

Council Regulation (EU) No 43/2012 of 17 January 2012 fixing for 2012 the fishing opportunities available to EU vessels for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks which are not subject to international negotiations or agreements

## TITLE I

### SCOPE AND DEFINITIONS

#### *Article 1*

##### **Subject matter**

- 1 This Regulation fixes the fishing opportunities available to EU vessels for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks which are not subject to international negotiations or agreements.
- 2 The fishing opportunities referred to in paragraph 1 shall include:
  - a catch limits for the year 2012; and
  - b fishing effort limits for the period from 1 February 2012 to 31 January 2013.

#### *Article 2*

##### **Scope**

This Regulation shall apply to EU vessels.

#### *Article 3*

##### **Definitions**

For the purposes of this Regulation the following definitions shall apply:

- (a) 'EU vessel' means a fishing vessel flying the flag of a Member State and registered in the Union;
- (b) 'EU waters' means waters under the sovereignty or jurisdiction of the Member States with the exception of waters adjacent to the overseas countries and territories listed in Annex II to the Treaty;
- (c) 'total allowable catch' (TAC) means the quantity that can be taken and landed from each fish stock each year;
- (d) 'quota' means a proportion of the TAC allocated to the Union or a Member State;
- (e) 'international waters' means waters falling outside the sovereignty or jurisdiction of any State;
- (f) 'mesh size' means the mesh size of fishing nets as determined in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 517/2008<sup>(1)</sup>;

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- (g) ‘EU fishing fleet register’ means the register set up by the Commission in accordance with Article 15(3) of Regulation (EC) No 2371/2002;
- (h) ‘fishing logbook’ means the logbook referred to in Article 14 of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009.

#### *Article 4*

#### **Fishing zones**

For the purposes of this Regulation the following zone definitions shall apply:

- (a) ICES (International Council for the Exploration of the Sea) zones are the geographical areas specified in Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 218/2009<sup>(2)</sup>;
- (b) ‘Skagerrak’ means the geographical area bounded on the west by a line drawn from the Hanstholm lighthouse to the Lindesnes lighthouse and on the south by a line drawn from the Skagen lighthouse to the Tistlarna lighthouse and from this point to the nearest point on the Swedish coast;
- (c) ‘Kattegat’ means the geographical area bounded on the north by a line drawn from the Skagen lighthouse to the Tistlarna lighthouse and from this point to the nearest point on the Swedish coast and on the south by a line drawn from Hasenøre to Gnibens Spids, from Korshage to Spodsbjerg and from Gilbjerg Hoved to Kullen;
- (d) ‘VII (Porcupine Bank – Unit 16)’ means the geographical area bounded by rhumb lines sequentially joining the following positions:
  - 53° 30′ N 15° 00′ W,
  - 53° 30′ N 11° 00′ W,
  - 51° 30′ N 11° 00′ W,
  - 51° 30′ N 13° 00′ W,
  - 51° 00′ N 13° 00′ W,
  - 51° 00′ N 15° 00′ W,
  - 53° 30′ N 15° 00′ W;
- (e) ‘Gulf of Cádiz’ means the geographical area of ICES division IXa east of longitude 7° 23′ 48″ W;
- (f) CECAF (Committee for Eastern Central Atlantic Fisheries) areas are the geographical areas specified in Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 216/2009<sup>(3)</sup>.

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- (1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 517/2008 of 10 June 2008 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 850/98 as regards the determination of the mesh size and assessing the thickness of twine of fishing nets ([OJ L 151, 11.6.2008, p. 5](#)).
- (2) Regulation (EC) No 218/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2009 on the submission of nominal catch statistics by Member States fishing in the north-east Atlantic ([OJ L 87, 31.3.2009, p. 70](#)).
- (3) Regulation (EC) No 216/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2009 on the submission of nominal catch statistics by Member States fishing in certain areas other than those of the North Atlantic ([OJ L 87, 31.3.2009, p. 1](#)).

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