

AGREED RECORD OF CONCLUSIONS OF LICENCE ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND THE FAROE ISLANDS FOR 2008

Brussels, 4 – 5 December 2007

1. A delegation of the European Community, headed by Mr. Fabrizio DONATELLA, and a delegation representing the Home Government of the Faroe Islands, headed by Mr. Andras KRISTIANSEN, met in Brussels from 4 to 5 December 2007 to discuss the mutual licensing arrangements for 2008.
2. With reference to the Agreed Record of Conclusions of fisheries consultations between the European Community and the Faroe Islands, signed in Brussels on 5 December 2007, the following arrangements for 2008 have been decided:
 - 2.1 **EC fishing in Faroese waters**
 - 2.1.1 Fishing with trawlers of not more than 180 feet in the area between 12 miles and 21 miles from the base lines:
 - number on basic list: **26**
 - number of vessels present at any time: **13**
 - 2.1.1.1 Directed fishing for cod and haddock in the period 1 January to 31 December with a minimum mesh size of 135 mm and with access to an area south of 62°28'N and east of 6°30'W.
 - number on basic list: **8**
 - number of vessels present at any time: **4**

The figures in 2.1.1.1 are included in the total number of vessels and in the number of vessels present at any time.
 - 2.1.2 Fishing with trawl outside of 21 miles from the base lines:
 - number on basic list: **70**
 - number of vessels present at any time: **26**
 - 2.1.2.1 Vessels conducting fishing for blue ling with a minimum mesh size of 100 mm in the cod end and main part of the trawl in the area south of 61°30'N and west of 9°00'W and in the area between 7°00'W and 9°00'W south of 60°30'N and in the area south-west of a line between 60°30'N, 7°00'W and 60°00'N, 6°00'W, in the period 1 January to 31 December,
 - total number of vessels present at any time: **20**

2.1.2.2 Directed fishing for saithe in the period 1 January to 31 December with a minimum mesh size of 120 mm in the cod end and main part of the trawl and with the possibility of using round-straps around the cod-end,

- total number of vessels present at any time: **22**

The figures in 2.1.2.1 and 2.1.2.2 are included in the total number of vessels and in the number of vessels present at any time.

2.1.2.3 In the periods 1 March to 31 May and 1 October to 31 December, the vessels mentioned under 2.1.2 have access to fishing in the area between 12 miles and 21 miles from the base lines between 61°20'N and 62°00'N.

2.1.3 Fishing for blue whiting

- basic number of vessels: **34**

This figure may be increased by 4 vessels to form pairs. Should the Faroese authorities introduce special rules of access for an area called “main fishing area of blue whiting”:

- the total number of licences will be: **38 (34 + 4)**
- the number of vessels allowed access to the said area: **20**

2.1.4 Line fishing

- number of vessels: **10**
- number of vessels present at any time: **6**

2.1.5 Fishing for mackerel

- number of vessels: **12**

2.1.6 A Community vessel conducting a directed fishery in Faroese waters may change to another directed fishery on condition of prior notification of the change to the Faroese authorities.

2.2 Faroese fishing in EC waters

2.2.1 Fishing in ICES fishing areas III, IV, VI and VII

2.2.1.1 Number of licences for the fishing of mackerel in ICES IVa (North of 59°N (EC Zone)), VIa (North of 56°30'N) and VIIe, f, h; horse mackerel in ICES IV and VIa (North of 56°30'N) and VIIe, f, h; herring in VIa (North of 56°30'N): **14**

Number of licences for the fishing of herring in ICES IIIa: **4**

2.2.1.2 Number of licences for industrial fishing for Norway pout and sprat in ICES IV, VIa (North of 56°30'N) and sandeel in ICES IV (including unavoidable by-catches of blue whiting): **15**

- 2.2.1.3 Number of licences for fishing ling and tusk: **20**
- number of vessels present at any time: **10**
- 2.2.1.4 Number of licences for directed blue whiting fishery in II, IVa, V, VIa (North of 56°30'N), VIb and VII (West of 12°00W): **20**
- 2.2.1.5 Number of licences for fishing blue ling: **16**
- 2.2.2 It was confirmed that the requirement for vessels of the Faroe Islands to hold on board a licence whilst fishing in Community waters should no longer apply.
3. **General rules**
- 3.1 The vessels of one Party must comply with any non-discriminatory area closures decided by the other Party.
- 3.2 The Parties shall, upon request, inform each other of measures which might be taken in order to monitor the catch of their vessels under quotas in the fishery zone of the other Party.
- 3.3 Vessels authorised to fish on 31 December 2007 may continue their activities in 2008 on the basis of this authorisation until the new list of vessels for 2008 has been approved.

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