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NAFO Quota Table 2026 – NAFO CEM Annex I.A and I.B including a summary of the Scientific Council advice on NAFO fish stocks and the management measures decided by the Commission

This document summarizes the quota and effort allocation decisions made by the Commission for 2026. The document is broken down into two parts:

- Part 1:** Annex I.A and I.B of the NAFO CEM for 2026 including the total allowable catches (TACs) and quotas (metric tons) for 2026 of particular stocks in Subareas 1-4 and 6 of the NAFO Convention Area and Effort Allocation for Shrimp Fishery in the NAFO Regulatory Area Div. 3M, 2026.
- Part 2:** A table summarizing the Scientific Council advice on NAFO fish stocks and the management measures decided by the Commission.

Part 1.

(2026)
ANNEX I – FISHERIES MANAGEMENT
Annex I.A – Annual Quota Table

CATCH LIMITATIONS 2026 – Article 5. Total allowable catches (TACs) and quotas (metric tons in live weight) for 2026 of particular stocks in Subareas 1–4 and 6 of the NAFO Convention Area.

Species	Cod					Redfish					American plaice		Yellowtail
Stock Specification	COD 3L ¹¹		COD 3M		COD 3NO	RED 3LN		RED 3M	RED 3O	REB 1F_2_3K (i.e. Sub-Area 2 and Divs. 1F+3K)	PLA 3LNO	PLA 3M	YEL 3LNO
% of TAC		% of 3L Cod TAC		% of 3M Cod TAC			% of 3LN Redfish TAC						
Contracting Party													
Canada	38 000 ¹²	95.00	122.9	0.80	0	2 556	42.60	500	2 400	0 ¹	0	0	23 682.8
Cuba	40.40 ¹³	0.101	568.3	3.70	-	588	9.80	1 750	-	0 ¹	-	-	-
Denmark (Faroe Islands & Greenland)	40.40 ¹³	0.101	3433	22.35	-	-		69 ⁹	-	0	-	-	-
European Union	1 552 ¹³	3.88	7328.3 ⁵	47.71	0 ⁴	1 093.8 ⁴	18.23	7 813 ⁴	2 800	0 ⁷	0	0 ⁴	-
France (St. Pierre et Miquelon)	40.40 ¹³	0.101	-		-	-		69 ⁹	-	0 ¹	-	-	485.8
Iceland	40.40 ¹³	0.101	-		-	-		-	-	0	-	-	-
Japan	40.40 ¹³	0.101	-		-	-		400	60	0 ¹	-	-	-
Korea	40.40 ¹³	0.101	-		-	-		69 ⁹	40	0 ¹	-	-	-
Norway	40.40 ¹³	0.101	1420.8	9.25	-	-		-	-		-	-	-
Russian Federation	40.40 ¹³	0.101	993.8	6.47	0	1 726.2	28.77	9 137	2 600	0	-	0	-
Ukraine	40.40 ¹³	0.101	-		-	-		-	60	0 ¹	-	-	-
United Kingdom	40.40 ¹³	0.101	1431.6	9.32	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-
United States of America	40.40 ¹³	0.101	-		-	-		69 ⁹	-	0 ¹	-	-	-
Others		0	61.3	0.40	0	36	0.60	124	40	-	0	0	121.4
TOTAL ALLOWABLE CATCH	40 000	100.00	15 360	100.0 ¹⁵	*	6 000	100.0 ¹⁶	15 636	8 000	0 ^{3,8}	*	*	24 290

Annex I.A (2026)

Species	Witch			White hake	Capelin	Skates	Greenland halibut	Squid (<i>Illex</i>)	Shrimp		Alfonsino
Stock Specification	WIT 3L	WIT 3NO		HKW 3NO	CAP 3NO	SKA 3LNO	GHL 3LMNO	SQI 3_4 (i.e. Sub-areas 3+4)	PRA 3L	PRA 3NO	ALF 6 (i.e. Sub-area 6)
% of TAC			% of 3NO Witch TAC								
Contracting Party											
Canada		876.6	60.00	294	0	1 167	1637	N.S. ²	0		
Cuba		-		-	0	-	-	510	0		
Denmark (Faroe Islands & Greenland)		-		-	-	-	187.6	-	0		
European Union		193.9 ⁴	13.27	588	0 ⁵	4 408	6 398.9 ⁶	<u>N.S.</u> ² 611 ⁵	0 ⁶		
France (St. Pierre et Miquelon)		-		-	-	-	178.8	453	0		
Iceland		-		-	-	-	-	-	0		
Japan		-		-	0	-	1 118.8	510	0		
Korea		-		-	-	-	-	453	0		
Norway		-		-	0	-	-	-	0		
Russian Federation		375.9	25.73	59	0	1 167	1 392.9	749	0		
Ukraine		-		-	-	-	-	-	0		
United Kingdom		-		-	-	-	-	-	-		
United States of America		-		-	-	-	-	453	0		
Others		14.6	1.00	59	-	258		794	0		
TOTAL ALLOWABLE CATCH	*	1 461	100.00 ¹⁷	1 000	*	7 000 ¹⁰	10 914	34 000	0 ¹⁴	* ¹⁴	*

Annex I.A (2026)

Symbol	Definition
-	Contracting Party does not have a quota allocation
*	Ban on fishing in force
0	Contracting Party has quota, but the TAC is zero
Blank	No quota allocation defined

- ¹ Quota to be shared by vessels from Canada, Cuba, France (St. Pierre et Miquelon), Japan, Korea, Ukraine and USA.
- ² The allocations to these Contracting Parties are as yet undetermined, although their sum shall not exceed the difference between the total of allocations to other Contracting Parties and the TAC (= 29.467 tonnes).
- ³ Should NEAFC modify its level of TAC, these figures shall be adjusted accordingly by NAFO through a mail vote.
- ⁴ Including allocations to Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania in accordance with the sharing arrangement of the former USSR quota adopted by the Fisheries Commission in 2003 (FC WP 03-7), as applied by NAFO since 2005 following their accession to the European Union.
- ⁵ Including allocations to Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania in accordance with the sharing arrangement of the former USSR quota adopted by the Fisheries Commission in 2003 (FC WP 03-7), and to Poland, as applied by NAFO since 2005 following their accession to the European Union.
- ⁶ Including allocations to Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland, as applied by NAFO since 2005 following their accession to the EU.
- ⁷ Allocation of 17.85% to Lithuania and 2.15% to Latvia following their accession to the European Union.
- ⁸ If an increase in the overall TAC as defined in footnote 3 leads to an increase in these shares, the first 500 tonnes of that increase shall be added to the quota share referred to in footnote 1.
- ⁹ Notwithstanding the provision of Article 5.3(b) and without prejudice to future agreements on allocations, these quotas may be fished in their entirety by these Contracting Parties.
- ¹⁰ Should catches exceed 4 500 tonnes, additional measures would be adopted to further restrain catches in 2026.
- ¹¹ The TAC for this stock is established as per Article 7 with a quota year of July 1 to June 30
- ¹² This is the limit established by Canada for Canadian fishers.
- ¹³ This distribution key shall not serve as a precedent in future years for establishing catch limits or criteria for quota allocations. The Commission shall review these allocations upon request by any of the Contracting Parties.
- ¹⁴ The TAC for 2026 applies only in the NAFO Regulatory Area.

Historical statements

- ¹⁵ The allocation key of this stock is based on the 1998 Quota Table. In 1999, a moratorium on cod in Division 3M was declared.
- ¹⁶ The allocation key of this stock is based on the 1997 Quota Table. In 1998, a moratorium on redfish in Division 3LN was declared.
- ¹⁷ The allocation key of this stock is based on the 1994 Quota Table. In 1995, a moratorium on witch flounder in Division 3NO was declared.

**Annex I.B – Effort Allocation Scheme for Shrimp Fishery in the
NAFO Regulatory Area Div. 3M, 2026**

CONTRACTING PARTY	NUMBER OF FISHING DAYS¹
Canada	0
Cuba	0
Denmark	
– Faroe Islands	0
– Greenland	0
European Union	0
France (in respect of St. Pierre et Miquelon)	0
Iceland	N/A
Japan	0
Korea	0
Norway	0
Russia	0
Ukraine	0
United Kingdom	0
USA	0
TOTAL	0

¹ When the scientific advice estimates that the stock shows signs of recovery, the fishery shall be re-opened in accordance with the effort allocation key in place for this fishery at the time of the closure.

Part 2. A summary of the Scientific Council advice on NAFO fish stocks and the management measures decided by the Commission.

Fish Stock(s)	Scientific Advice	Year of decision	Management measures
Cod in Division 3M	Recommendation for 2026: Scientific Council projected the fishing mortality scenarios defined for stocks in the Healthy Zone of the PA Framework. None of those scenarios are projected to maintain the stock above $B_{trigger}$ with a probability higher than 50%. To maintain the stock in the Healthy Zone with a probability higher than 50%, SC advises that catch not exceed $F_{50\%HZ}$, corresponding the catches of 15 360 t in 2026. This catch level has a risk of 1% of exceeding F_{lim}. (SCS Doc. 25/13).	2025	It was agreed to set the TAC to 15 360 t in 2026. It was also agreed to update the text of Article 5.5(j) of the NAFO CEM: (j) close its directed fishery for cod in Division 3M between 00:01 UTC 1 January 20252026 and 23:59 UTC 31 March 20252026. During this period, all Contracting Parties shall ensure that its vessels limit the catches retained on board and in any one haul of this stock in line with Article 6.3(a) and observe the move-on provisions in Article 6.6(b);
Cod in Division 3NO	Recommendation for cod in Divisions 3NO for 2022 and beyond: No directed fishing from 2022 to allow for stock rebuilding. Bycatch of cod in fisheries targeting other species should be kept at the lowest possible level. Projections of the stock were not performed but given the poor strength of all year-classes subsequent to 2006, the stock will not reach B_{lim} in the next three years. There will be no full assessment until interim monitoring shows that conditions have changed. (SCS Doc. 25/13)	2025	It was agreed to maintain the moratorium applicable to 2026.

Fish Stock(s)	Scientific Advice	Year of decision	Management measures
Redfish in Divisions 3LN	Recommendation for redfish in Divisions 3LN for 2025-2026: The stock has decreased since 2015 and there is a 42% risk of the stock being below B_{lim} in 2023. Recruitment has been at or below the long-term average since the mid-2010s. To be consistent with the NAFO Precautionary Approach, Scientific Council advises that no directed fishery should occur in 2025 and 2026. Bycatch should be kept at the lowest possible level. (SCS Doc. 24/16 Rev.; SCS Doc. 25/13)	2025	It was agreed to rollover the TAC of 6 000 t applicable to 2026.
Redfish in Division 3M	Recommendation for 2025 and 2026 Given the life history of this stock, considering that the current F levels are below $F_{0.1}$, and to try to maintain the stock around the long-term average, Scientific Council advises that catches do not exceed the F corresponding to the current TAC (17 503 t in 2025 and 15 636 t in 2026). (SCS Doc. 24/16 Rev.)	2024	It was agreed to set the TAC to 17 503 t in 2025 and 15 636 t in 2026 (COM Doc. 24-25).
Redfish in Division 3O	Recommendation for 2026-2028: The stock has decreased since 2012 and there is a 62% risk of the stock being below B_{lim} in 2024. To be consistent with the NAFO Precautionary Approach, Scientific Council advises that no directed fishery should occur in 2026, 2027, and 2028. Bycatch should be kept at the lowest possible level. (SCS Doc. 25/13).	2025	It was agreed to set the TAC to 8 000 t for 2026.
Pelagic <i>Sebastes mentella</i> (oceanic redfish) in Subarea 2 + Divisions 1F and 3K	Zero catch.	2025	It was agreed to set the TAC to 0 t for 2026.

Fish Stock(s)	Scientific Advice	Year of decision	Management measures
American plaice in Divisions 3LNO	Recommendation for 2025 and beyond Advice for American plaice in Divisions 3LNO is provided based on an Interim Monitoring Report which indicates no major changes in this stock. Scientific Council recommends that, in accordance with the rebuilding plan, there should be no directed fishing on American plaice in Divisions 3LNO until an assessment indicates a very low probability of being below B_{lim}. Bycatches of American plaice should be kept to the lowest possible level and restricted to unavoidable bycatch in fisheries directing for other species. There will be no full assessment until interim monitoring shows that conditions have changed. (SCS Doc. 24/16 Rev.)	2024	It was agreed to maintain the moratorium applicable to 2025 and 2026 (COM Doc. 24-25).
American Plaice in Division 3M	Recommendation for American plaice in Division 3M for 2024-2026: The stock has recovered to the levels of the mid 1990s, however, recruitment has been poor since 2018. Scientific Council considers that there is not sufficient supporting evidence that the stock would be able to sustain a fishery at this time and recommends that there be no directed fishing in 2024, 2025 and 2026. Bycatch should be kept at the lowest possible level. (SCS Doc. 23/18; SCS Doc. 24/16 Rev.)	2023	The Commission agreed to maintain the moratorium applicable to 2024, 2025, and 2026 (COM Doc. 23-28).
Yellowtail flounder in Divisions 3LNO	Recommendation for 2026-2027: Scientific Council projected the fishing mortality scenarios defined for stocks in the Healthy Zone of the PA Framework. All scenarios are projected to maintain the stock above $B_{trigger}$ with a probability of 96% or higher. F_{target} corresponds to catches of 24 290 t and 22 000 t in 2026 and 2027, respectively. These catch levels have risks of no more than 25% of exceeding F_{lim}. (SCS Doc. 25/13).	2025	It was agreed to set the TAC to 24 290 t in 2026 and 22 000 t in 2027. It was also agreed to update the date in Articles 6.3(g), 6.8(bis), 6.8(ter) and 6.12 to 2026.

Fish Stock(s)	Scientific Advice	Year of decision	Management measures
Witch flounder in Divisions 3NO	Recommendation for 2025 and 2026 In the projection period the probability of being below B_{lim} is very low ($\leq 10\%$), however the probability of exceeding F_{lim} is projected to be above 30% for F greater than 75% F_{msy}. Scientific Council therefore recommends that F should be no higher than 75% F_{msy}. (SCS Doc. 24/16 Rev.)	2024	It was agreed to set the TAC to 1 395 t in 2025 and 1 461 t in 2026 (COM Doc. 24-25).
White hake in Divisions 3NO	Recommendation for 2026-2027: The lack of Designated Expert for this stock prevented the Scientific Council from being able to carry out a full assessment. Advice for white hake in Div. 3NO is provided based on an Interim Monitoring Report which indicates that there is no significant change in the status of this stock. However, there is increased uncertainty in current stock trends given recent survey challenges and a lack of complete conversion factors for the Canadian surveys. Scientific Council reiterates the advice of last year that the catches of white hake in 3NO should not increase above recent catches (the average of most recent five years is around 500 tonnes). (SCS Doc. 25/13)	2025	It was agreed to rollover the TAC of 1000 t for 2026.
Capelin in Divisions 3NO	Recommendation for capelin in Divisions 3NO for 2022 and beyond: No directed fishery. There will be no full assessment until interim monitoring shows that conditions have changed. (SCS Doc. 25/13)	2025	It was agreed to maintain the moratorium applicable to 2026. It was also agreed to update the text of article 7.10 of the NAFO CEM: 10. Ecosystem Considerations: Considering the importance of capelin as a food source, consistent with the ecosystem approach, the

Fish Stock(s)	Scientific Advice	Year of decision	Management measures
			moratorium on 3NO capelin will continue until at least 31 December 20252026.
Skates in Divisions 3LNO	Recommendation for thorny skate in Divisions 3LNO and Subdivision 3Ps for 2025 and 2026: No new survey information is available to determine stock status, however, given the low level of thorny skate catch in recent years (average 3 460 t, 2019 - 2023), it is unlikely that there have been major changes to the state of the stock. Given the low resilience to fishing mortality and higher historic stock levels, Scientific Council advises no increase in catches. (SCS Doc. 25/13)	2025	It was agreed to rollover the TAC of 7 000 t applicable to 2026.
Greenland halibut in Sub-area 2 and Divisions 3KLMNO	Exceptional Circumstances are occurring due to recent gaps in the EU-Spain 3L series. However, sensitivity analyses indicate that the application of the Management Procedure (MP) adopted in 2024 will still be appropriate. The TAC for 2026 derived from the MP is 14 729 t. (SCS Doc. 25/13)	2025	It was agreed to set the TAC at 14 729 t for 2+3KLMNO Greenland halibut, resulting in a TAC of 10 914 t for 3LMNO.
Northern shortfin squid in Subareas 3+4	The lack of Designated Expert for this stock prevented the Scientific Council from being able to carry out a full assessment. Advice for Northern shortfin squid in SAs 3+4 is provided based on an Interim Monitoring Report which indicates that there is no significant change in the status of this stock, and remains in the low productivity state. Scientific Council reiterates the advice of 2022 of catches between 19 000 and 34 000 tons per year for Northern shortfin squid in SAs 3+4.	2025	It was agreed to rollover the TAC of 34 000 t applicable to 2026.
Northern Shrimp in Divisions 3LNO	A new understanding of Northern shrimp stock structure in the Northwest Atlantic indicates that the shrimp in 3LNO are part of a broader stock in a new South Stock Assessment Region, which also includes NAFO Divisions 2J3K.	2025	It was agreed to maintain the moratorium applicable to 2026 in the NAFO Regulatory Area.

Fish Stock(s)	Scientific Advice	Year of decision	Management measures
	The assessment method used for this stock in past years can no longer be applied as it is not consistent with the best available scientific information. It is also not possible at this stage to provide reference points consistent with the new NAFO Precautionary Approach Framework. For these reasons, no full assessment was carried out this year and no scientific advice can currently be provided. Guidance from the Commission to SC is needed to determine the next steps for this stock, based on the management strategy the Commission intends to follow given the new available information (NAFO/25-220).		
Splendid alfonsino in Subarea 6	The substantial decline in CPUE and catches on the Kükenthal peak in the past year indicates that the stock may be depleted. Scientific Council advises to close the fishery until biomass increases to exploitable levels.	2019	Ban on fishing (COM Doc. 19-34 Rev.).
Shrimp in Division 3M	The stock remains below B_{lim}. To be consistent with the NAFO Precautionary Approach Framework, Scientific Council advises that no directed fishery should occur in 2025 and 2026. (SCS Doc. 24/18)	2024	It was agreed to maintain the moratorium applicable to 2025 and 2026 (COM Doc. 24-25).