

5. Joint NGO recommendations on EU-Norway agreement for Total Allowable Catches (TACs) in the North Sea and the Atlantic for 2019.

Unless otherwise stated, these joint NGO TAC recommendations refer to maximum amounts that should not be exceeded. In the context of mixed fisheries, TACs for some stocks will have to be set below these recommended limits in order not to overexploit other stocks.

Species and fishing area	Stock status/ trends	2019 ICES advice in tonnes	2018 TAC excluding top-up in tonnes*	2019 NGO TAC recommendation	Basis of advice, technical observations and NGO recommendations
Herring in 3a and EU waters of SD 22-32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - $F_{PA} > F > F_{MSY}$ - $SSB < B_{lim}$ 	Catch: 0 Wanted catch: 0	48 427	0	<p>To protect the WBSS herring stock, that according to ICES is below the critical B_{lim} reference point, the combined TAC and the bycatch TAC should both be set to 0.</p> <p>It is appropriate for decision makers to apply Article 7(2) of the North Sea MAP, which states: "When scientific advice indicates that the spawning stock biomass and, in the case of Norway lobster stocks, the abundance of any of the stocks referred to in Article 1(1) are below the B_{lim}, further remedial measures shall be taken to ensure rapid return of the stock or functional unit concerned to levels above those capable of producing MSY. In particular, those remedial measures may include, by way of derogation from Article 4(3) and (5), suspending the targeted fishery for the stock or functional unit concerned and the adequate reduction of fishing opportunities.</p>
Herring in 3a bycatches			6 659	0	
Herring in EU waters of 2a, 4 and 7d	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - $F < F_{MSY}$ - $SSB > MSY B_{trigger}$ 	Catch: 291 040 Wanted catch: n/a	600 588	291 040	<p>Based on ICES advice following the MSY advise rule $F_{MSY} \times SSB_{2019} / MSY B_{trigger}$. Catches for the A fleet amounts to 291 040 tonnes and B fleet to 20 532 tonnes.</p>
Herring in EU waters of 2a, 4 and 7d bycatches			Catch: 20 532 Wanted catch: n/a	9 669	

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Cod in EU waters of 2a, 3a and 4	- $F_{lim} > F > F_{PA} > F_{MSY}$ - $B_{lim} < SSB < MSY$ $B_{trigger}$	Catch: 23 481 Wanted catch: 18 592	33 991	18 592	Based on ICES advice for wanted catches following the MSY advice rule $F_{MSY} \times SSB_{2019} / MSY B_{trigger}$.
Haddock in 3a & EU waters of SD 22-32	- $F_{PA} > F > F_{MSY}$ - $SSB > MSY B_{trigger}$	Catch: 1 781 Wanted catch: 1 632	2 569	1 632	Based on ICES advice for wanted catches of F_{MSY} . Haddock catches in 6a were removed from ICES total fishing opportunities advice.
Haddock in EU waters of 2a and 4		Catch: 28 494 Wanted catch: 26 532	41 767	26 532	
Whiting in 3a	- unknown - low catches	Catch: 400 Wanted catch: 172	1 050	172	Based on ICES precautionary approach advice for wanted catch in 2018 and 2019. Any additional TAC for whiting to account for landings of unwanted catch should only be allowed if there is full documentation of catches by the fleets.
Whiting in EU waters of 2a and 4	- $F_{PA} > F > F_{MSY}$ - $SSB > MSY B_{trigger}$	Catch: 24 195 (with 7d) Wanted catch: 17 191	13 602	17 191	Based on ICES advice of F_{MSY} for human consumption catch.
Plaice in 3a	- $F < F_{MSY}$ - $SSB > B_{trigger}$	Catch: 16 782 Wanted catch: 10 946	14 800	10 946	Based on ICES advice of F_{MSY} for total wanted catch.
Plaice in EU waters of 2a and 4		Catch: 125 435 Wanted catch: 81 818	110 623	81 818	

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Saithe in EU waters of 2a, SD 22-32, 3 and 4	- $F < F_{MSY}$ - $SSB > MSY B_{trigger}$	Catch: 122 342 Wanted catch: 115 623	93 980	115 623	Based on ICES advice of F_{MSY} for total wanted catch.
Saithe in 6 and EU and international waters of 5b, 12 and 14		Catch: 12 693 Wanted catch: 11 996	9 751	11 996	
Sprat and associated bycatches in 3a	- variable, no trend - $SSB > MSY B_{esc}$	Catch: 7 506 Wanted catch: n/a	26 624	7 506 from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019	Based on ICES advice in line with F_{MSY} .
Northern prawn <i>Pandalus borealis</i>	- $F > F_{MSY}$ - $SSB < MSY B_{trigger}$	Catch: 9 036 Wanted catch: n/a	8 571	9 036	Based on ICES advice in line with long term management strategy agreed by Norway and EU in 2018.

*All top-up information is based on Agreed record of fisheries consultations between Norway and the European Union for 2018, Bergen 1 December 2017.

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