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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 REGARDING STOCKS IN GREENLAND WATERS (NOT SUBJECT TO EXCHANGES)

The relevant fishing opportunities tables in Annex IB are replaced by the following:

Species:	Cod	Zone:	Greenland waters of NAFO 1F and Greenland waters of 5, 12 and 14
	<i>Gadus morhua</i>		(COD/N1GL14)
Germany	1 595 <sup>(1)</sup>	Analytical TAC	
United Kingdom	355 <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Union	1 950 <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	

TAC Not relevant

(1) Except for by-catches, the following conditions shall apply to these quotas:

1. They may not be fished between 1 April and 31 May.
2. EU vessels may choose to fish in either or both of the following areas:

**Reporting code**

**Geographical limits**

COD/GRL1

The part of the Greenlandic fishing zone that lies within NAFO sub-area 1F West of 44°00'W and South of 60°45'N, that portion of NAFO subarea 1 lying south of the parallel of 60°45' north latitude (Cape Desolation) and the part of the Greenlandic fishing zone within ICES division 14b that lies East of 44°00'W and South of 62°30'N.

COD/GRL2

The part of the Greenlandic fishing area that lies within ICES division 14b North of 62°30'N.

Species:	Capelin <i>Mallotus villosus</i>	Zone:	Greenland waters of 5 and 14  (CAP/514GRN)
Denmark	0	Analytical TAC	
Germany	0	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Sweden	0	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
United Kingdom	0		
All Member States	0 <sup>(1)</sup>		
Union	0 <sup>(2)</sup>		
Norway	0 <sup>(2)</sup>		
TAC	Not relevant		
(1)	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.		
(2)	For a fishing period from 20 June 2019 to 30 April 2020.		

Species:	Northern prawn <i>Pandalus borealis</i>	Zone:	Greenland waters of NAFO 1  (PRA/N1GRN.)
Denmark	1 400	Analytical TAC	
France	1 400	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Union	2 800	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
TAC	Not relevant		

Species:	By-catches(1)	Zone:	Greenland waters  (B-C/GRL)
Union	800	Precautionary TAC	
		Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
TAC	Not relevant	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
(1)	By-catches of grenadiers ( <i>Macrourus</i> spp.) shall be reported in line with the following fishing opportunities tables: grenadiers in Greenland waters of 5 and 14 (GRV/514GRN) and grenadiers in Greenland waters of NAFO 1 (GRV/N1GRN.)		

## 2. COMMISSION PROPOSAL REGARDING STOCKS IN THE NEAFC REGULATORY AREA

In Annex IB, the relevant fishing opportunities tables are replaced by the following:

Species:	Cod	Zone:	1 and 2b
	<i>Gadus morhua</i>		(COD/1/2B.)
Germany	5 038 <sup>(3)</sup>		Analytical TAC
Spain	11 688 <sup>(3)</sup>		Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
France	2 255 <sup>(3)</sup>		Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Poland	2 244 <sup>(3)</sup>		
Portugal	2 418 <sup>(3)</sup>		
United Kingdom	3 286 <sup>(3)</sup>		
Other Member States	366 <sup>(1)(3)</sup>		
Union	27 295 <sup>(2)(3)</sup>		
TAC	Not relevant		
(1)	Except Germany, Spain, France, Poland, Portugal and the United Kingdom.		
(2)	The allocation of the share of the cod stock available to the Union in the zone Spitzbergen and Bear Island and the associated by-catches of haddock are entirely without prejudice to the rights and obligations deriving from the 1920 Treaty of Paris.		
(3)	By-catches of haddock may represent up to 14 % per haul. The by-catch quantities of haddock are in addition to the quota for cod.		

Species:	Capelin <i>Mallotus villosus</i>	Zone: 2b  (CAP/02B.)
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Union 0 Analytical TAC

TAC 0

Species:	Saithe <i>Pollachius virens</i>	Zone: International waters of 1 and 2  (POK/1/2INT)
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Union 0 Analytical TAC

TAC Not relevant

Species:	Greenland halibut <i>Reinhardtius hippoglossoides</i>	Zone: International waters of 1 and 2  (GHL/1/2INT)
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Union 1 300 <sup>(1)</sup> Precautionary TAC

TAC Not relevant

(1) Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries are permitted under this quota.

Species:	Redfish (shallow pelagic) <i>Sebastes spp.</i>	Zone:	Union and international waters of 5; international waters of 12 and 14  (RED/51214S)
Estonia	0	Analytical TAC	
Germany	0	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Spain	0	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
France	0		
Ireland	0		
Latvia	0		
The Netherlands	0		
Poland	0		
Portugal	0		
United Kingdom	0		
Union	0		
TAC	0		



Species:	Redfish (deep pelagic) <i>Sebastes spp.</i>	Zone:	Union and international waters of 5; international waters of 12 and 14  (RED/51214D)
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Estonia	26	(1)(2)	Analytical TAC
Germany	519	(1)(2)	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Spain	91	(1)(2)	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
France	48	(1)(2)	
Ireland	0	(1)(2)	
Latvia	9	(1)(2)	
The Netherlands	0	(1)(2)	
Poland	47	(1)(2)	
Portugal	109	(1)(2)	
United Kingdom	1	(1)(2)	
Union	850	(1)(2)	
TAC	5 500	(1)(2)	

(1) May only be taken within the area bounded by the lines joining the following coordinates:

Point	Latitude	Longitude
1	64°45'N	28°30'W
2	62°50'N	25°45'W
3	61°55'N	26°45'W
4	61°00'N	26°30'W
5	59°00'N	30°00'W
6	59°00'N	34°00'W
7	61°30'N	34°00'W

8 62°50'N 36°00'W

9 64°45'N 28°30'W

(2) May only be taken from 10 May to 31 December.

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Species:	Redfish <i>Sebastes spp.</i>	Zone:	International waters of 1 and 2 (RED/1/2INT)
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                                 established    (1) (2)    Analytical TAC

Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply

TAC                      13 686    (3)    Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply

(1)                      The fishery will be closed when the TAC is fully utilised by NEAFC Contracting Parties. From the closure date, Member States shall prohibit directed fishery for redfish by vessels flying their flag.

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

(3)                      Provisional catch limit to cover catches of all NEAFC contracting parties,

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### 3. AMENDMENT TO THE COMMISSION PROPOSAL REGARDING ANCHOVY IN THE IBERIAN WATERS

The fishing opportunities table for anchovy in ICES subareas 9 and 10 and in Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1 is replaced by the following:

Species: Anchovy  <i>Engraulis encrasicolus</i>		Zone: 9 and 10; Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1  (ANE/9/3411)	
Spain	0	(1)	Precautionary TAC
Portugal	0	(1)	
Union	0	(1)	
TAC	0	(1)	

(1) The quota may only be fished from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021. The TAC and the quotas will be amended after the scientific advice is issued for this stock. The TAC and the quota for the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 have been established in the Council Regulation (EU) 2019/1601.