



RESULTS OF THE 41st ANNUAL MEETING OF NAFO

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Bordeaux, France, 27 September 2019- The 41st Annual Meeting of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO) took place from 23-27 September in Bordeaux, France. Delegates from the 12 NAFO Contracting Parties were welcomed to France by the French Minister for Agriculture and Food, Didier Guillaume, the French Director General for Fisheries and Aquaculture, Frédéric Gueudar Delahaye, and the NAFO President, Stéphane Artano. Contracting Parties were also welcomed by Stephan Delaux, Deputy Mayor of Bordeaux, Eric Banel, Interregional Director for the Sea, representing the Regional Prefect of New Aquitaine, and Raphaëlle Seguin, Counsellor at the Ministry for French Overseas Territories, later in the week.

At the meeting, NAFO agreed to advance its review of the Precautionary Approach Framework to support the long-term conservation and sustainable use of fisheries resources in the NAFO Regulatory Area. The comprehensive management strategy for Divisions 2+3KLMNO Greenland halibut, adopted in 2017, will continue to inform sustainable management decisions for this NAFO stock. NAFO agreed to reopen the Flemish Cap shrimp fishery (Division 3M) after an increase of the stock to levels above B_{lim} . The fishery for this shrimp stock has been closed since 2011.

In addition, to the traditional total allowable catch (TAC)* and quota decisions, significant decisions were made regarding the following:

- NAFO agreed to a process to address the recommendations of the 2018 Performance Review, along with an annual progress reporting procedure.
- NAFO continued its commitment to transparency and agreed to post its vessel registry on the NAFO website.
- NAFO increased its Monitoring, Control and Surveillance data availability to at sea and in port inspectors.
- NAFO continued to make progress on the NAFO Observer Application for the instantaneous reporting of scientific and catch data to the NAFO Secretariat.
- NAFO reelected, Stéphane Artano (France in respect of St. Pierre et Miquelon), as NAFO President, and Temur Tairov (Russian Federation) as Vice-Chair of the NAFO Commission, for an additional two-year term.

*All of the TACs and quotas can be found attached.

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Annex I.A – Annual Quota Table

DRAFT CATCH LIMITATIONS – Article 5. Total allowable catches (TACs) and quotas (metric tons in live weight) for 2020 of particular stocks in Subareas 1-4 of the NAFO Convention Area.

Species	Cod				Redfish					American plaice		Yellowtail
Stock Specification	COD 3L	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 3M Cod TAC			% of 3LN Redfish TAC						
Contracting Party												
Canada		68	0.80	0	7 710	42.60	500	6 000	0 ¹	0	0	16 575
Cuba		316	3.70	-	1 774	9.80	1 750		0 ¹	-	-	-
Denmark (Faroe Islands and Greenland)		1 907	22.35	-	-		69 ¹⁰		0	-	-	-
European Union		4 865 ⁵	57.03	0 ⁴	3 300 ⁴	18.23	7 813 ⁴	7 000	0 0 ⁷	0	0 ⁴	-
France (St. Pierre et Miquelon)		-		-	-		69 ¹⁰		0 ¹	-	-	340
Iceland		-		-	-		-		0	-	-	-
Japan		-		-	-		400	150	0 ¹	-	-	-
Korea		-		-	-		69 ¹⁰	100	0 ¹	-	-	-
Norway		789	9.25	-	-		-		0	-	-	-
Russian Federation		552	6.47	0	5 207	28.77	9 137	6 500	0	-	0	-
Ukraine								150	0 ¹			
United States of America		-		-	-		69 ¹⁰		0 ¹	-	-	-
Others		34	0.40	0	109	0.60	124	100	-	0	0	85
TOTAL ALLOWABLE CATCH	*	8 531	100.0 ¹³	*	18 100	100.0 ¹⁴	8 590	20 000 ¹¹	0 ^{3,9}	* ⁸	*	17 000 ⁸



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Species	Witch			White hake	Capelin	Skates	Greenland halibut	Squid (<i>Illex</i>)	Shrimp		Alfonsino
	WIT 3L	WIT 3NO	% of 3NO Witch TAC	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											
Contracting Party											
Canada		705	60.00	294	0	1 167	1 881	N.S. ²	0		
Cuba		-			0		-	510	0		
Denmark (Faroe Islands and Greenland)		-			-		216	-	0		
European Union		156 ⁴	13.27	588	0 ⁵	4 408	7 353 ⁶	N.S. ² 611 ⁵	0 ⁶		
France (St. Pierre et Miquelon)		-			-		206	453	0		
Iceland		-			-		-	-	0		
Japan		-			0		1 286	510	0		
Korea		-			-		-	453	0		
Norway		-			0		-	-	0		
Russian Federation		302	25.73	59	0	1 167	1 600	749	0		
Ukraine							-		0		
United States of America		-			-		-	453	0		
Others		12	1.00	59	-	258		794	0		
TOTAL ALLOWABLE CATCH	^{*11}	1 175 ⁸	100.00 ¹⁵	1 000 ⁸	^{*8}	7 000 ¹²	12 542	34 000 ¹¹	0 ⁸	*	*



* Ban on fishing in force.

- 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 Applicable to 2020 and 2021.
- 9 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.
- 10 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.
- 11 Applicable to 2020, 2021, and 2022.
- 12 Should catches exceed 5 000 tonnes, additional measures would be adopted to further restrain catches in 2020.

Historical statements

- 13 The allocation key of this stock is based on the 1998 Quota Table. In 1999, a moratorium on cod in Division 3M was declared.
- 14 The allocation key of this stock is based on the 1997 Quota Table. In 1998, a moratorium on redfish in Division 3LN was declared.
- 15 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
**DRAFT Effort Allocation Scheme for Shrimp Fishery in the
NAFO Regulatory Area Div. 3M, 2020**

CONTRACTING PARTY	NUMBER OF FISHING DAYS ¹
Canada	114
Cuba	25 ³
Denmark – Faroe Islands – Greenland	402 129
European Union²	823 ³
France (in respect of St. Pierre et Miquelon)	25 ³
Iceland	N/A
Japan	25
Korea	25
Norway	496 ³
Russia	525 ³
Ukraine	25 ³
USA	25
TOTAL	2 640

- 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.
- ² Including fishing entitlements transferred from Poland (25 fishing days), Estonia (416 fishing days), Latvia (123 fishing days) and Lithuania (145 fishing days) following their accession to the European Union.
- ³ In derogation of CEM Article 5.11 and CEM Article 9.4, the European Union will transfer 25 fishing days of its fishing days allocation for 2020 to France, in respect of St Pierre et Miquelon; Norway will transfer 25 fishing days of its fishing days allocation for 2020 to Ukraine; and the Russian Federation will transfer 25 fishing days of its fishing days allocation for 2020 to Cuba. The above transfers are without prejudice to the effort allocation key and are only for the year 2020 only. The 2020 catches under this interim regime will not create any catch history.

