

Proposal by Norway

Recommendation on Conservation and Management Measures for Blue Whiting in the NEAFC Regulatory Area for 2022

The Commission hereby adopts the following recommendation pursuant to Article 5 of the Convention:

1. NEAFC notes that, as Coastal States to the management of the blue whiting stock, Norway, the European Union, the Faroe Islands, Iceland and the United Kingdom have agreed that the level of total catches of blue whiting in 2022 in the North-East Atlantic should be no more than 752,736 tonnes, based on the agreed long-term management strategy as advised by ICES.
2. The Coastal states will establish their individual quotas for 2022 within the framework of the total catch limitation referred to in paragraph 1.
3. The individual Coastal State quotas may be fished within their respective zones of fisheries jurisdiction as well as in the Regulatory Area.
4. Catches taken by Coastal States in the Regulatory Area shall be deducted from the respective individual quotas of those Coastal States.
5. Within the total level of catches referred to in paragraph 1 above, the Contracting Parties hereby establish an allowable catch limitation of 59,910 tonnes of blue whiting for 2022 in the Regulatory Area, which is allocated as follows:
 - a. Denmark in respect of Greenland 4,076 tonnes;
 - b. Russian Federation 55,834 tonnes.
6. Each Contracting Party shall notify the measures it has taken for 2022 to the Secretary by 1 May 2022. The Secretary shall notify these measures to the other Contracting Parties.
7. Each Contracting Party may transfer unutilised quantities of up to 10% of the quota established by the Party for 2021 to the quota established by that Party for 2022. Such transfer shall be in addition to the quota established by the Party concerned for 2022.

In the event of overfishing of quotas by any Contracting Party in 2021, the quantity overfished shall be deducted from the quota for that Party or those Parties for 2022.
8. Each Contracting Party may transfer unutilised quantities of up to 10% of the quota established by the Party for 2022 to the quota established by that Party for 2023. Such transfer shall be in addition to the quota established by the Party concerned for 2023.

In the event of overfishing of quotas by any Contracting Party in 2022, the quantity overfished shall be deducted from the quota for that Party or those Parties for 2023.

9. Only those vessels entitled to fly the flag of a NEAFC Contracting Party, having been authorised by its flag State to fish for blue whiting in the NEAFC Regulatory Area in 2022, may take part in the fishery.

10. These conservation and management measures are taken without prejudice to any further conservation and management measures to be taken for the blue whiting stock in the North-East Atlantic.