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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) and other advisory bodies, as well as any advice received from advisory councils.
- (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. In accordance with Article 16(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, fishing opportunities should be fixed in accordance with the objectives of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) established in Article 2(2) of that Regulation. In accordance with Article 16(1) of that Regulation, fishing opportunities should be allocated to Member States in such a way as to ensure relative stability of fishing activities of each Member State for each fish stock or fishery.
- (4) The total allowable catch (TAC) should therefore be established, in line with Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, on the basis of available scientific advice, taking into account biological and socio-economic aspects whilst ensuring fair treatment between fishing sectors, as well as in the light of the opinions expressed during the consultation of stakeholders, in particular at the meetings of the advisory councils.
- (5) In accordance with Article 15 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, the landing obligation applies fully from 1 January 2019 and all species subject to catch limits should be landed. Article 16(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 provides that, when the landing obligation in respect of a fish stock applies, fishing opportunities are to be fixed taking into account the change from fixing fishing opportunities that reflect landings to fixing

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fishing opportunities that reflect catches. On the basis of the joint recommendations submitted by the Member States and in accordance with Article 15 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, the Commission adopted a number of delegated Regulations laying down details for the implementation of the landing obligation in the form of specific discard plans applicable on a temporary basis for a maximum period of three years.

- (6) The fishing opportunities for stocks of species falling under the landing obligation should take into account the fact that discarding is in principle no longer allowed. Therefore, the fishing opportunities should be based on the advice figure for total catches (instead of the advice figure for wanted catches), as provided by the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES). The amounts that, by way of exception, may continue to be discarded during the operation of the landing obligation should be deducted from that advice figure for total catches.
- (7) There are certain stocks for which ICES has issued scientific advice for no catches. If TACs for those stocks are established at the level indicated in the scientific advice, the obligation to land all catches, including by-catches from those stocks, in mixed fisheries would lead to the phenomenon of ‘choke species’. In order to strike the right balance between continuing fisheries in view of the potentially severe socio-economic implications, and the need to achieve a good biological status for those stocks, taking into account the difficulty of fishing all stocks in a mixed fishery at maximum sustainable yield (MSY) at the same time, it is appropriate to establish specific TACs for by-catches for those stocks. The level of those TACs should be such that mortality for those stocks is decreased and that it provides incentives for improvements in selectivity and avoidance. In order to guarantee to the extent possible the use of fishing opportunities in mixed fisheries in accordance with Article 16(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, it is appropriate to establish a pool for quota exchanges for those Member States that have no quota to cover their unavoidable by-catches.
- (8) In order to reduce catches of the stocks for which by-catch TACs are set, fishing opportunities for the fisheries in which fish from those stocks is caught should be set at levels that help the biomass of vulnerable stocks to recover to sustainable levels. Technical and control measures that are intrinsically linked to fishing opportunities should also be established to prevent illegal discarding.
- (9) According to scientific advice, the spawning-stock biomass of European seabass (*Dicentrarchus labrax*) in the Celtic Sea, Channel, Irish Sea and southern North Sea (ICES divisions 4b, 4c, 7a, and 7d to 7h) has been declining since 2009 and is currently below  $MSY B_{trigger}$  and just above  $B_{lim}$ . The fishing mortality, due to the measures taken by the Union has decreased and is currently below  $F_{MSY}$ . However, recruitment is low, fluctuating without trend since 2008. Therefore, the catch limits should be continued, while ensuring that the target fishing mortality for this stock is in line with MSY.
- (10) In accordance with the Western Waters multiannual plan established by Regulation (EU) 2019/472 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>(2)</sup>, the target fishing mortality, in line with the ranges of  $F_{MSY}$  defined in Article 2 of that Regulation, is to be achieved as soon as possible, and on progressive and incremental basis by 2020 for the stocks listed in Article 1(1) of that Regulation and shall be maintained thereafter within the

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ranges of  $F_{MSY}$ , in accordance with Article 4 of that Regulation. The overall fishing mortality for seabass in ICES divisions 8a and 8b should therefore be set in line with MSY, taking into account commercial and recreational catches and including discards (2 533 tonnes altogether according to the ICES advice). Member States are to take appropriate measures to ensure that the fishing mortality from their fleets and from their recreational fishermen does not exceed  $F_{MSY}$  point value, as required by Article 4(3) of Regulation (EU) 2019/472.

- (11) Measures for recreational fisheries for European seabass should also be continued, taking account of the significant impact of such fisheries on the stocks concerned. Within the limits of the scientific advice, the catch-and-release practice and the bag limits should be continued. Considering the lack of sufficient selectivity and that higher number of specimens are likely to be caught than the established limits, fixed nets should be excluded. When only the catch-and-release practice is allowed, only the gear ensuring high survival rates should be permitted. Having considered environmental, social and economic circumstances, and especially the dependency of commercial fishermen on those stocks in coastal communities, those measures on European seabass would strike an appropriate balance between the interests of commercial and recreational fishermen. In particular, those measures would allow recreational fishermen to exercise their fishing activities by taking into account their impact on those stocks.
- (12) As regards the European eel (*Anguilla anguilla*) stock, ICES has advised that all anthropogenic mortalities, including recreational and commercial fisheries, should be reduced to zero, or kept as close to zero as possible. Moreover, the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) adopted Recommendation GFCM/42/2018/1 establishing management measures for European eel in the Mediterranean. It is appropriate to maintain the level-playing field across the Union and hence to maintain also for the Union waters of the ICES area as well as brackish waters such as estuaries, coastal lagoons and transitional waters a consecutive three-month closure period for all fisheries of European eel at all life stages. As the fishing closure period should be consistent with the conservation objectives set out in Council Regulation (EC) No 1100/2007<sup>(3)</sup> and with the temporal migration patterns of European eel, for the Union waters of the ICES area it is appropriate to set it in the period between 1 August 2020 and 28 February 2021.
- (13) For some years, certain TACs for stocks of elasmobranchs (skates, sharks, rays) have been set at zero, with a linked provision establishing an obligation to immediately release accidental catches. The reason for that specific treatment was the poor conservation status of those stocks and the assumption that discarding, because of high survival rates, would not raise fishing mortality rates and would be beneficial for the conservation of those species. As of 1 January 2019, however, catches of those species have to be landed, unless they are covered by any of the derogations from the landing obligation provided for in Article 15 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013. Point (a) of Article 15(4) of that Regulation allows such derogations for species in respect of which fishing is prohibited and which are identified as such in a Union legal act adopted in

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the area of the CFP. Therefore, it is appropriate to prohibit fishing of those species in the areas concerned.

- (14) Pursuant to Article 16(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, for stocks subject to specific multiannual plans the TACs should be established in accordance with the rules laid down in those plans.
- (15) The North Sea multiannual plan was established by Regulation (EU) 2018/973 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>(4)</sup> and entered into force in 2018. The Western Waters multiannual plan entered into force in 2019. Fishing opportunities for stocks listed in Article 1 of those plans should be established in accordance with targets (ranges of  $F_{MSY}$ ) and safeguards in compliance with conditions provided for in those plans. The ranges of  $F_{MSY}$  have been identified in the relevant ICES advice. Where no adequate scientific information is available, fishing opportunities for by-catch stocks should be established in accordance with the precautionary approach, as set out in the multiannual plans. In order to limit variations in fishing opportunities between consecutive years, in accordance with point (c) of Article 4(5) of Regulation (EU) 2019/472, it is appropriate to use the upper range of  $F_{MSY}$  for the stocks of northern hake and southern hake.
- (16) In accordance with Article 8 of the Western Waters multiannual plan, where scientific advice indicates that the spawning stock biomass of any of the stocks referred to in Article 1(1) of that plan is below the  $B_{lim}$ , further remedial measures must be taken to ensure rapid return of the stock to levels above the level capable of producing MSY. In particular, those remedial measures may include suspending the targeted fishery for the stock concerned and the adequate reduction of fishing opportunities for those stocks and/or other stocks in the fisheries having by-catches of cod or whiting.
- (17) In its advice, ICES indicated that stocks of cod and whiting in the Celtic Sea are below  $B_{lim}$ . Therefore, further remedial measures should be taken for those stocks. Those measures should contribute to the recovery of the stocks concerned and should replace further reduction of fishing opportunities for fisheries in which those stocks are caught. As regards whiting in the Celtic Sea, those measures should consist of technical modifications to characteristics of gear to decrease by-catches of whiting, which are functionally linked to fishing opportunities for fisheries in which those species are being caught.
- (18) Remedial measures have been taken in 2019 fishing opportunities in respect of the Celtic Sea cod. On that occasion, the TAC for this stock was reserved for by-catches only. However, since the stock is under  $B_{lim}$ , further remedial measures should be taken in order to bring the stock above the level capable of producing MSY, in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Western Waters multiannual plan. Such measures would improve selectivity by making the usage of gear that have lower levels of by-catches of cod mandatory in the areas where cod catches are significant, thus decreasing the fishing mortality of this stock in mixed fisheries. The level of the TAC should be established to avoid premature closure of the fishery in early 2020. In addition, the TAC should be such as to avoid potential discarding, which could undermine data collection and scientific assessment of the stock. Establishing the TAC at 805 tonnes would ensure a

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- considerable increase in the stock spawning biomass in 2020 of at least 100 %, in order to ensure rapid return of the stock to levels capable of producing MSY ( $B_{\text{trigger}}$ ).
- (19) The TACs for bluefin tuna in the eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean should be established in accordance with the rules laid down in Regulation (EU) 2016/1627 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>(5)</sup>.
- (20) As a result of a benchmark exercise on the stock of herring to the west of Scotland, ICES has provided advice for the combined herring stocks in divisions 6a, 7b and 7c (West of Scotland, West of Ireland). The advice covers two separate TACs (for divisions 6aS, 7b and 7c on the one hand, and for divisions 5b, 6b and 6aN on the other). According to ICES, a rebuilding plan has to be developed for those stocks. Therefore, a TAC should be established to permit limited catches in the framework of a commercially operated scientific sampling programme.
- (21) According to scientific advice by ICES, the Celtic Sea herring (*Clupea harengus*) stock (in ICES divisions 7a South of 52° 30' N, 7g–h, and 7j–k) is below  $B_{\text{lim}}$ . Therefore, ICES advised that catches in 2020 should be zero tonnes. ICES suggested that a monitoring fishery should be conducted to maximise the contribution to scientific data collection, including assisting with the acoustic survey and that the minimum level of catches should be 869 tonnes. This figure could provide the minimum number of at least 17 samples required for a TAC monitoring. It is thus appropriate to set a TAC for a sentinel fishery for Celtic Sea herring to collect uninterrupted fisheries-dependent catch data, without impairing the recovery of the stock.
- (22) On 17 December 2018 ICES has published scientific advice on the inter-area flexibility for horse mackerel (*Trachurus* spp.) between ICES divisions 8c and 9a. ICES advised the inter-area flexibility between those two stocks should not exceed the difference between the catch corresponding to a fishing mortality of  $F_{p,05}$  and the established TAC. There should also be no transfer of TAC to a stock with a spawning-stock biomass below the limit reference point ( $B_{\text{lim}}$ ). Under the conditions of that scientific advice, the inter-area flexibility (special condition) for horse mackerel between ICES subarea 9 and ICES division 8c for 2020 should be established at 10 %.
- (23) For stocks for which there is no sufficient or reliable data in order to provide size estimates, management measures and TAC levels should follow the precautionary approach to fisheries management as defined in point (8) of Article 4(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, while taking into account stock-specific factors, including, in particular, available information on stock trends and mixed fisheries considerations.
- (24) Council Regulation (EC) No 847/96<sup>(6)</sup> introduced additional conditions for year-to-year management of TACs including, under Articles 3 and 4 of that Regulation, flexibility provisions for precautionary and analytical TACs. Under Article 2 of that Regulation, when establishing the TACs, the Council is to decide to which stocks Article 3 or 4 of that Regulation is not to apply, in particular on the basis of the biological status of the stocks. In 2014, a further year-to-year flexibility mechanism was introduced by Article 15(9) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 for all stocks that are subject to the landing obligation. Therefore, in order to avoid excessive flexibility that would undermine the principle of rational and responsible exploitation of marine biological resources, hinder

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the achievement of the objectives of the CFP and deteriorate the biological status of the stocks, it should be established that Articles 3 and 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 apply to analytical TACs only where the year-to-year flexibility provided for in Article 15(9) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 is not used.

- (25) The inter-annual flexibility under Article 15(9) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 should be excluded where the application of this flexibility would undermine the achievement of the CFP objectives, in particular for stocks with spawning biomass below  $B_{lim}$ .
- (26) Moreover, given that the biomass of the stocks of COD/03AS; COD/5BE6A; WHG/56-14; WHG/07A and PLE/7HJK is below  $B_{lim}$  and that only by-catch and scientific fisheries are permitted in 2020, Member States have undertaken not to apply Article 15(9) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 for those stocks in 2020 so that catches in 2020 would not exceed the established TACs.
- (27) Where a TAC relating to a stock is allocated to one Member State only, it is appropriate to empower that Member State, in accordance with Article 2(1) of the Treaty, to determine the level of such TAC. Provisions should be made to ensure that, when fixing that TAC level, the Member State concerned acts in a manner fully consistent with the principles and rules of the CFP.
- (28) It is necessary to establish the fishing effort ceilings for 2020 in accordance with Articles 5, 6, 7 and 9 of, and Annex I to, Regulation (EU) 2016/1627.
- (29) In order to guarantee full use of fishing opportunities, it is appropriate to allow for the implementation of a flexible arrangement between certain TAC areas where the same biological stock is concerned.
- (30) For certain species, such as certain species of sharks, even a limited fishing activity could result in a serious conservation risk. Fishing opportunities for such species should therefore be fully restricted through a general prohibition on fishing those species.
- (31) At the 12th Conference of the Parties of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, held in Manila from 23 to 28 October 2017, a number of species were added to the lists of protected species in Appendices I and II to that Convention. Therefore, it is appropriate to provide for the protection of those species with respect to Union fishing vessels fishing in all waters and non-Union fishing vessels fishing in Union waters.
- (32) The use of fishing opportunities available to Union fishing vessels set out in this Regulation is subject to Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009<sup>(7)</sup>, and in particular to Articles 33 and 34 of that Regulation, concerning the recording of catches and fishing effort and the notification of data on the exhaustion of fishing opportunities. It is therefore necessary to specify the codes to be used by Member States when sending data to the Commission relating to landings of stocks subject to this Regulation.
- (33) It is appropriate, following advice from ICES, to maintain a specific system to manage sandeel and associated by-catches in Union waters of ICES divisions 2a and 3a and ICES subarea 4. Given that the ICES scientific advice is expected to become available

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only in February 2020, it is appropriate to set the TAC and quotas for that stock provisionally at zero until such advice is released.

- (34) In accordance with the procedure provided for in the agreements or protocols on fisheries relations with Norway<sup>(8)</sup> and the Faroe Islands<sup>(9)</sup>, the Union has held consultations on fishing rights with those partners. In accordance with the procedure provided for in the agreement and protocol on fisheries relations with Greenland<sup>(10)</sup>, the Joint Committee has established the level of fishing opportunities available for the Union in Greenland waters in 2020. It is therefore necessary to include those fishing opportunities in this Regulation.
- (35) The Union TAC for Greenland Halibut in international waters of 1 and 2 is without prejudice to the Union's position on the appropriate Union share in this fishery.
- (36) At its annual meeting in 2019, the North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC) was unable to adopt conservation measures for the two redfish stocks in the Irminger Sea. The relevant TACs should be established for those stocks, in line with the positions expressed by the Union in NEAFC.
- (37) At its annual meeting in 2017, the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) agreed that in 2018 and 2019, the ICCAT may distribute the unallocated reserves for bluefin tuna for 2019 and 2020, considering in particular the needs of coastal developing ICCAT contracting parties and cooperating non-contracting parties, entities or fishing entities (CPCs) in their artisanal fisheries. That distribution was agreed at the inter-sessional meeting of Panel 2 of ICCAT (Madrid, March 2018) based, for the Union allocation, on the information received from three Member States: Greece, Spain and Portugal. As a result, the Union received specific additional fishing opportunities of 87 tonnes for 2019 and 100 tonnes for 2020 to be used by the Union artisanal fleets in certain Union regions. That allocation of fishing opportunities to the Union was endorsed by ICCAT at its annual meetings in 2018 and 2019. The parameters established by the Council for establishing an allocation key for 2019 between Greece, Spain and Portugal remain valid for 2020.
- (38) The ICCAT Recommendation 16-05, decreasing for 2020 the TAC for Mediterranean swordfish, should be implemented in Union law. As it is already the case for the stock of bluefin tuna in the eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean, it is appropriate that catches in recreational fisheries of all other ICCAT stocks should be subject to the catch limits as adopted by the ICCAT.
- (39) At its annual meeting in 2019, ICCAT agreed for the first time on a TAC for the North Atlantic blue shark caught in association with ICCAT fisheries, and on the allocation key. The fishing opportunities for that stock should thus be allocated to the Member States. In addition, ICCAT agreed on an unallocated TAC for Southern Atlantic blue shark caught in association with ICCAT fisheries. Moreover, annual landing limits were allocated among Contracting Parties for the stocks of blue marlin and white marlin/spearfish in the Atlantic Ocean. Those measures should be implemented in Union law.
- (40) At its annual meeting in 2019, the Parties to the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) adopted catch limits for both target

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and by-catch species for the period from 1 December 2019 to 30 November 2020. The uptake of the quotas during 2019 should be considered when setting fishing opportunities for 2020.

- (41) At its annual meeting in 2019, the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) adopted new catch limits for yellowfin tuna (*Thunnus albacares*) that do not affect the Union catch limits in the framework of IOTC. However, it reduced possibilities for using fish aggregating devices (FADs) and supply vessels. Measures on the retention of Mobulid rays were adopted. Those measures should be implemented in Union law.
- (42) The annual meeting of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (SPRFMO) will be held from 14 to 18 February 2020. The current measures in the SPRFMO Convention Area should be provisionally maintained until such annual meeting is held.
- (43) At its annual meeting in 2017, the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) adopted a conservation measure for yellowfin tuna, bigeye tuna and skipjack tuna for the period 2018–2020. It was not revised at its annual meeting in 2019 and should thus continue being implemented in Union law.
- (44) At its annual meeting in 2019, the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (CCSBT) confirmed the TAC for the southern bluefin tuna for the period 2018–2020 adopted at the annual meeting in 2016. Those measures should be implemented in Union law.
- (45) At its annual meeting in 2019, the South East Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (SEAFO) adopted TACs for the main species under its purview. Those measures should be implemented in Union law.
- (46) At its annual meeting in 2019, the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) kept the previously adopted conservation and management measures. Those measures should continue being implemented in Union law.
- (47) At its 41st annual meeting in 2019, the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (NAFO) adopted a number of fishing opportunities for 2020 for certain stocks in subareas 1 to 4 of the NAFO Convention Area. Those measures should be implemented in the Union law.
- (48) The 6th Meeting of the Parties of the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA) in 2019 adopted conservation and management measures for the stocks under the scope of the Agreement. Those measures should be implemented in Union law.
- (49) As regards the fishing opportunities for snow crab around the area of Svalbard, the Treaty of Paris of 1920 grants equal and non-discriminatory access to resources for all parties to that Treaty, including with respect to fishing. The view of the Union concerning that access, as regards fishing for snow crab on the continental shelf around Svalbard, has been set out in two *notes verbales* to Norway dated 25 October 2016 and 24 February 2017. In order to ensure that the exploitation of snow crab within the area of Svalbard is made consistent with such non-discriminatory management rules as may be set out by Norway, which enjoys sovereignty and jurisdiction in the area



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within the limits of the said Treaty, it is appropriate to fix the number of vessels that are authorised to conduct such fishery. The allocation of such fishing opportunities among Member States is limited to 2020. It is recalled that in the Union primary responsibility for ensuring compliance with applicable law lies with the flag Member States.

- (50) In accordance with the declaration by the Union addressed to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela<sup>(11)</sup>, it is necessary to fix the fishing opportunities for snapper available to Venezuela in Union waters.
- (51) Given that certain provisions are to be applied on a continuous basis, and in order to avoid legal uncertainty during the period between the end of 2020 and the date of entry into force of the Regulation fixing the fishing opportunities for 2021, the provisions concerning prohibitions and closed seasons set out in this Regulation should continue to apply at the beginning of 2021, until the entry into force of the Regulation fixing the fishing opportunities for 2021.
- (52) In order to ensure uniform conditions for the implementation of this Regulation, implementing powers should be conferred on the Commission as regards authorising individual Member States to manage fishing effort allocations in accordance with a kilowatt-day system. Those powers should be exercised in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>(12)</sup>.
- (53) In order to ensure uniform conditions for the implementation of this Regulation, implementing powers should be conferred on the Commission as regards granting of additional days at sea for permanent cessation of fishing activities and for enhanced scientific observer coverage as well as establishing formats of spreadsheets for the collection and transmission of information concerning transfer of days at sea between fishing vessels flying the flag of a Member State. Those powers should be exercised in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 182/2011.
- (54) 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 2020, except for the provisions concerning fishing effort limits, which should apply from 1 February 2020, and certain provisions concerning particular regions, which should have a specific date of application. For reasons of urgency, this Regulation should enter into force immediately after its publication.
- (55) Certain international measures which create or restrict fishing opportunities for the Union are adopted by the relevant regional fisheries management organisations (RFMOs) at the end of the year and become applicable before the entry into force of this Regulation. It is therefore necessary for the provisions that implement such measures in Union law to apply retroactively. In particular, since the fishing season in the CCAMLR Convention Area runs from 1 December to 30 November, and thus certain fishing opportunities or prohibitions in the CCAMLR Convention Area are laid down for a period of time starting from 1 December 2019, it is appropriate that the relevant provisions of this Regulation apply from that date. Such retroactive application does not prejudice the principle of legitimate expectations as CCAMLR members are forbidden to fish in the CCAMLR Convention Area without authorisation.

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(56) Fishing opportunities should be used in full compliance with Union law,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

## TITLE I

### GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### *F1* Article 1

##### Subject matter

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Art. 1 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Common Fisheries Policy \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1542\)](#), regs. 1(3), **7(2)**

#### *Article 2*

##### Scope

- 1 This Regulation applies to the following vessels:
  - a [<sup>F2</sup>United Kingdom] fishing vessels;
  - b third-country vessels in [<sup>F2</sup>United Kingdom] waters.
- 2 This Regulation also applies to recreational fisheries where such fisheries are expressly referred to in its relevant provisions.

#### Textual Amendments

- F2** Words in Art. 2(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Common Fisheries Policy \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1542\)](#), regs. 1(3), **7(3)**

#### *Article 3*

##### Definitions

For the purposes of this Regulation, the definitions set out in Article 4 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 apply. In addition, the following definitions apply:

- (a) ‘third-country vessel’ means a fishing vessel flying the flag of, and registered in, a third country;
- (b) ‘recreational fisheries’ means non-commercial fishing activities exploiting marine biological resources such as recreation, tourism or sport;

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- (c) ‘international waters’ means waters falling outside the sovereignty or jurisdiction of any State;
- (d) F3 .....
- (e) F3 .....
- (f) F3 .....
- (g) ‘mesh size’ means the mesh size of fishing nets as defined in point (34) of Article 6 of Regulation (EU) 2019/1241 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>(13)</sup>;
- (h) F4 .....
- (i) F4 .....
- (j) [<sup>F5</sup>‘instrumented buoy’ means a buoy clearly marked with a unique reference number allowing identification of its owner and equipped with a satellite tracking system to monitor its position;
- (k) ‘operational buoy’ means any instrumented buoy, previously activated, switched on and deployed at sea on a drifting FAD or log, which transmits positions and any other available information such as echo-sounder estimates.]

**Textual Amendments**

- F3** Arts. 3(d)-(f) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Common Fisheries Policy \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1542\)](#), regs. 1(3), **7(4)(a)**
- F4** Art. 3(h)(i) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Common Fisheries Policy \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1542\)](#), regs. 1(3), **7(4)(b)**
- F5** Inserted by [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2020/900 of 25 June 2020 amending Regulation \(EU\) 2019/1838 as regards certain fishing opportunities for 2020 in the Baltic Sea and amending Regulation \(EU\) 2020/123 as regards certain fishing opportunities in 2020 in Union and non-Union waters.](#)

*Article 4*

**Fishing zones**

For the purposes of this Regulation, the following zone definitions 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<sup>(14)</sup>;
- (b) F6 .....
- (c) F6 .....
- (d) F6 .....
- (e) F6 .....
- (f) F6 .....
- (g) F6 .....
- (h) F6 .....

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- (i) F6 .....
- (j) F6 .....
- (k) F6 .....
- (l) F6 .....
- (m) F6 .....
- (n) ‘ICCAT Convention Area’ is the geographical area defined in the International Convention for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas<sup>(15)</sup>;
- (o) F7 .....
- (p) F7 .....
- (q) F7 .....
- (r) F7 .....
- (s) F7 .....
- (t) F7 .....
- (u) F7 .....
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**Textual Amendments**

- F6** Arts. 4(b)-(m) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(5)(a)**
- F7** Art. 4(o)(v) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(5)(b)**

TITLE II

**FISHING OPPORTUNITIES FOR [F8UNITED KINGDOM] FISHING VESSELS**

CHAPTER I

**General provisions**

*F9* Article 5

**TACs and allocations**

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**F9** Arts. 5-9 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Common Fisheries Policy \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1542\)](#), regs. 1(3), 7(7)

*F<sup>9</sup> Article 6*

**TACs to be determined by Member States**

**Textual Amendments**

**F9** Arts. 5-9 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Common Fisheries Policy \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1542\)](#), regs. 1(3), 7(7)

*F<sup>9</sup> Article 7*

**Conditions for landing catches and by-catches**

**Textual Amendments**

**F9** Arts. 5-9 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Common Fisheries Policy \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1542\)](#), regs. 1(3), 7(7)

*F<sup>9</sup> Article 8*

**Quota-exchange mechanism for TACs for unavoidable by-catches with regard to the landing obligation**

**Textual Amendments**

**F9** Arts. 5-9 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Common Fisheries Policy \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1542\)](#), regs. 1(3), 7(7)

*F<sup>9</sup> Article 9*

**Fishing effort limits in ICES division 7e**

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### Textual Amendments

- F9** Arts. 5-9 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Common Fisheries Policy \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1542\)](#), regs. 1(3), 7(7)

## Article 10

### Measures on European seabass fisheries

1 <sup>[F10]</sup>Until the end of 2021 it is] prohibited for <sup>[F11]</sup>United Kingdom] fishing vessels, as well as for any commercial fisheries from shore, to fish for European seabass in ICES divisions 4b and 4c, and in ICES subarea 7. <sup>[F12]</sup>During that period it is] prohibited to retain, tranship, relocate or land European seabass caught in that area.

2 By way of derogation from paragraph 1, <sup>[F13]</sup>until the end of January 2021] and from <sup>[F14]</sup>1st April to the end of December 2021], <sup>[F15]</sup>United Kingdom] fishing vessels in ICES divisions 4b, 4c, 7d, 7e, 7f and 7h and in waters within 12 nautical miles from baselines under the sovereignty of the United Kingdom in ICES divisions 7a and 7g may fish for European seabass, and retain, tranship, relocate or land European seabass caught in that area with the following gear and within the following limits:

- a using demersal trawls<sup>(16)</sup>, for unavoidable by-catches not exceeding 520 kilogrammes per two months and 5 % of the weight of the total catches of marine organisms on board caught by that vessel per fishing trip;
- b using seines<sup>(17)</sup>, for unavoidable by-catches not exceeding 520 kilogrammes per two months and 5 % of the weight of the total catches of marine organisms on board caught by that vessel per fishing trip;
- c using hooks and lines<sup>(18)</sup>, not exceeding 5,7 tonnes per vessel per year;
- d using fixed gillnets<sup>(19)</sup>, for unavoidable by-catches not exceeding 1,4 tonnes per vessel per year.

The derogations set out in the first subparagraph <sup>F16</sup>... apply to <sup>[F15]</sup>United Kingdom] fishing vessels that have recorded catches of European seabass over the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 September 2016: in point (c) with recorded catches using hooks and lines, and in point (d) with recorded catches using fixed gillnets. In the case of a replacement of a <sup>[F15]</sup>United Kingdom] fishing vessel, <sup>[F17]</sup>a fisheries administration] may allow the derogation to apply to another fishing vessel provided that the number of <sup>[F15]</sup>United Kingdom] fishing vessels subject to the derogation and their overall fishing capacity do not increase.

3 The catch limits set out in paragraph 2 <sup>[F18]</sup>are not] transferable between vessels and, where a monthly limit applies, from one month to another. For <sup>[F19]</sup>United Kingdom] fishing vessels using more than one gear in a single calendar month, the lowest catch limit set out in paragraph 2 for either gear shall apply.

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5 In recreational fisheries, including from shore, in ICES divisions 4b, 4c, 6a, <sup>[F22]</sup>7a and 7d to 7j]:

- a <sup>[F23]</sup>until the end of February 2021] and <sup>[F24]</sup>for the whole of December 2021], only catch-and-release fishing with a rod or a handline for European seabass <sup>[F25]</sup>is permitted].

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During those periods, it [<sup>F26</sup>is] prohibited to retain, relocate, tranship or land European seabass caught in that area;

- b from [<sup>F27</sup>1st March to the end of November 2021], not more than two specimens of European seabass may be caught and retained per fisherman per day; the minimum size of European seabass [<sup>F28</sup>which may be retained is] 42 cm.

Point (b) of the first subparagraph [<sup>F29</sup>does] not apply to fixed nets, which may not be used to catch or retain European seabass during the period referred to in that point.

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#### Textual Amendments

- F10** Words in Art. 10(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(8)(a)(i)**
- F11** Words in Art. 10(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(8)(a)(ii)**
- F12** Words in Art. 10(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(8)(a)(iii)**
- F13** Words in Art. 10(2) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(8)(b)(i)(aa)**
- F14** Words in Art. 10(2) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(8)(b)(i)(bb)**
- F15** Words in Art. 10(2) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(8)(b)(ii)**
- F16** Word in Art. 10(2) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(8)(b)(iii)(aa)**
- F17** Words in Art. 10(2) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(8)(b)(iii)(bb)**
- F18** Words in Art. 10(3) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(8)(c)(i)**
- F19** Words in Art. 10(3) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(8)(c)(ii)**
- F20** Words in Art. 10(3) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(8)(c)(iii)**
- F21** Art. 10(4) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(8)(d)**
- F22** Words in Art. 10(5) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(8)(e)(i)**
- F23** Words in Art. 10(5)(a) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(8)(e)(ii)(aa)**
- F24** Words in Art. 10(5)(a) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(8)(e)(ii)(bb)**
- F25** Words in Art. 10(5)(a) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(8)(e)(ii)(cc)**
- F26** Word in Art. 10(5)(a) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(8)(e)(ii)(dd)**
- F27** Words in Art. 10(5)(b) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(8)(e)(iii)(aa)**
- F28** Words in Art. 10(5)(b) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(8)(e)(iii)(bb)**

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- F29** Word in Art. 10(5) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(8)(e)(iv)**
- F30** Art. 10(6) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(8)(f)**
- F31** Art. 10(7) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(8)(f)**

### *F32* Article 11

#### **Measures on European eel fisheries in United Kingdom waters**

Any targeted, incidental and recreational fishery of European eel is prohibited in United Kingdom waters and brackish waters such as estuaries, coastal lagoons and transitional waters until the end of February 2021.]

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F32** Art. 11 substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(9)**

### *F33* Article 12

#### **Special provisions on allocations of fishing opportunities**

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F33** Art. 12 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(10)**

### *F5* Article 12a

#### **Closed fishing seasons for sandeels**

Commercial fishing for sandeels with demersal trawl, seine or similar towed gears with a mesh size of less than 16 mm [<sup>F34</sup>is] prohibited in ICES [<sup>F35</sup>division 2a] and ICES subarea 4 <sup>F36</sup>... from 1 January to [<sup>F37</sup>the end of March] 2021.]

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F5** Inserted by Council Regulation (EU) 2020/900 of 25 June 2020 amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1838 as regards certain fishing opportunities for 2020 in the Baltic Sea and amending Regulation (EU) 2020/123 as regards certain fishing opportunities in 2020 in Union and non-Union waters.
- F34** Word in Art. 12a substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(11)(a)**
- F35** Words in Art. 12a substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(11)(b)**



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- F36** Words in Art. 12a omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Common Fisheries Policy \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1542\)](#), regs. 1(3), **7(11)(c)**
- F37** Words in Art. 12a substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Common Fisheries Policy \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1542\)](#), regs. 1(3), **7(11)(d)**

### Article 13

#### Remedial measures for cod and whiting in the Celtic Sea

1 The following measures shall apply to [<sup>F38</sup>United Kingdom fishing] vessels fishing with bottom trawls and seines in ICES divisions from 7f, 7g, the part of 7h North of latitude 49° 30' North and the part of 7j North of latitude 49° 30' North and East of longitude 11° West:

- a [<sup>F38</sup>United Kingdom fishing] vessels fishing with bottom trawls whose catches consist of at least 20 % of haddock shall be prohibited from fishing in the area referred to in paragraph 1 unless they use gear with one of the following mesh sizes:
- 110 mm cod-end with 120 mm square-mesh panel,
  - 100 mm T90 cod-end,
  - 120 mm cod-end,
  - [<sup>F39</sup>100 mm with 160 mm square-mesh panel;]
- b As from 1 June 2020, in addition to measures referred to in point (a), [<sup>F38</sup>United Kingdom fishing] vessels shall use: (i) a fishing gear that is constructed with a minimum of one meter spacing between the fishing line and ground gear, or (ii) any means proven to be at least equally selective for avoidance of cod, according to the assessment by ICES or [<sup>F40</sup>a similar independent scientific body recognised at international level];
- c [<sup>F38</sup>United Kingdom fishing] vessels fishing with bottom seines whose catches consist of at least 20 % of haddock shall be prohibited from fishing in the area referred to in paragraph 1 unless they use gear with one of the following mesh sizes:
- 110 mm cod-end with 120 mm square-mesh panel,
  - 100 mm T90 cod-end,
  - 120 mm cod-end.

2 Except vessels falling within the scope of Article 9(2) of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) [<sup>F41</sup>2019/2239], [<sup>F38</sup>United Kingdom fishing] vessels fishing with bottom trawls and seines in ICES divisions from 7f to [<sup>F42</sup>7j] and in the area west of 5° W longitude in ICES division 7e, or [<sup>F38</sup>United Kingdom fishing] vessels fishing with bottom trawls in the area of paragraph 1 whose catches consist of less than 20 % of haddock, shall be prohibited from fishing unless they use a minimum cod-end mesh size of at least 100 mm. This minimum cod-end mesh size requirement does not apply to vessels whose by-catches of cod do not exceed 1,5 %, as assessed by [<sup>F43</sup>an independent scientific body recognised at international level].

3 According to Article 15 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 and Article 27(2) of Regulation (EU) 2019/1241, the catch percentages shall be calculated as the proportion by live weight of all marine biological resources landed after each fishing trip.

4 [<sup>F38</sup>United Kingdom fishing] vessels may deploy an alternative highly selective gear to those listed in points (a) and (b) of paragraph 1, the technical attributes of which result, according to a scientific study assessed by [<sup>F44</sup>an independent scientific body recognised at international level], in catches of less than 1 % of cod.

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Textual Amendments

- F38 Words in Art. 13 substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), 7(12)(a)
F39 Substituted by Council Regulation (EU) 2020/900 of 25 June 2020 amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1838 as regards certain fishing opportunities for 2020 in the Baltic Sea and amending Regulation (EU) 2020/123 as regards certain fishing opportunities in 2020 in United Kingdom fishing and non-United Kingdom fishing waters.
F40 Words in Art. 13(1)(b) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), 7(12)(b)
F41 Word in Art. 13(2) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), 7(12)(c)(i)
F42 Word in Art. 13(2) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), 7(12)(c)(ii)
F43 Words in Art. 13(2) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), 7(12)(c)(iii)
F44 Words in Art. 13(4) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), 7(12)(d)

F39 Article 14

Remedial measures for cod in the North Sea

1 The closed areas to fishing, except with pelagic gear (purse seines and trawls), and the periods during which the closures apply are set out in Annex IV.

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Textual Amendments

- F39 Substituted by Council Regulation (EU) 2020/900 of 25 June 2020 amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1838 as regards certain fishing opportunities for 2020 in the Baltic Sea and amending Regulation (EU) 2020/123 as regards certain fishing opportunities in 2020 in United Kingdom fishing and non-United Kingdom fishing waters.
F45 Art. 14(2)-(4) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of Fisheries Act 2020 (c. 22), s. 54(3)(f), Sch. 11 para. 14 (with Sch. 4 para. 31)

F46 Article 15

Remedial measures for cod in Kattegat

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- F46** Art. 15 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Common Fisheries Policy \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1542\)](#), regs. 1(3), 7(14)

## Article 16

### Prohibited species

1 It shall be prohibited for [<sup>F47</sup>United Kingdom] fishing vessels to fish for, to retain on board, to tranship or to land the following species:

- a starry ray (*Amblyraja radiata*) in [<sup>F48</sup>United Kingdom] waters of ICES divisions 2a, 3a and 7d and ICES subarea 4;
- b leafscale gulper shark (*Centrophorus squamosus*) in [<sup>F49</sup>United Kingdom] waters of ICES division 2a and subarea 4 and in <sup>F50</sup>... international waters of ICES subareas 1 and 14;
- c Portuguese dogfish (*Centroscymnus coelolepis*) in [<sup>F51</sup>United Kingdom] waters of ICES division 2a and subarea 4 and in <sup>F52</sup>... international waters of ICES subareas 1 and 14;
- d kitefin shark (*Dalatias licha*) in [<sup>F53</sup>United Kingdom] waters of ICES division 2a and subarea 4 and in <sup>F54</sup>... international waters of ICES subareas 1 and 14;
- e birdbeak dogfish (*Deania calcea*) in [<sup>F55</sup>United Kingdom] waters of ICES division 2a and subarea 4 and in <sup>F56</sup>... international waters of ICES subareas 1 and 14;
- f common skate (*Dipturus batis*) complex (*Dipturus* cf. *flossada* and *Dipturus* cf. *intermedia*) in [<sup>F57</sup>United Kingdom] waters of ICES division 2a and ICES subareas [<sup>F58</sup>4, 6, 7 and 8];
- g great lanternshark (*Etmopterus princeps*) in [<sup>F59</sup>United Kingdom] waters of ICES division 2a and subarea 4 and in <sup>F60</sup>... international waters of ICES subareas 1 and 14;
- h tope shark (*Galeorhinus galeus*) when taken with longlines in [<sup>F61</sup>United Kingdom] waters of ICES division 2a and subarea 4 and in [<sup>F61</sup>United Kingdom] and international waters of ICES subareas 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12 and 14;
- i porbeagle (*Lamna nasus*) in all waters;
- <sup>F62</sup>j .....
- k undulate ray (*Raja undulata*) in [<sup>F63</sup>United Kingdom] waters of ICES [<sup>F64</sup>subarea 6];
- l whale shark (*Rhincodon typus*) in all waters;
- <sup>F65</sup>m .....
- n picked dogfish (*Squalus acanthias*) in [<sup>F66</sup>United Kingdom] waters of ICES [<sup>F67</sup>subareas 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8][<sup>F39</sup>];
- [<sup>F5</sup>o splendid alfonsino (*Beryx splendens*) in NAFO subarea 6.]

2 When accidentally caught, species referred to in paragraph 1 shall not be harmed. Specimens shall be promptly released.

### Textual Amendments

- F5** Inserted by [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2020/900 of 25 June 2020 amending Regulation \(EU\) 2019/1838 as regards certain fishing opportunities for 2020 in the Baltic Sea and amending Regulation \(EU\) 2020/123 as regards certain fishing opportunities in 2020 in Union and non-Union waters.](#)
- F39** Substituted by [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2020/900 of 25 June 2020 amending Regulation \(EU\) 2019/1838 as regards certain fishing opportunities for 2020 in the Baltic Sea and amending Regulation](#)

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(EU) 2020/123 as regards certain fishing opportunities in 2020 in United Kingdom fishing and non-United Kingdom fishing waters.

- F47** Words in Art. 16(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(15)(a)**
- F48** Words in Art. 16(1)(a) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(15)(b)**
- F49** Words in Art. 16(1)(b) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(15)(c)(i)**
- F50** Words in Art. 16(1)(b) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(15)(c)(ii)**
- F51** Words in Art. 16(1)(c) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(15)(d)(i)**
- F52** Words in Art. 16(1)(c) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(15)(d)(ii)**
- F53** Words in Art. 16(1)(d) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(15)(e)(i)**
- F54** Words in Art. 16(1)(d) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(15)(e)(ii)**
- F55** Words in Art. 16(1)(e) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(15)(f)(i)**
- F56** Words in Art. 16(1)(e) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(15)(f)(ii)**
- F57** Words in Art. 16(1)(f) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(15)(g)(i)**
- F58** Words in Art. 16(1)(f) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(15)(g)(ii)**
- F59** Words in Art. 16(1)(g) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(15)(h)(i)**
- F60** Words in Art. 16(1)(g) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(15)(h)(ii)**
- F61** Words in Art. 16(1)(h) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(15)(i)**
- F62** Art. 16(1)(j) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(15)(j)**
- F63** Words in Art. 16(1)(k) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(15)(k)(i)**
- F64** Words in Art. 16(1)(k) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(15)(k)(ii)**
- F65** Art. 16(1)(m) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(15)(l)**
- F66** Words in Art. 16(1)(n) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(15)(m)(i)**
- F67** Words in Art. 16(1)(n) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(15)(m)(ii)**

*F68* Article 17

**Data transmission**

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**Textual Amendments**

**F68** Art. 17 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Common Fisheries Policy \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1542\)](#), regs. 1(3), **7(16)**

*<sup>F69</sup>CHAPTER II*

***Fishing authorisations in third-country waters***

*Article 18*

**Fishing authorisations**

**Textual Amendments**

**F69** Title 2 Ch. 2 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Common Fisheries Policy \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1542\)](#), regs. 1(3), **7(17)**

*CHAPTER III*

***Fishing opportunities in waters of regional fisheries management organisations***

*<sup>F70</sup>Section 1*

***General provisions***

*19*

**Quota transfers and exchanges**

**Textual Amendments**

**F70** Title 2 Ch. 3 Section 1 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Common Fisheries Policy \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1542\)](#), regs. 1(3), **7(18)**

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## Section 2

### ICCAT Convention Area

#### <sup>F71</sup>Article 20

#### Fishing, farming and fattening capacity limitations

##### Textual Amendments

- F71** Art. 20 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Common Fisheries Policy \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1542\)](#), regs. 1(3), **7(19)**

#### <sup>F72</sup>Article 21

#### Recreational fisheries

##### Textual Amendments

- F72** Art. 21 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Common Fisheries Policy \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1542\)](#), regs. 1(3), **7(19)**

#### Article 22

#### Sharks

- 1 Retaining on board, transshipping or landing any part or whole carcass of bigeye thresher sharks (*Alopias superciliosus*) caught in any fishery shall be prohibited.
- 2 It shall be prohibited to undertake a directed fishery for species of thresher sharks of the *Alopias* genus.
- 3 Retaining on board, transshipping or landing any part or whole carcass of hammerhead sharks of the *Sphyrnidae* family (except for the *Sphyrna tiburo*) caught in fisheries in the ICCAT Convention Area shall be prohibited.
- 4 Retaining on board, transshipping or landing any part or whole carcass of oceanic whitetip sharks (*Carcharhinus longimanus*) taken in any fishery shall be prohibited.
- 5 Retaining on board silky sharks (*Carcharhinus falciformis*) caught in any fishery shall be prohibited.

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<sup>F73</sup>Section 3

**CCAMLR Convention Area**

Article 23

**Exploratory fisheries notifications**

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Article 24

**Limits on exploratory fisheries for toothfish**

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Article 25

**Krill fishery during the 2020-2021 fishing season**

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**Textual Amendments**

**F73** Title 2 Ch. 3 Section 3 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Common Fisheries Policy \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1542\)](#), regs. 1(3), **7(20)**

Section 4

**IOTC Area of Competence**

<sup>F74</sup>Article 26

**Limitation of fishing capacity of vessels fishing in the IOTC Area of Competence**

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**Textual Amendments**

**F74** Art. 26 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Common Fisheries Policy \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1542\)](#), regs. 1(3), **7(21)**

<sup>F39</sup>Article 27

**Drifting FADs and supply vessels**

1 Drifting FADs shall be equipped with instrumented buoys. The use of any other buoys, such as radio buoys is prohibited.

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- 2 A purse seiner shall not follow more than 300 operational buoys at any one time.
- 3 The maximum number of instrumented buoys that may be acquired annually for each purse seine vessel is 500. No purse seine vessel shall have more than 500 instrumented buoys (buoy in stock and operational buoy) at any time.
- 4 The maximum number of supply vessels shall be two supply vessels in support of not less than five purse seiners <sup>F75</sup>.... This provision shall not apply [<sup>F76</sup>where only one supply vessel is used].
- 5 A single purse seiner shall not be supported by more than one single supply vessel <sup>F77</sup>... at any time.
- 6 [<sup>F78</sup>A fisheries administration must] not register new or additional supply vessels in the IOTC record of authorised vessels.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F39** Substituted by Council Regulation (EU) 2020/900 of 25 June 2020 amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1838 as regards certain fishing opportunities for 2020 in the Baltic Sea and amending Regulation (EU) 2020/123 as regards certain fishing opportunities in 2020 in United Kingdom fishing and non-United Kingdom fishing waters.
- F75** Words in Art. 27(4) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(22)(a)(i)**
- F76** Words in Art. 27(4) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(22)(a)(ii)**
- F77** Words in Art. 27(5) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(22)(b)**
- F78** Words in Art. 27(6) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(22)(c)**

## Article 28

### Sharks

- 1 Retaining on board, transshipping or landing any part or whole carcass of thresher sharks of all the species of the *Alopiidae* family in any fishery shall be prohibited.
- 2 Retaining on board, transshipping or landing any part or whole carcass of oceanic whitetip sharks (*Carcharhinus longimanus*) in any fishery shall be prohibited, except for [<sup>F79</sup>United Kingdom fishing] vessels under 24 metres overall length engaged solely in fishing operations within [<sup>F80</sup>United Kingdom waters], and provided that their catch is destined solely for [<sup>F81</sup>United Kingdom] consumption.
- 3 When accidentally caught, species referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 shall not be harmed. Specimens shall be promptly released.

#### Textual Amendments

- F79** Words in Art. 28(2) inserted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(23)(a)**
- F80** Words in Art. 28(2) substituted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(23)(b)**



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**F81** Words in Art. 28(2) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), 7(23)(c)

*F82* Article 28a

**Mobulid rays**

1 It shall be prohibited for [<sup>F83</sup>United Kingdom] fishing vessels to fish for, to retain on board, to tranship, to land, to store, to offer for sale or to sell any part or whole carcass of Mobulid rays ( *Mobulidae* family which includes the genera *Manta* and *Mobula* ), except for fishing vessels carrying out subsistence fishery (where the fish caught are consumed directly by the families of the fishermen).

By way of derogation from the first subparagraph, Mobulid rays that are unintentionally caught by artisanal fishing (fisheries other than longline or surface fisheries, i.e. purse seines, pole and line, gillnet fisheries, handline and trolling vessels, and registered in the IOTC record of authorised vessels) may be landed for purposes of local consumption only.

2 All fishing vessels, other than those carrying out subsistence fishery, shall promptly release alive and unharmed, to the extent practicable, Mobulid rays as soon as they are seen in the net, on the hook, or on the deck, and shall do so in a manner that will result in the least possible harm to the individuals captured.]

**Textual Amendments**

**F82** Inserted by Council Regulation (EU) 2020/455 of 26 March 2020 amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1838 as regards certain fishing opportunities for 2020 in the Baltic Sea and other waters, and Regulation (EU) 2020/123 as regards certain fishing opportunities for 2020 in Union and non Union waters.

**F83** Words in Art. 28a substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), 7(24)

*F84* Section 5

**SPRFMO Convention Area**

Article 29

**Pelagic fisheries**

Article 30

**Mobulid rays**

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*Article 31*

**Bottom fisheries**

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*Article 32*

**Exploratory fisheries**

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**Textual Amendments**

**F84** Title 2 Ch. 3 Sections 5-10 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Common Fisheries Policy \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1542\)](#), regs. 1(3), **7(25)**

*<sup>F84</sup>Section 6*

***IATTC Convention Area***

*Article 33*

**Purse-seine fisheries**

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*Article 34*

**Drifting FADs**

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*Article 35*

**Catch limits for bigeye tuna in longline fisheries**

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*Article 36*

**Prohibition of fishing for oceanic whitetip sharks**

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*Article 37*

**Prohibition of fishing for Mobulid rays**

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*F<sup>84</sup>Section 7*

**SEAFO Convention Area**

*Article 38*

**Prohibition of fishing for deep-water sharks**

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*F<sup>84</sup>Section 8*

**WCPFC Convention Area**

*Article 39*

**Conditions for bigeye tuna, yellowfin tuna, skipjack tuna and south Pacific albacore fisheries**

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*Article 40*

**Management of fishing with FADs**

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*Article 41*

**Limitations to the number of Union fishing vessels authorised to fish for swordfish**

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*Article 42*

**Catch limits for swordfish in longline fisheries south of 20° S**

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*Article 43*

**Silky sharks and oceanic whitetip sharks**

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*Article 44*

**Overlap area between IATTC and WCPFC**

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*F84* Section 9

**Bering Sea**

*Article 45*

**Prohibition on fishing in the high seas of the Bering Sea**

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*F84* Section 10

**SIOFA Agreement Area**

*Article 46*

**Limits to bottom fishing**

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**Textual Amendments**

**F8** Words in [Title 2](#) heading substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Common Fisheries Policy \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1542\)](#), regs. 1(3), **7(6)**

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<sup>F85</sup>TITLE III

**FISHING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIRD-COUNTRY VESSELS IN UNION WATERS**

*Article 47*

**Fishing vessels flying the flag of Norway and fishing vessels registered in the Faroe Islands**

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*Article 48*

**Fishing vessels flying the flag of Venezuela**

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*Article 49*

**Fishing authorisations**

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*Article 50*

**Conditions for landing catches and by-catches**

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*Article 51*

**Closed fishing seasons**

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*Article 52*

**Prohibited species**

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**Textual Amendments**

**F85** Title 3 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Common Fisheries Policy \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1542\)](#), regs. 1(3), 7(26)

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<sup>F86</sup>TITLE IV

**FINAL PROVISIONS**

*Article 53*

**Committee procedure**

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*Article 54*

**Transitional provision**

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*Article 55*

**Entry into force**

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**Textual Amendments**

**F86** Title 4 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Common Fisheries Policy \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1542\)](#), regs. 1(3), **7(26)**

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

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<sup>F87</sup> ANNEX I

TACs APPLICABLE TO UNION FISHING VESSELS IN  
AREAS WHERE TACs EXIST BY SPECIES AND BY AREA

**Textual Amendments**

**F87** Annexes 1-3 and List of Annexes omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Common Fisheries Policy \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1542\)](#), regs. 1(3), **7(27)(28)**

<sup>F87</sup> ANNEX II

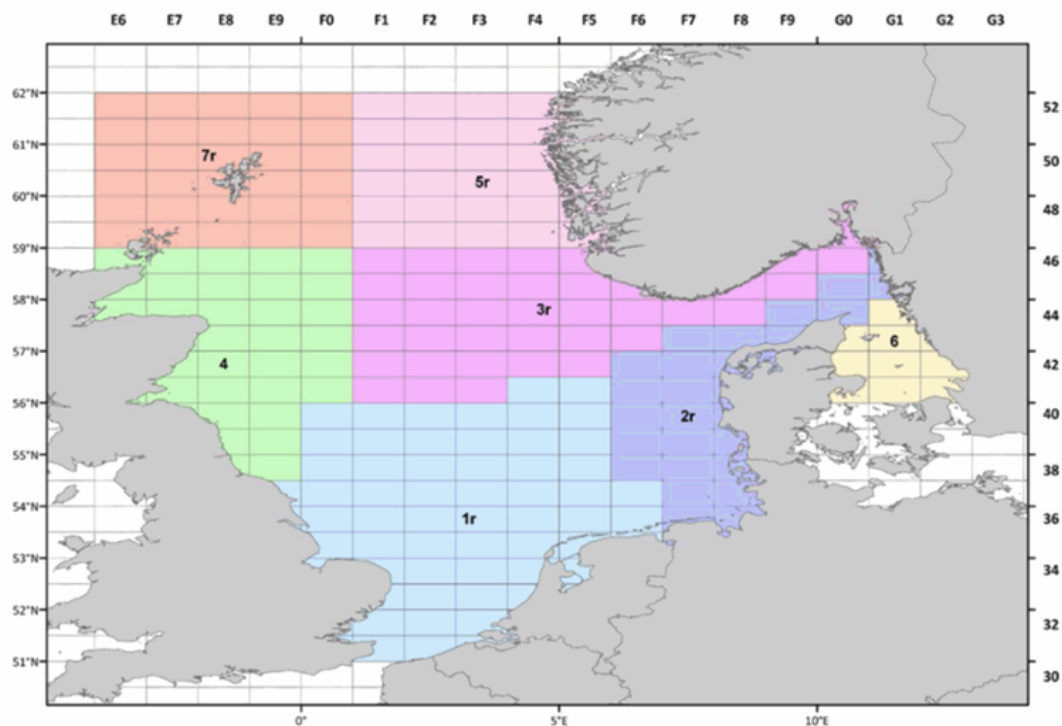
<sup>F87</sup> ANNEX III

MANAGEMENT AREAS FOR SANDEEL IN  
ICES DIVISIONS 2a, 3a AND ICES SUBAREA 4

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## Appendix

## Sandeel management areas



## ANNEX IV

## SEASONAL CLOSURES TO PROTECT SPAWNING COD

The areas set out in the table below shall be closed for all gear, except pelagic gear (purse seines and trawls), during the identified period:

Time-limited closures				
No	Area name	Coordinates	Period	Additional comment
1	Stanhope ground	60° 10' N - 01° 45' E 60° 10' N - 02° 00' E 60° 25' N - 01° 45' E 60° 25' N - 02° 00' E	1 January to [F88the end of] April	



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2	Long Hole	59° 07,35' N - 0° 31,04' W 59° 03,60' N - 0° 22,25' W 58° 59,35' N - 0° 17,85' W 58° 56,00' N - 0° 11,01' W 58° 56,60' N - 0° 08,85' W 58° 59,86' N - 0° 15,65' W 59° 03,50' N - 0° 20,00' W 59° 08,15' N - 0° 29,07' W	1 January to [F89]the end of] March	
3	F90 ...	F90 ...	F90 ...	
4	Papa Bank	59° 56' N - 03° 08' W 59° 56' N - 02° 45' W 59° 35' N - 03° 15' W 59° 35' N - 03° 35' W	1 January to [F91]the end of] 15 March	
5	Foula Deeps	60° 17,50' N - 01° 45' W 60° 11,00' N - 01° 45' W 60° 11,00' N - 02° 10' W 60° 20,00' N - 02° 00' W 60° 20,00' N - 01° 50' W	1 November to [F92]the end of] December	
6	F93 ...	F93 ...	F93 ...	F93 ...
7	East of Fair Isle	59° 40' N - 01° 23' W 59° 40' N - 01° 13' W 59° 30' N - 01° 20' W 59° 10' N - 01° 20' W 59° 30' N - 01° 28' W	1 January to [F94]the end of] 15 March	

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		59° 10' N - 01° 28' W		
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**Textual Amendments**

- F88** Words in Annex 4 Table substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(29)(a)**
- F89** Words in Annex 4 Table substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(29)(b)**
- F90** Words in Annex 4 Table omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(29)(c)**
- F91** Words in Annex 4 Table inserted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(29)(d)**
- F92** Words in Annex 4 Table substituted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(29)(e)**
- F93** Words in Annex 4 Table omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(29)(f)**
- F94** Words in Annex 4 Table inserted (31.12.2020) by The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(29)(g)**
- F95** Words in Annex 4 Table omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(29)(h)**
- F96** Words in Annex 4 Table omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(29)(i)**
- F97** Words in Annex 4 Table omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(29)(j)**

**F98** ANNEX V**Textual Amendments**

- F98** Annexes 5-9 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(30)**

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**F98** ANNEX VI

ICCAT CONVENTION AREA

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WCPFC CONVENTION AREA

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- (1) 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).
- (2) Regulation (EU) 2019/472 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 March 2019 establishing a multiannual plan for stocks fished in the Western Waters and adjacent waters, and for fisheries exploiting those stocks, amending Regulations (EU) 2016/1139 and (EU) 2018/973, and repealing Council Regulations (EC) No 811/2004, (EC) No 2166/2005, (EC) No 388/2006, (EC) No 509/2007 and (EC) No 1300/2008 (OJ L 83, 25.3.2019, p. 1).
- (3) Council Regulation (EC) No 1100/2007 of 18 September 2007 establishing measures for the recovery of the stock of European eel (OJ L 248, 22.9.2007, p. 17).
- (4) Regulation (EU) 2018/973 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2018 establishing a multiannual plan for demersal stocks in the North Sea and the fisheries exploiting those stocks, specifying details of the implementation of the landing obligation in the North Sea and repealing Council Regulations (EC) No 676/2007 and (EC) No 1342/2008 (OJ L 179, 16.7.2018, p. 1).
- (5) Regulation (EU) 2016/1627 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 September 2016 on a multiannual recovery plan for bluefin tuna in the eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean, and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 302/2009 (OJ L 252, 16.9.2016, p. 1).
- (6) 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).
- (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) Agreement on fisheries between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway (OJ L 226, 29.8.1980, p. 48).
- (9) Agreement on fisheries between the European Economic Community, of the one part, and the Government of Denmark and the Home Government of the Faeroe Islands, of the other part (OJ L 226, 29.8.1980, p. 12).
- (10) 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 (OJ L 172, 30.6.2007, p. 4) and Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in that Agreement (OJ L 293, 23.10.2012, p. 5).
- (11) Council Decision (EU) 2015/1565 of 14 September 2015 on the approval, on behalf of the European Union, of the Declaration on the granting of fishing opportunities in EU waters to fishing vessels flying the flag of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in the exclusive economic zone off the coast of French Guiana (OJ L 244, 19.9.2015, p. 55).
- (12) Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 2011 laying down the rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers (OJ L 55, 28.2.2011, p. 13).
- (13) Regulation (EU) 2019/1241 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019 on the conservation of fisheries resources and the protection of marine ecosystems through technical measures, amending Council Regulations (EC) No 1967/2006, (EC) No 1224/2009 and Regulations (EU) No 1380/2013, (EU) 2016/1139, (EU) 2018/973, (EU) 2019/472 and (EU) 2019/1022 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Council Regulations (EC) No 894/97, (EC) No 850/98, (EC) No 2549/2000, (EC) No 254/2002, (EC) No 812/2004 and (EC) No 2187/2005 (OJ L 198, 25.7.2019, p. 105).
- (14) 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).
- (15) The Union acceded by Council Decision 86/238/EEC of 9 June 1986 on the accession of the Community to the International Convention for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas, as amended by

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the Protocol annexed to the Final Act of the Conference of Plenipotentiaries of the States Parties to the Convention signed in Paris on 10 July 1984 ([OJ L 162, 18.6.1986, p. 33](#)).

- (16) All types of demersal trawls (OTB, OTT, PTB, TBB, TBN, TBS and TB).
- (17) All types of seines (SSC, SDN, SPR, SV, SB and SX).
- (18) All long lines or pole and line or rod and line fisheries (LHP, LHM, LLD, LL, LTL, LX and LLS).
- (19) All fixed gillnets and traps (GTR, GNS, GNC, FYK, FPN and FIX).

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