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Subject: Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2020 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters  
- Commission non-paper

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Delegations will find attached a Commission non-paper containing updates to the above mentioned proposal.

# COMMISSION SERVICES NON PAPER

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**Updates to Commission proposal COM(2019) 483 for a Council Regulation fixing for 2020 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**

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## 1. Commission Proposal on certain stocks in Annex IA

The relevant fishing opportunities tables in Annex IA of the Commission Proposal for 2020 fishing opportunities are replaced by the following:

Species:	Cod	Zone:	Kattegat
	<i>Gadus morhua</i>		(COD/03AS.)
Denmark	80	(1)	Precautionary TAC
Germany	2	(1)	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Sweden	48	(1)	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Union	130	(1)	Article 15(9) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 shall not apply
TAC	130	(1)	

(1) Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries are permitted under this quota. Union vessels allocated fishing opportunities from this TAC shall either be subject to at least 20 % observer coverage at sea or shall have operating CCTV monitoring systems in line with the provisions specified in Article 23(5) of Regulation 2019/1241.

Species: Cod  <i>Gadus morhua</i>	Zone: 6b; Union and international waters of 5b west of 12°00' W and of 12 and 14 (COD/5W6-14)
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Belgium	0	Precautionary TAC
Germany	2	
France	23	
Ireland	9	
United Kingdom	40	
Union	74	
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TAC

Species: Cod  <i>Gadus morhua</i>	Zone: 6a; Union and international waters of 5b east of 12°00' W (COD/5BE6A)
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Belgium	3 <sup>(1)</sup>	Analytical TAC
Germany	30 <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 8 of this Regulation applies
France	325 <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Ireland	127 <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
United Kingdom	538 <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 15(9) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 shall not apply
Union	1 023 <sup>(1)</sup>	
TAC	1 023 <sup>(1)</sup>	

<sup>(1)</sup> Exclusively for by-catches of cod in fisheries for other species. No directed fisheries for cod are permitted under this quota. Union vessels allocated fishing opportunities from this TAC shall either be subject to at least 20 % observer coverage at sea or shall have operating CCTV monitoring systems in line with the provisions specified in Article 23(5) of Regulation 2019/1241.

Species: Megrim <i>Lepidorhombus spp.</i>	Zone: Union and international waters of 5b; 6; international waters of 12 and 14 (LEZ/56-14)
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Spain	671	Analytical TAC
France	2 615 <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
Ireland	764	
United Kingdom	1 851 <sup>(1)</sup>	
Union	5 901	
TAC	5 901	
<sup>(1)</sup> Special condition: of which up to 5 % may be fished in: Union waters of 2a and 4 (LEZ/*2AC4C).		

Species: Haddock <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>	Zone: Union and international waters of 6b, 12 and 14 (HAD/6B1214)
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Belgium	23	Analytical TAC
Germany	28	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
France	1 155	
Ireland	824	
United Kingdom	8 442	
Union	10 472	
TAC	10 472	

Species: Whiting <i>Merlangius merlangus</i>	Zone: 6; Union and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14 (WHG/56-14)
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Germany	6 <sup>(1)</sup>	Analytical TAC
France	114 <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 8 of this Regulation applies
Ireland	280 <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
United Kingdom	537 <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Union	937 <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 15(9) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 shall not apply

TAC 937 <sup>(1)</sup>

<sup>(1)</sup> Exclusively for by-catches of whiting in fisheries for other species. No directed fisheries for whiting are permitted under this quota. Union vessels allocated fishing opportunities from this TAC shall either be subject to at least 20 % observer coverage at sea or shall have operating CCTV monitoring systems in line with the provisions specified in Article 23(5) of Regulation 2019/1241.

Species: Whiting <i>Merlangius merlangus</i>	Zone: 7a (WHG/07A.)
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Belgium	4 <sup>(1)</sup>	Analytical TAC
France	50 <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 8 of this Regulation applies
Ireland	286 <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
The Netherlands	1 <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
United Kingdom	380 <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 15(9) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 shall not apply
Union	721 <sup>(1)</sup>	

TAC 721 <sup>(1)</sup>

<sup>(1)</sup> Exclusively for by-catches of whiting in fisheries for other species. No directed fisheries for whiting are permitted under this quota. Union vessels allocated fishing opportunities from this TAC shall either be subject to at least 20 % observer coverage at sea or shall have operating CCTV monitoring systems in line with the provisions specified in Article 23(5) of Regulation 2019/1241.

Species:	Norway lobster <i>Nephrops norvegicus</i>	Zone:	3a (NEP/03A. )
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Denmark	10 093 <sup>(1)</sup>	Analytical TAC
Germany	29 <sup>(1)</sup>	
Sweden	3 611 <sup>(1)</sup>	
Union	13 733 <sup>(1)</sup>	

TAC 13 733 <sup>(1)</sup>

(1) Union vessels allocated fishing opportunities for Norway lobster and using towed gears shall use either Seltra panel, as defined in Article 2(1) of Regulation (EU) 2018/2035 or a sorting grid with a maximum bar spacing of 35mm, as defined in Annex VI, Part B of Regulation (EU) 2019/1241. They shall use the gear ensuring that by-catches of cod do not exceed 1,5%.

Species:	Norway lobster <i>Nephrops norvegicus</i>	Zone:	6; Union and international waters of 5b (NEP/5BC6.)
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Spain	32	Analytical TAC
France	129	
Ireland	215	
United Kingdom	15 523	
Union	15 899	
TAC	15 899	

Species: Norway lobster <i>Nephrops norvegicus</i>	Zone: 7 (NEP/07.)
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Spain	1 009 <sup>(1)</sup>	Analytical TAC
France	4 089 <sup>(1)</sup>	
Ireland	6 201 <sup>(1)</sup>	
United Kingdom	5 516 <sup>(1)</sup>	
Union	16 815 <sup>(1)</sup>	
TAC	16 815 <sup>(1)</sup>	

<sup>(1)</sup> Special condition: within the limits of the abovementioned quotas, no more than the quantities given below may be taken in the following zone:

Functional Unit 16 of ICES Subarea 7 (NEP/\*07U16):

Spain	795
France	498
Ireland	957
United Kingdom	387
Union	2 637



Species: Plaice <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>	Zone: 7h, 7j and 7k  (PLE/7HJK.)
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Belgium	4 <sup>(1)</sup>	Precautionary  TAC
France	8 <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 8 of this Regulation applies
Ireland	30 <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
The Netherlands	17 <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
United Kingdom	8 <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 15(9) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 shall not apply
Union	67 <sup>(1)</sup>	
TAC	67 <sup>(1)</sup>	

<sup>(1)</sup> Exclusively for by-catches of plaice in fisheries for other species. No directed fisheries for plaice are permitted under this quota. Union vessels allocated fishing opportunities from this TAC shall either be subject to at least 20 % observer coverage at sea or shall have operating CCTV monitoring systems in line with the provisions specified in Article 23(5) of Regulation 2019/1241.