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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) In June 2014 the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) released scientific advice on the stock of sea bass in the North-East Atlantic, and confirmed that this stock had been in rapid decline since 2012. Furthermore, the Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF) has evaluated the extent to which national measures in place protect sea bass and, in general, has deemed those measures ineffective. Sea bass is a late-maturing and slow-growing species. The fishing mortality of sea bass in the North-East Atlantic is currently four times higher than the level which would ensure maximum sustainable yield (MSY).
- (2) By means of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/111⁽¹⁾, based on Article 12 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁽²⁾, the Commission has adopted urgent measures to reduce the fishing mortality caused by pelagic vessels targeting spawning aggregations of sea bass. That Implementing Regulation expired on 30 April 2015.
- (3) Council Regulation (EU) 2015/104⁽³⁾ has been amended by Council Regulation (EU) 2015/523⁽⁴⁾, with the aim of reducing the impact of recreational fisheries on fishing mortality.
- (4) Further reduction of catches is necessary and catches of targeting commercial fisheries should therefore be reduced by the imposition of monthly catch limits in ICES divisions IVb and IVc, as well as VIId, VIIe, VIIf and VIIh. In ICES divisions VIIa and VIIg, monthly catch limits should apply in the UK territorial sea only. Such reduction of catches should allow fishermen to adapt their current fishing behaviour in order to avoid sea bass, while being allowed to retain a level of incidental by-catch.
- (5) In addition, the conservation actions taken by Ireland, namely prohibitions on the catching, retaining on board, transshipping, relocating or landing of sea bass, should be maintained and extended to cover all Union vessels active in ICES divisions VIIb, VIIc, VIIj and VIIk. These actions should also apply in ICES divisions VIIa and VIIg, with the

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exception of the waters within 12 nautical miles of the baseline under the sovereignty of the United Kingdom, where the monthly catch-limit regime applies.

- (6) Catches of sea bass should be monitored on a monthly basis through the collection of data from the Member States.
- (7) The Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community on the one hand, and the Government of Denmark and the Home Rule Government of Greenland, on the other hand⁽⁵⁾, and the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in that Agreement⁽⁶⁾, provide that the Union is to receive 7,7 % of the total available catches (TAC) for capelin in Greenland waters of ICES zones V and XIV.
- (8) Regulation (EU) 2015/104 fixed a Union quota of 0 tonnes for 2015 for the stock of capelin in those Greenland waters.
- (9) On 13 May 2015 the Union received information from the Greenland authorities that the TAC for capelin in Greenland waters of ICES subareas V and XIV had been established for the period from 20 June 2015 until 30 April 2016, offering the Union a quota of 23 100 tonnes. It is appropriate to fix and allocate the Union fishing opportunities accordingly.
- (10) In the framework of the annual consultations on fisheries between the Union and Norway, the Union undertook to provide Norway with an additional quantity of 20 000 tonnes of capelin in Greenland waters of ICES zone XIV for 2015. It is appropriate to allocate that amount from the Union quota available in those waters. The capelin catch limits provided for by this Regulation should apply from 20 June 2015.
- (11) Norway agreed to increase the Union quotas for the following stocks: for cod in Norwegian waters of I and II by 1 512 tonnes; for haddock in Norwegian waters of I and II by 88 tonnes; for ling in Norwegian waters of IV by 150 tonnes; and for haddock in IV and Union waters of IIa by 250 tonnes. The corresponding TAC tables should therefore be updated accordingly.
- (12) It is necessary to clarify that the 5 % inter-area flexibility (special condition) for undulate ray only applies to the by-catch quota of undulate ray.
- (13) Certain catches of tope shark may be allowed, while maintaining the prohibition on catching tope shark with long lines.
- (14) The Parties to the North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC) were unable to agree upon an appropriate management measure for redfish in international waters of ICES subareas I and II for 2015, and ICES advised that the recommended catch by all Parties should not exceed 30 000 tonnes. Taking into account that the fishery on this stock takes place both inside the waters of the Coastal States as well as in international waters, the Union had recommended at the NEAFC Annual Meeting in November 2014 that a measure be adopted to limit these fisheries to 19 500 tonnes. In the absence of an NEAFC management measure, as in 2014, the fishery in international waters for 2015 should be limited to 19 500 tonnes for vessels from all NEAFC Parties fishing in the area, including Union vessels.

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- (15) Consultations will continue in 2015 on fishing opportunities for the redfish stock in Norwegian waters of I and II. Catch limits for this stock will be fixed during 2015, taking account of the outcome of these consultations.
- (16) In order to reflect correctly the gear distribution of the Spanish 2015 bluefin-tuna fishing fleet, it is necessary to amend Annex IV of Regulation (EU) 2015/104, which sets out the fishing, farming and fattening limitations for bluefin tuna.
- (17) A vessel flying the flag of France and targeting tropical tunas in the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) Convention Area was recently reflagged as an Italian vessel. The corresponding capacity in gross tonnage allocated to France in Annex VI to Regulation (EU) 2015/104 should therefore be transferred to Italy. This transfer neither exceeds the capacity limits for Italy established in Annex II of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 nor affects the capacity limits established by the IOTC.
- (18) Some corrections to Regulation (EU) 2015/104 should be made in order to ensure that, because of the rounding, the total of the Member States' quotas does not exceed the quota available for the Union, and also either to address typographical inaccuracies or to add reporting codes.
- (19) Regulation (EU) 2015/104 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (20) It is necessary for the measures included in this Regulation to start to apply as soon as possible. This Regulation should, therefore, enter into force on the date following that of its publication,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In Regulation (EU) 2015/104, the following Article is inserted:

Article 9a

Measures concerning sea bass

1 It shall be prohibited for Union vessels to fish, retain on board, relocate, tranship or land quantities exceeding the limits set out in paragraph 2 of sea bass caught in the following areas:

- a ICES divisions IVb, IVc, VIId, VIIE, VIIf and VIIfh;
- b waters within 12 nautical miles from baseline under the sovereignty of the United Kingdom in ICES divisions VIIa and VIIg.

2 For the purposes of paragraph 1, the following catch limits shall apply:

Gear category and code^a	Maximum catch of sea bass permitted per vessel per calendar month (in kg)
Mid-water or pelagic trawls, including OTM and PTM	1 500

^a As per FAO alpha 3 fishing gear codes.

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All types of demersal trawls including Danish/Scottish seines, including OTB, OTT, PTB, TBB, SSC, SDN, SPR, SV, SB, SX, TBN, TBS and TB	1 800
All GN, all drift net and fixed (trammel) net fisheries, including GTR, GNS, GND, FYK, FPN and FIX	1 000
All long lines or pole and line or rod and line fisheries, including LHP, LHM, LLD, LL, LTL, LX and LLS	1 300
purse seines, gear codes PS and LA	3 000
a As per FAO alpha 3 fishing gear codes.	

3 For Union vessels using more than one gear in a single calendar month, the lowest catch limit set in paragraph 2 for either gear shall apply.

4 The catch limits set in paragraph 2 shall not be transferable from one month to another or between vessels.

5 It shall be prohibited for Union vessels to retain on board, tranship, relocate or land sea bass caught in ICES divisions VIIb, VIIc, VIIj and VIIk, as well as in the waters of ICES divisions VIIa and VIIg that are more than 12 nautical miles from the baseline under the sovereignty of the United Kingdom.

6 Member States shall report to the Commission catches of sea bass per type of gear not later than 20 days after the end of each month..

Article 2

1 Annex IA to Regulation (EU) 2015/104 is amended in accordance with Annex I to this Regulation.

2 Annex IB to Regulation (EU) 2015/104 is amended in accordance with Annex II to this Regulation.

3 Annex IC to Regulation (EU) 2015/104 is amended in accordance with Annex III to this Regulation.

4 Annex ID to Regulation (EU) 2015/104 is amended in accordance with Annex IV to this Regulation.

5 Annex IF to Regulation (EU) 2015/104 is amended in accordance with Annex V to this Regulation.

6 Annex IV to Regulation (EU) 2015/104 is replaced by the text appearing in Annex VI to this Regulation.

7 Annex VI to Regulation (EU) 2015/104 is replaced by the text appearing in Annex VII to this Regulation.

Article 3

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

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

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ANNEX I

1. The fishing opportunities table for haddock (*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*) in IV and in Union waters of IIa shall be replaced by the following table:

Species:	Haddock <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>		Zone:	IV; Union waters of IIa (HAD/2AC4.)
Belgium	254			
Denmark	1 745			
Germany	1 111			
France	1 936			
The Netherlands	190			
Sweden	176			
United Kingdom	28 785			
Union	34 197			
Norway	6 514			
TAC	40 711			Analytical TAC Article 7(3) of this Regulation applies

Special condition:

within the limits of the abovementioned quotas, no more than the quantities given below may be taken in the following zones:

	Norwegian waters of IV (HAD/*04N-)
Union	25 252

2. The fishing opportunities table for ling (*Molva molva*) in Norwegian waters of IV shall be replaced by the following table:

Species:	Ling <i>Molva molva</i>		Zone:	Norwegian waters of IV (LIN/04-N.)
Belgium	8			
Denmark	965			
Germany	27			
France	11			
The Netherlands	2			
United Kingdom	87			
Union	1 100			
TAC	Not relevant			Analytical TAC

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			Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
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3. The fishing opportunities table for skates and rays (*Rajiformes*) in Union waters of VIa, VIb, VIIa-c and VIIe-k shall be replaced by the following table:

Species:	Skates and rays <i>Rajiformes</i>	Zone:	Union waters of VIa, VIb, VIIa-c and VIIe-k (SRX/67AKXD)
Belgium	725 ^{abc}		
Estonia	4 ^{abc}		
France	3 255 ^{abc}		
Germany	10 ^{abc}		
Ireland	1 048 ^{abc}		
Lithuania	17 ^{abc}		
The Netherlands	3 ^{abc}		
Portugal	18 ^{abc}		
Spain	876 ^{abc}		
United Kingdom	2 076 ^{abc}		
Union	8 032 ^{abc}		
TAC	8 032 ^c		Precautionary TAC Article 11 of this Regulation applies

a Catches of cuckoo ray (*Leucoraja naevus*) (RJN/67AKXD), thornback ray (*Raja clavata*) (RJC/67AKXD), blonde ray (*Raja brachyura*) (RJH/67AKXD), spotted ray (*Raja montagui*) (RJM/67AKXD), small-eyed ray (*Raja microocellata*) (RJE/67AKXD), sandy ray (*Raja circularis*) (RJI/67AKXD) and shagreen ray (*Raja fullonica*) (RJF/67AKXD) shall be reported separately.

b Special condition: of which up to 5 % may be fished in Union waters of VIId (SRX/*07D.), without prejudice to the prohibitions set out in Articles 12 and 44 of this Regulation for the areas specified therein. Catches of cuckoo ray (*Leucoraja naevus*) (RJN/*07D.), thornback ray (*Raja clavata*) (RJC/*07D.), blonde ray (*Raja brachyura*) (RJH/*07D.), spotted ray (*Raja montagui*) (RJM/*07D.), small-eyed ray (*Raja microocellata*) (RJE/*07D.), sandy ray (*Raja circularis*) (RJI/*07D.) and shagreen ray (*Raja fullonica*) (RJF/*07D.) shall be reported separately. This special condition shall not apply to undulate ray (*Raja undulata*).

c Shall not apply to undulate ray (*Raja undulata*). This species shall not be targeted in the areas covered by this TAC. In cases where it is not subject to the landing obligation, by-catch of undulate ray in area VIIe may only be landed whole or gutted, and provided that it does not comprise more than 20 kilograms live weight per fishing trip. The catches shall

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remain under the quotas shown in the table below. The former provisions are without prejudice to the prohibitions set out in Articles 12 and 44 of this Regulation for the areas specified therein. By-catches of undulate ray shall be reported separately under the following code: (RJU/67AKXD). Within the limits of the abovementioned quotas, no more than the quantities of undulate ray given below may be taken:

Species:	Undulate ray <i>Raja undulata</i>	Zone:	Union waters of VIIe (RJU/67AKXD)
Belgium	9		
Estonia	0		
France	41		
Germany	0		
Ireland	13		
Lithuania	0		
The Netherlands	0		
Portugal	0		
Spain	11		
United Kingdom	26		
Union	100		
TAC	100		Precautionary TAC

Special condition: of which up to 5 % may be fished in Union waters of VIId and reported under the following code: (RJU/*07D.). This special condition is without prejudice to the prohibitions set out in Articles 12 and 44 of this Regulation for the areas specified therein.

4. The fishing opportunities table for skates and rays (*Rajiformes*) in Union waters of VIId shall be replaced by the following table:

Species:	Skates and rays <i>Rajiformes</i>	Zone:	Union waters of VIId (SRX/07D.)
Belgium	72 ^{abc}		
France	602 ^{abc}		
The Netherlands	4 ^{abc}		
United Kingdom	120 ^{abc}		
Union	798 ^{abc}		
TAC	798 ^c		Precautionary TAC

a Catches of cuckoo ray (*Leucoraja naevus*) (RJN/07D.), thornback ray (*Raja clavata*) (RJC/07D.), blonde ray (*Raja brachyura*) (RJH/07D.), spotted ray (*Raja montagui*) (RJM/07D.), small-eyed ray (*Raja microocellata*) (RJE/07D.) and undulate ray (*Raja undulata*) (RJU/07D.) shall be reported separately.

b Special condition: of which up to 5 % may be fished in Union waters of VIa, VIb, VIIa-c and VIIe-k (SRX/*67AKD). Catches of Cuckoo ray (*Leucoraja naevus*) (RJN/*67AKD), thornback ray (*Raja clavata*) (RJC/*67AKD), blonde ray (*Raja brachyura*) (RJH/*67AKD), spotted ray (*Raja montagui*) (RJM/*67AKD) and small-eyed ray (*Raja microocellata*) (RJE/*67AKD) shall be reported separately. This special condition shall not apply to undulate ray (*Raja undulata*).

c Shall not apply to undulate ray (*Raja undulata*). This species shall not be targeted in the areas covered by this TAC. In cases where it is not subject to the landing obligation, by-catch of undulate ray in the area covered by this TAC may only be landed whole or gutted, and provided that it does not comprise more than 20 kilograms live weight per fishing trip. The catches shall remain under the quotas shown in the table below. The former provisions are without prejudice to the prohibitions set out in Articles 12 and 44 of this Regulation for the areas specified therein. By-catches of undulate ray

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shall be reported separately under the following code: (RJU/07D.). Within the limits of the abovementioned quotas, no more than the quantities of undulate ray given below may be taken:

Species:	Undulate ray <i>Raja undulata</i>	Zone:	Union waters of VIIId(RJU/07D.)
Belgium	1		
France	8		
The Netherlands	0		
United Kingdom	2		
Union	11		
TAC	11		Precautionary TAC

Special condition: of which up to 5 % may be fished in Union waters of VIIe and reported under the following code: (RJU/*67AKD). This special condition is without prejudice to the prohibitions set out in Articles 12 and 44 of this Regulation for the areas specified therein.

5. The fishing opportunities table for skates and rays (*Rajiformes*) in Union waters of VIII and IX shall be replaced by the following table:

Species:	Skates and rays <i>Rajiformes</i>	Zone:	Union waters of VIII and IX(SRX/89-C.)
Belgium	7 ^{ab}		
France	1 298 ^{ab}		
Portugal	1 051 ^{ab}		
Spain	1 057 ^{ab}		
United Kingdom	7 ^{ab}		
Union	3 420 ^{ab}		
TAC	3 420 ^b		Precautionary TAC

a Catches of cuckoo ray (*Leucoraja naevus*) (RJN/89-C.), blonde ray (*Raja brachyura*) (RJH/89-C.) and thornback ray (*Raja clavata*) (RJC/89-C.) shall be reported separately.

b Shall not apply to undulate ray (*Raja undulata*). This species shall not be targeted in the areas covered by this TAC. In cases where it is not subject to the landing obligation, by-catch of undulate ray in area VIII may only be landed whole or gutted, and provided that it does not comprise more than 20 kilograms live weight per fishing trip. The catches shall remain under the quotas shown in the table below. The former provisions are without prejudice to the prohibitions set out in Articles 12 and 44 of this Regulation for the areas specified therein. By-catches of undulate ray shall be reported separately under the following code: (RJU/89-C.). Within the limits of the abovementioned quotas, no more than the quantities of undulate ray given below may be taken:

Species:	Undulate ray <i>Raja undulata</i>	Zone:	Union waters of VIII(RJU/89-C.)
Belgium	0		
France	9		
Portugal	8		
Spain	8		
United Kingdom	0		
Union	25		

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TAC	25		Precautionary TAC
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6. The first footnote in the fishing opportunities table for spurdog/dogfish (*Squalus acanthias*) in Union waters of IIa and IV and the first footnote of fishing opportunities table for spurdog/dogfish (*Squalus acanthias*) in Union and international waters of I, V, VI, VII, VIII, XII and XIV shall be replaced as follows:

Spurdog shall not be targeted in the areas covered by this TAC. When accidentally caught in fisheries not yet subject to the landing obligation, specimens shall not be harmed and shall be released immediately. The former provisions are without prejudice to the prohibitions set out in Articles 12 and 44 of this Regulation for the areas specified therein.

7. The fishing opportunities table for Norway pout and associated by-catches (*Trisopterus esmarki*) in IIIa, Union waters of IIa and IV shall be replaced by the following table:

Species:	Norway pout and associated by-catches <i>Trisopterus esmarki</i>	Zone:	IIIa, Union waters of IIa and IV (NOP/2A3A4.)
Denmark	127 882 ^a		
Germany	24 ^{ab}		
The Netherlands	94 ^{ab}		
Union	128 000 ^{ac}		
Norway	15 000		
Faroe Islands	7 000 ^d		
TAC	Not relevant		Analytical TAC Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply

a Without prejudice to the landing obligation, catches of whiting may be counted against up to 5 % of the quota (OT2/*2A3A4), provided that not more than 9 % in total of this quota for Norway pout is accounted for by these catches and by-catches of those species that are accounted for under Article 15(8) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013.

b Quota may be fished in Union waters of ICES zones IIa, IIIa and IV only.

c Union quota may only be fished from 1 January to 31 October 2015.

d A sorting grid shall be used. Includes a maximum of 15 % of unavoidable by-catches (NOP/*2A3A4), to be counted against this quota.

8. The fishing opportunities table for other species in Norwegian waters of IV shall be replaced by the following table:

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Species:	Other species	Zone:	Norwegian waters of IV(OTH/04-N.)
Belgium	40		
Denmark	3 624		
Germany	409		
France	168		
The Netherlands	290		
Sweden	Not relevant ^a		
United Kingdom	2 719		
Union	7 250 ^b		
TAC	Not relevant		Precautionary TAC

a Quota allocated by Norway to Sweden of 'other species' at a traditional level.

b Including fisheries not specifically mentioned. Exceptions may be introduced after consultations, as appropriate.

ANNEX II

1. The fishing opportunities table for herring (*Clupea harengus*) in Union and international waters of I and II shall be replaced by the following table:

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Species:	Herring <i>Clupea harengus</i>	Zone:	Union and international waters of I and II(HER/1/2-)
Belgium	6 ^a		
Denmark	6 314 ^a		
Germany	1 105 ^a		
Spain	21 ^a		
France	272 ^a		
Ireland	1 634 ^a		
The Netherlands	2 259 ^a		
Poland	319 ^a		
Portugal	21 ^a		
Finland	98 ^a		
Sweden	2 339 ^a		
United Kingdom	4 036 ^a		
Union	18 424 ^a		

a When reporting catches to the Commission the quantities fished in each of the following areas shall also be reported: NEAFC Regulatory Area and Union waters.

b May be fished in EU waters north of 62° N

c To be counted against the catch limits of the Faroe Islands.

Special condition:

within the limits of the abovementioned quotas, no more than the quantities given below may be taken in the following zones: Norwegian waters north of 62° N and the fishery zone around Jan Mayen (HER/*2AJMN)

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	II, Vb north of 62° N (Faroes waters) (HER/*25B-F)
Belgium	3
Denmark	3 084
Germany	540
Spain	10
France	133
Ireland	798
Netherlands	1 104
Poland	156
Portugal	10
Finland	48
Sweden	1 143
United Kingdom	1 971

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Faroe Islands	9 000 ^{bc}		
TAC	Not established		Analytical TAC

a When reporting catches to the Commission the quantities fished in each of the following areas shall also be reported: NEAFC Regulatory Area and Union waters.

b May be fished in EU waters north of 62° N

c To be counted against the catch limits of the Faroe Islands.

Special condition:

within the limits of the abovementioned quotas, no more than the quantities given below may be taken in the following zones: Norwegian waters north of 62° N and the fishery zone around Jan Mayen (HER/*2AJMN)

0

	II, Vb north of 62° N (Faroes waters) (HER/*25B-F)
Belgium	3
Denmark	3 084
Germany	540
Spain	10
France	133
Ireland	798
Netherlands	1 104
Poland	156
Portugal	10
Finland	48
Sweden	1 143
United Kingdom	1 971

2. The fishing opportunities table for cod (*Gadus morhua*) in Norwegian waters of I and II shall be replaced by the following table:

Species:	Cod <i>Gadus morhua</i>	Zone:	Norwegian waters of I and II(COD/1N2AB.)
Germany	2 663		
Greece	330		
Spain	2 970		
Ireland	330		
France	2 444		
Portugal	2 970		
United Kingdom	10 329		
Union	22 036		
TAC	Not relevant		Analytical TAC

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3. The fishing opportunities table for capelin (*Mallotus villosus*) in Greenland waters of V and XIV shall be replaced by the following table:

Species:	Capelin <i>Mallotus villosus</i>	Zone:	Greenland waters of V and XIV(CAP/514GRN)
Denmark	2 635		
Germany	115		
Sweden	189		
United Kingdom	25		
All Member States	136 ^a		
Union	3 100 ^b		
Norway	20 000		
TAC	Not relevant		Analytical TAC Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply

a Denmark, Germany, Sweden and the United Kingdom may access the 'All Member States' quota only once they have exhausted their own quota. However, Member States with more than 10 % of the Union quota shall not access the 'All Member States' quota at all.

b For a fishing period from 20 June to 30 April of the following year.

4. The fishing opportunities table for haddock (*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*) in Norwegian waters of I and II shall be replaced by the following table:

Species:	Haddock <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>	Zone:	Norwegian waters of I and II(HAD/1N2AB.)
Germany	276		

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France	166		
United Kingdom	846		
Union	1 288		
TAC	Not relevant		Analytical TAC Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply

5. The fishing opportunities table for redfish (*Sebastes* spp.) in Norwegian waters of I and II shall be replaced by the following table:

Species:	Redfish <i>Sebastes</i> spp.	[^{XI} Zone:]	[^{XI} Norwegian waters of I and II (RED/1N2AB.)]
Union	To be established		
TAC	Not relevant		

6. The fishing opportunities table for redfish (*Sebastes* spp.) in International waters of I and II shall be replaced by the following table:

Species:	Redfish <i>Sebastes</i> spp.	Zone:	International waters of I and II (RED/1/2INT)
Union	Not relevant ^{ab}		
TAC	19 500		Analytical TAC Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply

a The fishery may only take place within the period from 1 July to 31 December 2015. The fishery will be closed when the TAC is fully utilised by NEAFC Contracting Parties. The Commission shall inform Member States of the date on which the Secretariat of NEAFC has notified NEAFC Contracting Parties that the TAC has been fully utilised. From that date Member States shall prohibit directed fishery for redfish by vessels flying their flag.

b Vessels shall limit their by-catches of redfish in other fisheries to a maximum of 1 % of the total catch retained on board.

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ANNEX III

The fishing opportunities table for shortfin squid (*Illex illecebrosus*) in NAFO sub-zones 3 and 4 shall be replaced by the following table:

Species:	Shortfin squid <i>Illex illecebrosus</i>	Zone:	NAFO sub-zones 3 and 4 (SQI/N34.)
Estonia	128 ^a		
Latvia	128 ^a		
Lithuania	128 ^a		
Poland	227 ^a		
Union	Not relevant ^{ab}		
TAC	34 000		Analytical TAC Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply

a To be fished between 1 July and 31 December 2015.

b No specified Union's share. An amount of 29 458 tonnes is available to Canada and the Member States of the Union except Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland.

ANNEX IV

The fishing opportunities table for northern albacore (*Thunnus alalunga*) in Atlantic Ocean, north of 5° N shall be replaced by the following table:

Species:	Northern albacore <i>Thunnus alalunga</i>	Zone:	Atlantic Ocean, north
a	The number of Union vessels fishing for northern albacore as a target species, in accordance with Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 520/2007 [1], shall be as follows: 1 253 [1] Council Regulation (EC) No 520/2007 of 7 May 2007 laying down technical measures for the conservation of certain stocks of highly migratory species (OJ L 123, 12.5.2007, p. 3).		
b	The distribution between the Member States of the maximum number of fishing vessels flying the flag of a Member State authorised to fish for northern albacore as a target species in accordance with Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 520/2007:		
	Member State	Maximum number of vessels	
	Ireland	50	
	Spain	730	
	France	151	
	United Kingdom	12	
	Portugal	310	

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			of 5° N(ALB/ AN05N)
Ireland	2 510,64 ^b		
Spain	17 690,59 ^b		
France	4 421,71 ^b		
United Kingdom	195,89 ^b		
Portugal	2 120,3 ^b		
Union	26 939,13 ^a		
TAC	28 000		Analytical TAC Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply

a The number of Union vessels fishing for northern albacore as a target species, in accordance with Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 520/2007 [1], shall be as follows: 1 253
[1] Council Regulation (EC) No 520/2007 of 7 May 2007 laying down technical measures for the conservation of certain stocks of highly migratory species (OJ L 123, 12.5.2007, p. 3).

b The distribution between the Member States of the maximum number of fishing vessels flying the flag of a Member State authorised to fish for northern albacore as a target species in accordance with Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 520/2007:

Member State	Maximum number of vessels
Ireland	50
Spain	730
France	151
United Kingdom	12
Portugal	310

ANNEX V

1. The fishing opportunities table for alfonosinos (*Beryx* spp.) in SEAFO shall be replaced by the following table:

Species:	Alfonosinos <i>Beryx</i> spp.	Zone:	SEAFO(ALF/ SEAFO)
TAC	200 ^a		Precautionary TAC

a No more than 132 tonnes may be taken in Division B1 (ALF/*F47NA).

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2. The fishing opportunities table for orange roughy (*Hoplostethus atlanticus*) in SEAFO Sub-Division B1 shall be replaced by the following table:

Species:	Orange roughy <i>Hoplostethus atlanticus</i>	Zone:	SEAFO Sub-Division B1^a(ORY/F47NAM)
TAC	0 ^b		Precautionary TAC
<p>a For the purpose of this TAC, the area open to the fishery is defined as having:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — its western boundary on the longitude 0° E, — its northern boundary on the latitude 20° S, — its southern boundary on the latitude 28° S, and — the eastern boundary outer limits of the Namibian EEZ. 			
<p>b Except for a by-catch allowance of 4 tonnes (ORY/*F47NA).</p>			

ANNEX VI

Annex IV shall be replaced by the following:

ANNEX IV

ICCAT CONVENTION AREA⁽⁷⁾

1. Maximum number of Union bait boats and trolling boats authorised to fish actively for bluefin tuna between 8 kg/75 cm and 30 kg/115 cm in the Eastern Atlantic

France	37
Union	37

2. Maximum number of Union coastal artisanal fishing vessels authorised to fish actively for bluefin tuna between 8 kg/75 cm and 30 kg/115 cm in the Mediterranean

Spain	84
France	94
Italy	30
Cyprus	6 ^a
Malta	28 ^b
Union	242

a This figure may increase by 10, if Cyprus decides to replace the purse seine vessel by 10 longline vessels as indicated in footnote 5 to table A of section 4.

b This figure may increase by 10, if Malta decides to replace the purse seine vessel by 10 longline vessels as indicated in footnote 7 to table A of section 4.

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Baitboats	To be established	To be established	To be established	To be established	To be established	To be established	To be established
Handlines	To be established	To be established	To be established	To be established	To be established	To be established	To be established
Trawlers	To be established	To be established	To be established	To be established	To be established	To be established	To be established
Other artisanal	To be established	To be established	To be established	To be established	To be established	To be established	To be established

5. Maximum number of traps engaged in the Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean bluefin tuna fishery authorised by each Member State

Number of traps^a	
Spain	5
Italy	6
Portugal	2

^a This number may be further increased, provided that the international obligations of the Union are complied with.

6. Maximum bluefin tuna farming capacity and fattening capacity for each Member State and maximum input of wild-caught bluefin tuna that each Member State may allocate to its farms in the Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean

TABLE A

Maximum tuna farming capacity and fattening capacity		
	Number of farms	Capacity (in tonnes)
Spain	14	11 852
Italy	15	13 000
Greece	2	2 100
Cyprus	3	3 000
Croatia	7	7 880
Malta	8	12 300

TABLE B

Maximum input of wild-caught bluefin tuna (in tonnes)	
Spain	5 855
Italy	3 764
Greece	785
Cyprus	2 195
Croatia	2 947

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Malta	8 768.
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ANNEX VII

Annex VI shall be replaced by the following:

ANNEX VI

IOTC CONVENTION AREA

1. Maximum number of Union vessels authorised to fish for tropical tunas in the IOTC Convention Area

Member State	Maximum number of vessels	Capacity (gross tonnage)
Spain	22	61 364
France	27	45 383
Portugal	5	1 627
Italy	1	2 137
Union	55	110 511

2. Maximum number of Union vessels authorised to fish for swordfish and albacore in the IOTC Convention Area

Member State	Maximum number of vessels	Capacity (gross tonnage)
Spain	27	11 590
France	41 ^a	7 882
Portugal	15	6 925
United Kingdom	4	1 400
Union	87	27 797

a This figure does not include vessels registered in Mayotte; it may be increased in the future in accordance with Mayotte's fleet development plan.

3. The vessels referred to in point 1 shall also be authorised to fish for swordfish and albacore in the IOTC Convention Area.
4. The vessels referred to in point 2 shall also be authorised to fish for tropical tunas in the IOTC Convention Area..

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- (1) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/111 of 26 January 2015 establishing measures to alleviate a serious threat to the conservation of the sea bass (*Dicentrarchus labrax*) stock in the Celtic Sea, Channel, Irish Sea and southern North Sea (OJ L 20, 27.1.2015, p. 31).
- (2) Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 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).
- (3) Council Regulation (EU) 2015/104 of 19 January 2015 fixing for 2015 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union vessels, in certain non-Union waters, amending Regulation (EU) No 43/2014 and repealing Regulation (EU) No 779/2014 (OJ L 22, 28.1.2015, p. 1).
- (4) Council Regulation (EU) 2015/523 of 25 March 2015 amending Regulations (EU) No 43/2014 and (EU) 2015/104 as regards certain fishing opportunities (OJ L 84, 28.3.2015, p. 1).
- (5) OJ L 172, 30.6.2007, p. 4.
- (6) OJ L 293, 23.10.2012, p. 5.
- (7) The numbers shown in sections 1, 2 and 3 may decrease in order to comply with international obligations of the Union.

Changes to legislation:

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