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### THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION.

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 43(3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

# Whereas:

- (1) Article 43(3) of the Treaty provides that the Council, on a proposal from the Commission, is to adopt measures on the fixing and allocation of fishing opportunities.
- (2) Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>(1)</sup> requires that conservation measures be adopted taking into account available scientific, technical and economic advice, including, where relevant, reports drawn up by the Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF).
- (3) It is incumbent upon the Council to adopt measures on the fixing and allocation of fishing opportunities, including certain conditions functionally linked thereto, as appropriate. Fishing opportunities should be distributed among Member States in such a way as to assure each Member State relative stability of fishing activities for each stock or fishery and having due regard to the objectives of the Common Fisheries Policy established by Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013.
- (4) The total allowable catches (TACs) should be established on the basis of available scientific advice, taking into account biological and socioeconomic aspects whilst ensuring fair treatment between fishing sectors, as well as in the light of the opinions expressed during the consultation of stakeholders, and in particular the Regional Advisory Councils concerned.
- (5) Fishing opportunities should be in accordance with international agreements and principles, such as the 1995 United Nations agreement concerning the conservation and management of straddling stocks and highly migratory fish stocks<sup>(2)</sup>, and the detailed management principles laid down in the 2008 International Guidelines for the Management of Deep-sea Fisheries in the High Seas of the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations, according to which, in particular, a regulator should be more cautious when information is uncertain, unreliable or inadequate. The absence of adequate scientific information should not be used as a reason for postponing or failing to take conservation and management measures.

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- (6) The latest scientific advice from the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) and from STECF indicates that most deep-sea stocks are still harvested unsustainably and that fishing opportunities for those stocks, in order to assure their sustainability, should be further reduced until the evolution of the stocks shows a positive trend. The ICES has further advised that no directed fishery should be allowed for orange roughy in all areas and for certain stocks of red seabream and roundnose grenadier.
- (7) As regards the four stocks of roundnose grenadier, scientific advice and recent discussions in the North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC) indicate that catches of this species may be misreported as catches of roughhead grenadier. In this context, it is appropriate to establish a TAC covering both species while enabling a separate reporting for each of them.
- (8) Concerning deep sea sharks, the main commercial species are considered depleted and, therefore, no directed fishing should take place. Furthermore, in view of the migratory nature of deep-sea sharks and their wide distribution throughout the North East Atlantic, STECF has recommended that management measures for these species be extended to Union waters of Committee for Eastern and Central Atlantic Fisheries (CECAF) around Madeira.
- (9) The fishing opportunities for deep-sea species as defined in Article 2(a) of Council Regulation (EC) No 2347/2002<sup>(3)</sup> are decided on a bi-annual basis. Nevertheless, an exception is made for the stocks of greater silver smelt and the stocks of blue ling. As regards the latter, the main fishery of blue ling is linked to the annual negotiations with Norway; in the interest of simplification, all blue ling TACs should be established along that one and within the same legal act. Therefore, fishing opportunities for the stocks of greater silver smelt and of blue ling should be set in another relevant annual regulation fixing fishing opportunities.
- (10) In accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 847/96<sup>(4)</sup> the stocks that are subject to various measures referred to therein should be identified. Precautionary TACs should apply for stocks for which no scientifically-based evaluation of fishing opportunities is available specifically for the year in which the TACs are to be set; analytical TACs should apply otherwise. In view of ICES and STECF advice for deep-sea stocks, those for which a science-based evaluation of the relevant fishing opportunities is not available should be subject to precautionary TACs in this Regulation.
- (11) In order to avoid the interruption of fishing activities and to ensure the livelihood of the fishermen of the Union, this Regulation should apply from 1 January 2015. For reasons of urgency, this Regulation should enter into force immediately after its publication,

# HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

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#### Article 1

# Subject matter

This Regulation fixes for the years 2015 and 2016 the annual fishing opportunities available to Union fishing vessels for fish stocks of certain deep-sea species in Union waters and in certain non-Union waters where catch limits are required.

#### Article 2

#### **Definitions**

- For the purposes of this Regulation, the following definitions shall apply:
  - a 'Union fishing vessel' means a fishing vessel flying the flag of a Member State and registered in the Union;
  - b 'Union waters' means the waters under the sovereignty or jurisdiction of the Member States with the exception of waters adjacent to the 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.
- 2 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 of the European Parliament and of the Council (5);
  - b CECAF (Committee for Eastern Central Atlantic Fisheries) zones are the geographical areas specified in Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 216/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>(6)</sup>.

### Article 3

# TACs and allocations

The TACs for deep-sea species caught by Union fishing vessels in Union waters or in certain non-Union waters, the allocation of such TACs among Member States and the conditions functionally linked thereto, where appropriate, are set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

# Article 4

# Special provisions on the allocation of fishing opportunities

- 1 The allocation of fishing opportunities among Member States as set out in this Regulation shall be without prejudice to:
  - a exchanges made pursuant to Article 16(8) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013;

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- deductions and reallocations made pursuant to Article 37 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009<sup>(7)</sup> or pursuant to Article 10(4) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1006/2008<sup>(8)</sup>;
- c additional landings allowed pursuant to Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96;
- d deductions made pursuant to Articles 105, 106 and 107 of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009.
- Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall apply to stocks subject to precautionary TAC whereas Article 3(2) and (3) and Article 4 of that Regulation shall apply to stocks subject to analytical TAC, except where otherwise specified in the Annex to this Regulation.

#### Article 5

# Conditions for landing catches and by-catches

Fish from stocks for which TACs are established shall be retained on board or landed only if the catches have been taken by fishing vessels flying the flag of a Member State having a quota and that quota is not exhausted.

### Article 6

#### **Data transmission**

When, pursuant to Articles 33 and 34 of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009, Member States submit to the Commission data relating to landings of quantities of stocks caught, they shall use the stock codes set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

#### Article 7

# **Entry into force**

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 1 January 2015.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

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#### **ANNEX**

The references to fishing zones are references to ICES zones, unless otherwise specified.

# PART 1

# **Definition of species and species groups**

1. In the list set out in Part 2 of this Annex, fish stocks are referred to following the alphabetical order of the Latin names of the species. However, deep-sea sharks are placed at the beginning of that list. For the purposes of this Regulation, the following comparative table of common names and Latin names is provided:

Common name	Alpha-3 code	Scientific name
Black scabbardfish	BSF	Aphanopus carbo
Alfonsinos	ALF	Beryx spp.
Roundnose grenadier	RNG	Coryphaenoides rupestris
Roughhead grenadier	RHG	Macrourus berglax
Orange roughy	ORY	Hoplostethus atlanticus
Red seabream	SBR	Pagellus bogaraveo
Greater Forkbeard	GFB	Phycis blennoides

2. For the purposes of this Regulation, 'deep-sea sharks' means the following list of species:

Common name	Alpha-3 code	Scientific name	
Deep-water catsharks	API	Apristurus spp.	
Frilled shark	HXC	Chlamydoselachus anguineus	
Gulper shark	CWO	Centrophorus spp.	
Portuguese dogfish	CYO	Centroscymnus coelolepis	
Longnose velvet dogfish	CYP	Centroscymnus crepidater	
Black dogfish	CFB	Centroscyllium fabricii	
Birdbeak dogfish	DCA	Deania calcea	
Kitefin shark	SCK	Dalatias licha	
Great lanternshark	ETR	Etmopterus princeps	
Velvet belly	ETX	Etmopterus spinax	
Mouse catshark	GAM	Galeus murinus	
Bluntnose sixgill shark	SBL	Hexanchus griseus	
Sailfin roughshark (Sharpback shark)	OXN	Oxynotus paradoxus	

Knifetooth dogfish	SYR	Scymnodon ringens
Greenland shark	GSK	Somniosus microcephalus

PART 2

Annual fishing opportunities applicable for Union fishing vessels in areas where TACs exist by species and by area (in tonnes live weight)

Species:	Deep-sea sh	narks	Zone:	Union and international waters of V, VI, VII, VIII and IX; Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1, 34.1.2 and 34.2(DWS/56789-)
Year	2015	2016		
Germany	0	0		
Estonia	0	0		
Ireland	0	0		
Spain	0	0		
France	0	0		
Lithuania	0	0		
Poland	0	0		
Portugal	0	0		
United Kingdom	0	0		
Union	0	0		
TAC	0	0		Analytical TAC Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply. Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.
Species:	Deep-sea sh	arks	Zone:	Union and international waters of X(DWS/10-)

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Year	2015	2016		
Portugal	0	0		
Union	0	0		
TAC	0	0		Analytical TAC Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply. Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.
Species:	Deep-sea shark hystricosa and I profundorum		Zone:	International waters of XII(DWS/12INT-
Year	2015	2016		
Ireland	0	0		
Spain	0	0		
France	0	0		
United Kingdom	0	0		
Union	0	0		
TAC	0	0		Analytical TAC Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply. Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.
Species:	Black scabbardfish Aphanopus carbo		Zone:	Union and international waters of I, II, III and IV(BSF/1234-)
Year	2015	2016		
Germany	3	3		
France	3	3		
United Kingdom	3	3		
Union	9	9		

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TAC	9	9		Precautionary TAC
Species:	Black scabbardfish Aphanopus carbo		Zone:	Union and international waters of V, VI, VII and XII(BSF/56712
Year	2015	2016		
Germany	42	39		
Estonia	20	19		
Ireland	104	96		
Spain	208	191		
France	2 918	2 684		
Latvia	136	125		
Lithuania	1	1		
Poland	1	1		
United Kingdom	208	191		
Others <sup>a</sup>	11	10		
Union	3 649	3 357		
TAC	3 649	3 357		Analytical TAC
a Exclusively for by	-catches. No directe	ed fisheries are permitted under	this quota.	<u> </u>
Species:	Black scabl carbo	pardfish <i>Aphanopus</i>	Zone:	Union and international waters of VIII, IX and X(BSF/8910-)
Year	2015	2016		
Spain	12	12		
France	29	29		
Portugal	3 659	3 659		
Union	3 700	3 700		
TAC	3 700	3 700		Analytical TAC
Species:	Black scabbardfish Aphanopus carbo		Zone:	Union and international waters of CECAF

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TAC	13	13		Precautionary TAC
Union	13	13		
United Kingdom	1	1		
France	10	10		
Germany	1	1		
Denmark	1	1		
Year	rupestris and Mo	2016		I, II and IV(RNG/124-) for roundnose grenadier; (RHG/124-) for roughhead grenadier
Species:	Roundnose gren and roughhead grenadier Coryp	haenoides	Zone:	Union and international waters of
TAC	296	296		Analytical TAC
Union	296	296		
United Kingdom	9	9		
Portugal	193	193		
France	18	18		
Spain	67	67		
Ireland	9	9		
Year	2015 2016			IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XII and XIV(ALF/3X14-)
Species:	Species: AlfonsinosBeryx spp.		Zone:	Union and international waters of III,
TAC	3 141	2 827		Precautionary TAC
Union	3 141	2 827		
Portugal	3 141	2 827		
Year	2015	2016		

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Species:	and rough grenadier	Roundnose grenadier and roughhead grenadier Coryphaenoides rupestris and Macrourus berglax		Union and international waters of HI(RNG/03-) for roundnose grenadier; a(RHG/03-) for roughhead grenadier
Year	2015	2016		
Denmark	412	329		
Germany	2	2		
Sweden	21	17		
Union	435	348		
TAC	435	348		Precautionary TAC

a No directed fishery for roundnose grenadier shall be conducted in ICES zone IIIa pending consultations between the European Union and Norway.

Species:	Roundnose grenadier and roughhead grenadier Coryphaenoides rupestris and Macrourus berglax		Zone:	Union and international waters of Vb, VI and VII(RNG/5B67-) for roundnose grenadier; (RHG/5B67-) for roughhead grenadier
Year	2015 <sup>ab</sup>	2016 <sup>ab</sup>		
Germany	8	8		
Estonia	59	60		
Ireland	260	265		
Spain	65	66		
France	3 302	3 358		
Lithuania	76	77		
Poland	38	39		
United Kingdom	194	197		
Others <sup>b</sup>	8	8		
Union	4 010	4 078		

a [XIA maximum of 10 % of each quota may be fished in Union and international waters of VIII, IX, X, XII and XIV (RNG/\*8X14- for roundnose grenadier; RHG/\*8X14- for roughhead grenadier).]

**b** Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries are permitted.

c Landings of roundnose grenadier shall not exceed 95 % of each Member State quota.

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TAC	4 010	4 078	Analytical TAC
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- **b** Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries are permitted.
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#### **Editorial Information**

X1 Substituted by Corrigendum to Council Regulation (EU) No 1367/2014 of 15 December 2014 fixing for 2015 and 2016 the fishing opportunities for Union fishing vessels for certain deep-sea fish stocks (Official Journal of the European Union L 366 of 20 December 2014).

Species:	Species:  Roundnose grenadier and roughhead grenadier Coryphaenoides rupestris and Macrourus berglax		Zone:	Union and international waters of VIII, IX, X, XII and XIV(RNG/8X14-) for roundnose grenadier; (RHG/8X14-) for roughhead grenadier
Year	2015ª	2016ª		
Germany	24	21		
Ireland	5	5		
Spain	2 617	2 354		
France	121	109		
Latvia	42	38		
Lithuania	5	5		
Poland	819	737		
United Kingdom	11	10		
Union	3 644	3 279		
TAC	3 644	3 279		Analytical TAC

a [XIA maximum of 10 % of each quota may be fished in Union and international waters of Vb, VI, VII (RNG/\*5B67- for roundnose grenadier; RHG/\*5B67- for roughhead grenadier).]

b Landings of roundnose grenadier shall not exceed 80 % of each Member State quota.

Species:	atlanticus		Zone:	Union and international waters of VI(ORY/06-)
Year	2015	2016		

Ireland	0	0		
Spain	0	0		
France	0	0		
United Kingdom	0	0		
Union	0	0		
TAC	0	0		Analytical TAC Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply. Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.
Species:	Orange roughy Hoplostethus atlanticus		Zone:	Union and international waters of VII(ORY/07-)
Year	2015	2016		
Ireland	0	0		
Spain	0	0		
France	0	0		
United Kingdom	0	0		
Others	0	0		
Union	0	0		
TAC	0	0		Analytical TAC Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply. Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.
Species:	Orange roughy Hoplostethus atlanticus		Zone:	Union and international waters of I, II, III, IV, V, VIII, IX, X, XII and XIV(ORY/1CX14
Year	2015	2016		
Ireland	0	0		

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Spain	0	0	
France	0	0	
Portugal	0	0	
United Kingdom	0	0	
Others	0	0	
Union	0	0	
TAC	0	0	Analytical TAC Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply. Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.

Species:	Red seabreamPagellus bogaraveo		Zone:	Union and international waters of VI, VII and VIII(SBR/678-)
Year	2015	2016		
Ireland	5	5		
Spain	135	128		
France	7	6		
United Kingdom	17	16		
Others <sup>a</sup>	5	5		
Union	169	160		
TAC	169	160		Analytical TAC

a Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries are permitted under this quota.

Species:	Red seabro bogaraveo	Red seabreamPagellus bogaraveo		Union and international waters of IX(SBR/09-)
Year	2015ª	2016 <sup>a</sup>		
Spain	294	144		
Portugal	80	39		
Union	374	183		
TAC	374	183		Analytical TAC

a A maximum of 8 % of each quota may be fished in Union and international waters of VI, VII and VIII (SBR/\*678-).

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Species:	Red seabreamPagellus bogaraveo		Zone:	Union and international waters of X(SBR/10-)
Year	2015	2016		
Spain	6	5		
Portugal	678	507		
United Kingdom	6	5		
Union	690	517		
TAC	690	517		Analytical TAC
Species:	Greater forkbeard <i>Phycis</i> blennoides		Zone:	Union and international waters of I, II, III and IV(GFB/1234-)
Year	2015	2016		
Germany	10	10		
France	10	10		
United Kingdom	17	17		
Union	37	37		
TAC	37	37		Analytical TAC
Species:	Greater forkbeard <i>Phycis</i> blennoides		Zone:	Union and international waters of V, VI and VII(GFB/567-)
Year	2015ª	2016ª		
Germany	12	12		
Ireland	312	312		
Spain	706	706		
France	427	427		
United Kingdom	977	977		
Union	2 434	2 434		
TAC	2 434 2 434			Analytical TAC
a A maximum of 8 %	of each quota may	y be fished in Union and int	ernational waters of VII	I and IX (GFB/*89-).
Species: Greater forkbeard Phycis blennoides		Zone:	Union and international	

A maximum of 8 % of each quota may be fished in Union and international waters of V, VI, VII (GFB/\*567-).

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			waters of VIII and IX(GFB/89-)
Year	2015 <sup>a</sup>	2016 <sup>a</sup>	
Spain	290	290	
France	18	18	
Portugal	12	12	
Union	320	320	
TAC	320	320	Analytical TAC

a A maximum of 8 % of each quota may be fished in Union and international waters of V, VI, VII (GFB/\*567-).

Species:	Greater forkbeard <i>Phycis</i> blennoides		Zone:	Union and international waters of X and XII(GFB/1012-)
Year	2015	2016		
France	10	10		
Portugal	45	45		
United Kingdom	10	10		
Union	65	65		
TAC	65	65		Analytical TAC

- (1) Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of 11 December 2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Common Fisheries Policy, amending Council Regulations (EC) No 1954/2003 and (EC) No 1224/2009 and repealing Council Regulations (EC) No 2371/2002 and (EC) No 639/2004 and Council Decision 2004/585/EC (OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 22).
- (2) Agreement on the implementation of the provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the conservation and management of straddling fish stocks and highly migratory fish stocks (OJ L 189, 3.7.1998, p. 16).
- (3) Council Regulation (EC) No 2347/2002 of 16 December 2002 establishing specific access requirements and associated conditions applicable to fishing for deep-sea stocks (OJ L 351, 28.12.2002, p. 6).
- (4) Council Regulation (EC) No 847/96 of 6 May 1996 introducing additional conditions for year-to-year management of TACs and quotas (OJ L 115, 9.5.1996, p. 3).
- (5) 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).
- (6) 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).
- (7) Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 of 20 November 2009 establishing a Community control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the common fisheries policy, amending Regulations (EC) No 847/96, (EC) No 2371/2002, (EC) No 811/2004, (EC) No 768/2005, (EC) No 2115/2005, (EC) No 2166/2005, (EC) No 388/2006, (EC) No 509/2007, (EC) No 676/2007, (EC) No 1098/2007, (EC) No 1300/2008, (EC) No 1342/2008 and repealing Regulations (EEC) No 2847/93, (EC) No 1627/94 and (EC) No 1966/2006 (OJ L 343, 22.12.2009, p. 1).
- (8) Council Regulation (EC) No 1006/2008 of 29 September 2008 concerning authorisations for fishing activities of Community fishing vessels outside Community waters and the access of third country vessels to Community waters, amending Regulations (EEC) No 2847/93 and (EC) No 1627/94 and repealing Regulation (EC) No 3317/94 (OJ L 286, 29.10.2008, p. 33).

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