Council Regulation (EU) 2015/104 of 19 January 2015 fixing for 2015 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union vessels, in certain non-Union waters, amending Regulation (EU) No 43/2014 and repealing Regulation (EU) No 779/2014

TITLE I GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1 Subject matter Article 2 Scope Article 3 Definitions Article 4 Fishing zones

TITLE II FISHING OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNION VESSELS

CHAPTER I

General provisions

Article 5	TACs and allocations
Article 6	TACs to be determined by Member States
Article 7	Conditions for landing catches and by-catches
Article 8	Fishing effort limits
Article 9	Catch and effort limits for deep-sea fisheries
Article 9a	Measures concerning sea bass
Article 10	Special provisions on allocations of fishing opportunities
Article 11	Closed fishing seasons
Article 11a	Recreational sea bass fisheries in the north-east Atlantic
Article 12	Prohibitions
Article 13	Data transmission

CHAPTER II

Additional allocations for vessels participating in trials on fully documented fisheries

Article 14	Additional allocations
Article 15	Conditions for additional allocations
Article 16	Processing of personal data
Article 17	Withdrawal of additional allocations
Article 18	Scientific review of discard assessments
Article 18a	Flexibility in the fixing of fishing opportunities of certain stocks

Changes to legislation: There are outstanding changes not yet made to Council Regulation (EU) 2015/104. Any changes that have already been made to the legislation appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes

CHAPTER III

Fishing authorisations in third-country waters

Article 19	Fishing	authorisations

CHAPTER IV

Fishing opportunities in waters of regional fisheries management organisations

Article 20	Quota transfers and exchanges	a
Afficie 20	Ouola fransfers and exchanges	5

	Section 1
	ICCAT Convention Area
Article 21	Fishing, farming and fattening capacity limitations for bluefin tuna
Article 22 Article 23	Recreational and sport fisheries Sharks
	Section 2
	CCAMLR Convention Area
Article 24 Article 25 Article 26	Prohibitions and catch limitations Exploratory fisheries Krill fishery during the 2015/2016 fishing season
	Section 3
	IOTC Convention Area
Article 27	Limitation of fishing capacity of vessels fishing in the IOTC Convention Area
Article 28	Sharks
	Section 4
	SPRFMO Convention Area
Article 29 Article 30 Article 31	Pelagic fisheries — capacity limitation Pelagic fisheries — TACs Bottom fisheries

Section 5

IATTC Convention Area

Article 32	Purse-seine fisheries
Article 33	Prohibition of fishing for oceanic whitetip sharks

Changes to legislation: There are outstanding changes not yet made to Council Regulation (EU) 2015/104. Any changes that have already been made to the legislation appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes

Section 6

SEAFO Convention Area

Article 34	Prohibition	of fishing	for deep	water sharks

Section 7

WCPFC Convention Area

Article 35	Conditions for bigeye tuna, yellowfin tuna, skipjack tuna and
	south Pacific albacore fisheries
Article 36	Closed area for FAD fishing
Article 37	Overlap area between IATTC and WCPFC
Article 38	Limitations to the number of Union vessels authorised to fish swordfish
Article 39	Silky sharks and oceanic whitetip sharks

Section 8

Bering Sea

Article 40 Prohibition on fishing in the high seas of the Bering Sea

TITLE III

FISHING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIRD-COUNTRY VESSELS IN UNION WATERS

Article 41	TACs
Article 42	Fishing authorisations
Article 43	Conditions for landing catches and by-catches
Article 44	Prohibitions

TITLE IV

FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 45	Committee procedure
Article 46	Amendment to Regulation (EU) No 43/2014
Article 47	Repeal
Article 48	Entry into force
	Signature
	-

ANNEX I

TACs APPLICABLE TO UNION VESSELS IN AREAS WHERE TACS EXIST BY SPECIES AND BY AREA

The tables in Annexes IA, IB, IC, ID, IE, IF,...

Changes to legislation: There are outstanding changes not yet made to Council Regulation (EU) 2015/104. Any changes that have already been made to the legislation appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes

All fishing opportunities set out in this Annex shall be...

The references to fishing zones are references to ICES zones,... For the purposes of this Regulation, the following comparative

Scientific name Alpha-3 code Common name Amblyraja radiata RJR Starry...

The following comparative table of common names and Latin

Alfonsinos ALF Beryx spp. American plaice PLA Hippoglossoides platessoides Anchovy...

ANNEX IA

SKAGERRAK, KATTEGAT, ICES SUBAREAS I, II, III, IV, V, VI,...

ANNEX IB

NORTH EAST ATLANTIC AND GREENLAND, ICES SUBAREAS I, II, V,...

ANNEX IC

NORTHNWESTCATILWENTION AREA

ANNEX ID

HIGHLY MIGRATORY FISH — ALL AREAS

ANNEX IE

ANTARCCEMLR CONVENTION AREA

ANNEX IF

SOUTHS EAST DATION WHINT TO WEAR EA

ANNEX IG

SOUTHERN BLUEFIN TUNA — ALL AREAS

Changes to legislation: There are outstanding changes not yet made to Council Regulation (EU) 2015/104. Any changes that have already been made to the legislation appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes

ANNEX IH

WCPFC CONVENTION AREA

ANNEX IJ

SPRFMO CONVENTION AREA

ANNEX IIA

FISHING EFFORT FOR VESSELS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE MANAGEMENT OF CERTAIN COD, PLAICE AND SOLE STOCKS IN ICES DIVISIONS IIIa, VIa, VIId, ICES SUBAREA IV AND UNION WATERS OF ICES DIVISIONS III AND Vb

- 1. Scope
 - 1.1. This Annex shall apply to Union vessels carrying on board...
 - 1.2. This Annex shall not apply to vessels of less than...
- 2. Regulated gears and geographical areas
- 3. Authorisations
- 4. Maximum allowable fishing effort
 - 4.1. The maximum allowable effort referred to in Article 12(1) of...
 - 4.2. The maximum levels of annual fishing effort set in accordance...
- 5. Management
 - 5.1. Member States shall manage the maximum allowable effort in accordance...
 - 5.2. A Member State may establish management periods for allocating all...
 - 5.3. If a Member State authorises vessels flying its flag to...
- 6. Fishing effort report
- 7. Communication of relevant data

Appendix 1 to Annex IIA

Maximum allowable fishing effort in kilowatt days

Changes to legislation: There are outstanding changes not yet made to Council Regulation (EU) 2015/104. Any changes that have already been made to the legislation appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes

ANNEX IIB

FISHING EFFORT FOR VESSELS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE RECOVERY OF CERTAIN SOUTHERN HAKE AND NORWAY LOBSTER STOCKS IN ICES DIVISIONS VIIIc AND IXa EXCLUDING THE GULF OF CADIZ

CHAPTER I

General provisions

- 1. Scope
- 2 **Definitions**
- 3. Limitation in activity

CHAPTER II

Authorisations

- 4. Authorised vessels
 - A Member State shall not authorise fishing with regulated gear... 4.1.
 - 4.2. A vessel flying the flag of a Member State having...

CHAPTER III

Number of days present within the area allocated to Union...

- 5. Maximum number of days
 - During the current management period, the maximum number of days... 5.1.
 - 5 2 If a vessel is able to demonstrate that its hake
- 6. Special conditions for the allocation of days
 - For the purposes of fixing the maximum number of days... 6.1.
 - If a vessel benefits from an unlimited number of days... 6.2.
 - When either of the special conditions is not met by... 6.3.
 - The application of the special conditions referred to in point... 6.4.
- 7. Kilowatt day system
 - 7.1. A Member State may manage its fishing effort allocations in...
 - This overall amount of kilowatt days shall be the sum... 7.2.
 - 73 A Member State wishing to benefit from the system referred...
 - 7.4. On the basis of that request, the Commission shall assess...
- 8. Allocation of additional days for permanent cessation of fishing activities...
 - An additional number of days at sea on which a... 8.1.
 - 8.2. The effort expended in 2003 measured in kilowatt days of...
 - Points 8.1. and 8.2. shall not apply where a vessel... 8.3.
 - 8.4. A Member State wishing to benefit from the allocations referred...
 - 8.5. On the basis of such a request by a Member...
 - During the current management period, a Member State may re-allocate... 8.6.
 - 8.7. When the Commission allocates additional days at sea due to...

Changes to legislation: There are outstanding changes not yet made to Council Regulation (EU) 2015/104. Any changes that have already been made to the legislation appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes

- 9. Allocation of additional days for enhanced scientific observer coverage
 - 9.1. Three additional days on which a vessel may be present...
 - 9.2. Scientific observers shall be independent from the owner, the master...
 - 9.3. A Member State wishing to benefit from the allocations referred...
 - 9.4. On the basis of that description, and after consultation with...
 - 9.5. If an enhanced scientific observer coverage programme submitted by a...

CHAPTER IV

Management

- 10. General obligation
- 11. Management periods
 - 11.1. A Member State may divide the days present within the...
 - 11.2. The number of days or hours for which a vessel...
 - 11.3. Where a Member State authorises vessels flying its flag to...

CHAPTER V

Exchanges of fishing effort allocations

- 12. Transfer of days between fishing vessels flying the flag of...
 - 12.1. A Member State may permit any fishing vessel flying its...
 - 12.2. The total number of days present within the area transferred...
 - 12.3. The transfer of days as described in point 12.1. shall...
 - 12.4. The transfer of days is only permitted for vessels benefiting...
 - 12.5. On request from the Commission, Member States shall provide information...
- 13. Transfer of days between fishing vessels flying the flag of...

CHAPTER VI

Reporting obligations

- 14. Fishing effort report
- 15. Collection of relevant data
- 16. Communication of relevant data

ANNEX IIC

FISHING EFFORT FOR VESSELS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE MANAGEMENT OF WESTERN CHANNEL SOLE STOCKS IN ICES DIVISION VIIe

CHAPTER I

General provisions

- 1. Scope
 - 1.1. This Annex shall apply to Union vessels of 10 metres...

Changes to legislation: There are outstanding changes not yet made to Council Regulation (EU) 2015/104. Any changes that have already been made to the legislation appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes

- 1.2. Vessels fishing with static nets with mesh size equal to...
- 2. **Definitions**
- 3 Limitation in activity

CHAPTER II

Authorisations

- Authorised vessels 4.
 - 4.1 A Member State shall not authorise fishing with regulated gear...
 - 4.2 However, a vessel with a track record of using a...
 - 4.3 A vessel flying the flag of a Member State having...

CHAPTER III

Number of days present within the area allocated to Union...

- 5. Maximum number of days
- 6. Kilowatt day system
 - During the current management period, a Member State may manage... 6.1.
 - 6.2. This overall amount of kilowatt days shall be the sum...
 - A Member State wishing to benefit from the system referred... 6.3.
 - 6.4. On the basis of that request, the Commission shall assess...
- Allocation of additional days for permanent cessation of fishing activities... 7.
 - An additional number of days at sea on which a... 7.1.
 - 7.2. The effort expended in 2003 measured in kilowatt days of...
 - 7.3. Points 7.1. and 7.2. shall not apply where a vessel has...
 - A Member State wishing to benefit from the allocations referred... 7.4.
 - On the basis of such a request by a Member... 7.5.
 - During the current management period, a Member State may re-allocate... 7.6.
 - 7.7. When the Commission allocates additional days at sea due to...
- Allocation of additional days for enhanced scientific observer coverage 8.
 - Three additional days on which a vessel may be present... 8.1.
 - 8.2. Scientific observers shall be independent from the owner, the master...
 - 8.3. A Member State wishing to benefit from the allocations referred...
 - 8.4. On the basis of that description, and after consultation with...
 - 8.5. If an enhanced scientific observer coverage programme submitted by a...

CHAPTER IV

Management

- 9. General obligation
- 10. Management periods
 - A Member State may divide the days present within the... 10.1.
 - 10.2. The number of days or hours for which a vessel...
 - 10.3. Where a Member State authorises vessels flying its flag to...

Changes to legislation: There are outstanding changes not yet made to Council Regulation (EU) 2015/104. Any changes that have already been made to the legislation appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes

CHAPTER V

Exchanges of fishing effort allocations

- 11 Transfer of days between fishing vessels flying the flag of...
 - 11.1. A Member State may permit any fishing vessel flying its...
 - 11.2. The total number of days present within the area transferred...
 - 11.3. The transfer of days as described in point 11.1. shall...
 - On request from the Commission, Member States shall provide information... 11.4.
- 12. Transfer of days between fishing vessels flying the flag of...

CHAPTER VI

Reporting obligations

- 13. Fishing effort report
- 14. Collection of relevant data
- 15. Communication of relevant data

ANNEX IID

MANAGEMENT AREAS FOR SANDEEL IN ICES DIVISIONS IIa, IIIa AND ICES SUBAREA IV

For the purposes of the management of the fishing opportunities... Sandeel management area ICES statistical rectangles 1 31-34 E9-F2; 35...

Appendix 1 to Annex IID

SANDEEL MANAGEMENT AREAS

ANNEX III

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF FISHING AUTHORISATIONS FOR UNION VESSELS FISHING IN THIRD-COUNTRY WATERS

Without prejudice to additional licences granted to Sweden by Norway...

ANNEX IV

ICCAT CONVENTION AREA

- 1. Maximum number of Union bait boats and trolling boats authorised...
- 2. Maximum number of Union coastal artisanal fishing vessels authorised to...

Changes to legislation: There are outstanding changes not yet made to Council Regulation (EU) 2015/104. Any changes that have already been made to the legislation appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes

- 3. Maximum number of Union vessels authorised to fish actively for...
- 4. Maximum number and total capacity in gross tonnage of fishing...
- 5 Maximum number of traps engaged in the Eastern Atlantic and...
- 6. Maximum bluefin tuna farming capacity and fattening capacity for each...

ANNEX V CCAMLR CONVENTION AREA

PART A

PROHIBITION OF DIRECTED FISHING IN CCAMLR CONVENTION AREA

PART B

TACs AND BY-CATCH LIMITS FOR EXPLORATORY FISHERIES IN THE CCAMLR...

PART C

ANNEX 21-03/A NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN A FISHERY...

ANNEX VI IOTC CONVENTION AREA

- 1. Maximum number of Union vessels authorised to fish for tropical...
- 2 Maximum number of Union vessels authorised to fish for swordfish...
- 3. The vessels referred to in point 1 shall also be...
- The vessels referred to in point 2 shall also be... 4.

ANNEX VII WCPFC CONVENTION AREA

Maximum number of Union vessels authorised to fish for swordfish...

ANNEX VIII

QUANTITATIVE LIMITATIONS OF FISHING AUTHORISATIONS FOR THIRD-COUNTRY VESSELS FISHING IN UNION WATERS

Flag State Fishery Number of fishing authorisations Maximum number of...

Changes to legislation: There are outstanding changes not yet made to Council Regulation (EU) 2015/104. Any changes that have already been made to the legislation appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes

- (1) Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy, amending Council Regulations (EC) No 1954/2003 and (EC) No 1224/2009 and repealing Council Regulations (EC) No 2371/2002 and (EC) No 639/2004 and Council Decision 2004/585/EC (OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 22).
- (2) Council Regulation (EU) No 779/2014 of 17 July 2014 fixing the fishing opportunities for anchovy in the Bay of Biscay for the 2014/15 fishing season (OJ L 212, 18.7.2014, p. 1).
- (3) Council Regulation (EC) No 2166/2005 of 20 December 2005 establishing measures for the recovery of the Southern hake and Norway lobster stocks in the Cantabrian Sea and Western Iberian peninsula and amending Regulation (EC) No 850/98 for the conservation of fishery resources through technical measures for the protection of juveniles of marine organisms (OJ L 345, 28.12.2005, p. 5).
- (4) Council Regulation (EC) No 509/2007 of 7 May 2007 establishing a multi-annual plan for the sustainable exploitation of the stock of sole in the Western Channel (OJ L 122, 11.5.2007, p. 7).
- (5) Council Regulation (EC) No 676/2007 of 11 June 2007 establishing a multiannual plan for fisheries exploiting stocks of plaice and sole in the North Sea (OJ L 157, 19.6.2007, p. 1).
- (6) Council Regulation (EC) No 1300/2008 of 18 December 2008 establishing a multi-annual plan for the stock of herring distributed to the west of Scotland and the fisheries exploiting that stock (OJ L 344, 20.12.2008, p. 6).
- (7) Council Regulation (EC) No 1342/2008 of 18 December 2008 establishing a long-term plan for cod stocks and the fisheries exploiting those stocks and repealing Regulation (EC) No 423/2004 (OJ L 348, 24.12.2008, p. 20).
- (8) Council Regulation (EC) No 302/2009 of 6 April 2009 concerning a multiannual recovery plan for bluefin tuna in the eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean, amending Regulation (EC) No 43/2009 and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1559/2007 (OJ L 96, 15.4.2009, p. 1).
- (9) Council Regulation (EC) No 811/2004 of 21 April 2004 establishing measures for the recovery of the northern hake stock (OJ L 150, 30.4.2004, p. 1).
- (10) Council Regulation (EC) No 388/2006 of 23 February 2006 establishing a multiannual plan for the sustainable exploitation of the stock of sole in the Bay of Biscay (OJ L 65, 7.3.2006, p. 1).
- (11) Council Regulation (EC) No 847/96 of 6 May 1996 introducing additional conditions for year-to-year management of TACs and quotas (OJ L 115, 9.5.1996, p. 3).
- (12) Council Regulation (EC) No 754/2009 of 27 July 2009 excluding certain groups of vessels from the fishing effort regime laid down in Chapter III of Regulation (EC) No 1342/2008 (OJ L 214, 19.8.2009, p. 16).
- (13) Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 of 20 November 2009 establishing a Community control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the common fisheries policy, amending Regulations (EC) No 847/96, (EC) No 2371/2002, (EC) No 811/2004, (EC) No 768/2005, (EC) No 2115/2005, (EC) No 2166/2005, (EC) No 388/2006, (EC) No 509/2007, (EC) No 676/2007, (EC) No 1098/2007, (EC) No 1300/2008, (EC) No 1342/2008 and repealing Regulations (EEC) No 2847/93, (EC) No 1627/94 and (EC) No 1966/2006 (OJ L 343, 22.12.2009, p. 1).
- (14) Directive 95/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 1995 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data (OJ L 281, 23.11.1995, p. 31).
- (15) Agreement on fisheries between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway (OJ L 226, 29.8.1980, p. 48).
- (16) Agreement on fisheries between the European Economic Community, of the one part, and the Government of Denmark and the Home Government of the Faeroe Islands, of the other part (OJ L 226, 29.8.1980, p. 12).
- (17) Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community on the one hand, and the Government of Denmark and the Home Rule Government of Greenland, on the other hand (OJ L 172, 30.6.2007, p. 4) and Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in that Agreement (OJ L 293, 23.10.2012, p. 5).
- (18) Council Regulation (EU) No 1385/2013 of 17 December 2013 amending Council Regulations (EC) No 850/98 and (EC) No 1224/2009, and Regulations (EC) No 1069/2009, (EU) No 1379/2013 and

Changes to legislation: There are outstanding changes not yet made to Council Regulation (EU) 2015/104. Any changes that have already been made to the legislation appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes

(EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council, following the amendment of the status of Mayotte with regard to the European Union (OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 86).

- (**19**) OJ L 6, 10.1.2012, p. 9.
- (20) Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 2011 laying down the rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers (OJ L 55, 28.2.2011, p. 13).

Changes to legislation:

There are outstanding changes not yet made to Council Regulation (EU) 2015/104. Any changes that have already been made to the legislation appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

View outstanding changes

Changes and effects yet to be applied to:

- Regulation revoked by 2023 c. 28 Sch. 1 Pt. 2

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole legislation item and associated provisions

Annex IA TABL replacement by EUR 2016/72 Regulation