nephrops (VIIIa,b,d and e)	3,899	3,314	-15%	<i>Less than 3,100 t.</i>	ICES MSY and precautionary approach: Not to exceed recent catch levels (3,100t).
Nephrops (VIIIc)	101	91	-10%	<i>0 TAC</i>	ICES precautionary approach: zero catch.
Nephrops Skagerrak, Kattergat IIIabc (EC)	5,170	4,700	-9%	<i>Support Commission proposal of 9% reduction in TAC, but do not allow bycatch of cod in the Kattegat.</i>	ICES MSY and precautionary approach: Less than 4,700t. See annex 1 for details on bycatch.
Plaice (IIa (EC), NS (EC))	34,120	pm	n/a	<i>Follow management plan EC Reg No. 676/200.7</i>	ICES MSY approach for IV is for a TAC less than 64,200t. According to the management plan, a TAC should be set of 73,400t and an effort increase of 12% in 2011. No advice provided specifically for IIa.
Plaice (VIIa)	1,627	1,627	0%	<i>Support Commission proposal.</i>	ICES MSY approach: Effort should be consistent with no increase in catches.
Plaice (VIIb, c)	80	68	-15%	<i>Support Commission proposal.</i>	No specific management advice provided by ICES. Stock status unknown.
Plaice (VIIf, g)	451	410	-9%	<i>Support Commission proposal.</i>	ICES MSY approach.
Plaice (VIIh, j, k)	218	185	-15%	<i>Support Commission proposal.</i>	ICES MSY approach: reduce catches.
Plaice (VIII,IX and X; EU waters of CECAF 34.1.1)	403	343	-15%	<i>Support Commission proposal.</i>	No advice available from ICES. STECF proposes to reduce to recent catch levels.
Plaice Vb (EC waters) VI, XII, XIV	707	601	-15%	<i>Support Commission proposal.</i>	No specific management advice provided by ICES. Stock status unknown.
Plaice VIId	TAC VIId and e 2009-2010: 4,274	4,018	n/a	<i>Less than 3,400t. Support seasonal closure during spawning migration.</i>	ICES MSY approach: reduce to recent catch levels (<3000t in 2009) and ICES precautionary advice of <3400tonnes.

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Plaice VIIe	TAC VIId and VIIe 2009–2010: 4,274	647	n/a	<i>Support Commission proposal.</i>	Stock is outside safe biological limits and merits a 30% reduction to less than 780t.
Porbeagle (EU waters of III-X and XII)	0	0	0%	<i>Support Commission proposal.</i>	ICES MSY approach: No targeted fishing and no landings.
Skates and Rays (VIII, IX – EC waters)	5,459	4,640	-15%	<i>Less than 4,200 t for the main species.</i>	ICES MSY and precautionary approach: Less than 4,200 t for the main species.
Skates and Rays (IIa and IV)	1,397	1,397	0%	<i>Support Commission proposal.</i>	ICES MSY and precautionary approach : Less than 2,700 t for the main species (also includes VIId).
Skates and Rays (IIIa)	58	58	0%	<i>n/a</i>	No advice available from ICES for specific area but for the North Sea as a whole.
Skates and Rays (VI, VII – EC waters)	13,387	11,379	-15%	<i>Less than 9,900t for the main species.</i>	ICES MSY and precautionary approach: Less than 9,900t for the main species.
Skates and Rays (VII d)	887	887	0%	<i>Support Commission proposal.</i>	No advice provided by ICES for specific areas, but most species present in VIId are stable/increasing.
Spurdog (EC waters of IIIa, IIa and IV, EU and international waters of I,V-VIII,XII and XIV)	0	0	0%	<i>Support Commission proposal.</i>	ICES precautionary approach: Zero TAC in all areas.
Whiting – VIIa	157	118	-25%	<i>Support Commission proposal. Introduce management measures to reduce discarding of small whiting.</i>	ICES MSY approach: Catches (mainly discards) should be reduced.