

Monday, 28 October 2019

European Commission, DG MARE
To the attention of Mr. Fabrizio Donatella,
Lead negotiator EU-Norway

Dear Mr Donatella,

Both the demersal and pelagic industries have discussed together how to approach the upcoming EU-Norway talks for the 2020 management of shared stocks and the exchange of quota, and more in particular the exchange of blue whiting and Arcto-Norwegian cod.

It should be noted that both the EU demersal and pelagic industries agree on a roll over, for 2020 only, for both the transfer of blue whiting quota from the EU to Norway (99,900 t) and the transfer of Arcto-Norwegian cod (21,518 t) from Norway to the EU. Both fleets are committed to further collaborate towards a comprehensive agreed approach on the EU-Norway balance for future years.

Both industries agree that a roll over for 2020 is in accordance with the following conditions:

- a. The roll over is for 2020 only.
- b. The transferable amounts are 99,900 tons of blue whiting from the EU to Norway and 21,518 tons of Arcto-Norwegian cod (ICES areas 1 and 2) from Norway to the EU plus all the quota as specified in Table 3 in the latest EU-Norway Agreed Records (1,100 tons of Arcto-Norwegian haddock, 2,250 tons of saithe, 50 tons of Greenland halibut and 350 tons of Others).
- c. The blue whiting TAC for 2020 must be set at a level as advised by ICES and in accordance with the CS management plan (1,161,615 tons).
- d. The EU share in the TAC must be set at the level of 45% of the TAC minus the NEAFC share or 41.42% of the overall TAC (or in absolute terms 481,140 tons).

We hope that this agreement will help you to come to an overall agreement with Norway for 2020 on the balance of exchange of quota and the management of our shared stocks.

Your sincerely,

For the EU cod industry (N. of 62⁰),

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