

REGULATIONS

COUNCIL REGULATION (EU) 2019/529

of 28 March 2019

amending Regulation (EU) 2019/124 as regards certain fishing opportunities

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 43(3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) Council Regulation (EU) 2019/124 ⁽¹⁾ fixes the fishing opportunities for 2019 for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union vessels, in certain non-Union waters.
- (2) At its annual meeting in 2018, the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) maintained conservation measures for swordfish and tropical tunas. Those measures should be implemented in the law of the Union.
- (3) At its annual meeting in 2019, the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (SPRFMO) adopted new catch limits for jack mackerel (*Trachurus murphyi*) and approved exploratory fisheries for toothfish (*Dissostichus* spp.). The applicable measures should be implemented in the law of the Union.
- (4) In Regulation (EU) 2019/124, the total allowable catch (TAC) for sandeel in the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) divisions 2a and 3a and ICES subarea 4 was set at zero. Sandeel is a short-lived species and the relevant scientific advice becomes available in the second half of February, while the fishing activities start in April.
- (5) The catch limits for sandeel in ICES divisions 2a and 3a and ICES subarea 4 should be amended in line with the latest scientific advice from the ICES, issued on 22 February 2019, for the maximum sustainable yield approach and, for certain management areas, for the precautionary approach.
- (6) Effort limits for Union fishing vessels in the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) Convention Area are based on information provided in the fishing, capacity and farming plans for bluefin tuna communicated by Member States to the Commission. Those effort limits were reported through the Union plan endorsed by ICCAT during the Intersessional meeting of Panel 2 held on 4 and 5 March 2019. They should be established as part of the fishing opportunities.
- (7) Regulation (EU) 2019/124 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (8) The catch limits provided for in Regulation (EU) 2019/124 apply from 1 January 2019. The provisions introduced by this Regulation concerning catch limits should therefore also apply from that date. Such retroactive application is without prejudice to the principles of legal certainty and protection of legitimate expectations as the fishing opportunities concerned have not yet been exhausted,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EU) 2019/124 is amended as follows:

- (1) Article 27(2) is replaced by the following:

‘2. The Member States referred to in paragraph 1 shall limit the total level of gross tonnage of vessels flying their flag and fishing for pelagic stocks in 2019 to the total Union level of 36 102 gross tonnage in that area.’;

⁽¹⁾ Council Regulation (EU) 2019/124 of 30 January 2019 fixing for 2019 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters (OJ L 29, 31.1.2019, p. 1).

(2) the following Article is inserted:

'Article 28a

Exploratory fisheries

1. Member States may participate in longline exploratory fisheries for toothfish (*Dissostichus* spp.) in the SPRFMO Convention Area in 2019 only if the SPRFMO has approved their application for such fisheries including a Fisheries Operation Plan and commitment to implement a Data Collection Plan.

2. Fishing shall take place only in the research blocks specified in Annex IJ. Fishing shall be prohibited in depths less than 750 metres and more than 2 000 metres.

3. The TAC shall be as set out in Annex IJ. Fishing shall be limited to one trip of a maximum duration of 21 consecutive days and to a maximum number of 5 000 hooks per set, with a maximum of 20 sets per research block. Fishing shall cease either when the TAC is reached or if 100 sets have been set and hauled, whichever is sooner.';

(3) Annexes IA, IB, IH, IJ, III, IV, VII and VIII to Regulation (EU) 2019/124 are amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 1 January 2019.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 28 March 2019.

For the Council

The President

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ANNEX

1. Annex IA is amended as follows:

- (a) the fishing opportunities table for sandeel and associated by-catches in Union waters of ICES divisions 2a and 3a and ICES subarea 4 is replaced by the following:

Species:	Sandeel and associated by-catches <i>Ammodytes</i> spp.	Zone:	Union waters of 2a, 3a and 4 ⁽¹⁾
Denmark	106 387 ⁽²⁾		
United Kingdom	2 325 ⁽²⁾		
Germany	162 ⁽²⁾		
Sweden	3 906 ⁽²⁾		
Union	112 780		
TAC	112 780		

Analytical TAC
Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply

⁽¹⁾ Excluding waters within six nautical miles of the UK baselines at Shetland, Fair Isle and Foula.

⁽²⁾ Up to 2 % of the quota may consist of by-catches of whiting and mackerel (OT1/*2A3A4). By-catches of whiting and mackerel counted against the quota pursuant to this provision and by-catches of species counted against the quota pursuant to Article 15(8) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 shall, together, not exceed 9 % of the quota.

Special condition:

within the limits of the abovementioned quotas, no more than the quantities given below may be taken in the following sandeel management areas, as defined in Annex IIC:

Zone: Union waters of sandeel management areas							
	1r	2r ⁽¹⁾	3r	4 ⁽¹⁾	5r	6	7r
	(SAN/ 234_1R)	(SAN/ 234_2R)	(SAN/ 234_3R)	(SAN/ 234_4)	(SAN/ 234_5R)	(SAN/ 234_6)	(SAN/ 234_7R)
Denmark	86 704	4 717	10 084	4 717	0	165	0
United Kingdom	1 895	103	220	103	0	4	0
Germany	133	7	15	7	0	0	0
Sweden	3 184	173	370	173	0	6	0
Union	91 916	5 000	10 689	5 000	0	175	0
Total	91 916	5 000	10 689	5 000	0	175	0

⁽¹⁾ In management areas 2r and 4 the TAC may only be fished as a monitoring TAC with an associated sampling protocol for the fishery.'

- (b) the fishing opportunities table for blue whiting in Union and international waters of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8a, 8b, 8d, 8e, 12 and 14 is replaced by the following:

'Species:	Blue whiting <i>Micromesistius poutassou</i>	Zone:	Union and international waters of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8a, 8b, 8d, 8e, 12 and 14 (WHB/1X14)
Denmark	48 813 ⁽¹⁾		
Germany	18 979 ⁽¹⁾		
Spain	41 383 ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾		
France	33 970 ⁽¹⁾		
Ireland	37 800 ⁽¹⁾		
The Netherlands	59 522 ⁽¹⁾		
Portugal	3 844 ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾		
Sweden	12 075 ⁽¹⁾		
United Kingdom	63 341 ⁽¹⁾		
Union	319 727 ⁽¹⁾ ⁽³⁾		
Norway	99 900		
Faroe Islands	10 000		
TAC	Not relevant		Analytical TAC Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies

⁽¹⁾ Special condition: within a total access quantity of 22 500 tonnes for the Union, Member States may fish up to the following percentage of their quotas in Faroese waters (WHB/*05-F): 7 %.

⁽²⁾ Transfers of this quota may be effected to 8c, 9 and 10; Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1. However, such transfers shall be notified in advance to the Commission.

⁽³⁾ Special condition: from the EU quotas in Union and international waters of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8a, 8b, 8d, 8e, 12 and 14 (WHB/*NZJM1) and in 8c, 9 and 10; Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1 (WHB/*NZJM2), the following quantity may be fished in the Norwegian Economic Zone or in the fishery zone around Jan Mayen: 227 975.'

- (c) the fishing opportunities table for Ling in Union waters of 4 is replaced by the following:

'Species:	Ling <i>Molva molva</i>	Zone:	Union waters of 4 (LIN/04-C.)
Belgium	26 ⁽¹⁾		
Denmark	404 ⁽¹⁾		
Germany	250 ⁽¹⁾		
France	225		
The Netherlands	9		
Sweden	17 ⁽¹⁾		
United Kingdom	3 104 ⁽¹⁾		
Union	4 035		
TAC	4 035		Precautionary TAC

⁽¹⁾ Special condition: of which up to 25 % but no more than 75t may be fished in: Union waters of 3a (LIN/*03A-C).'

(d) the Appendix is replaced by the following:

Appendix

The TACs referred to in Article 8(4) are the following:

For Belgium: common sole in 7a; common sole in 7f and 7g; common sole in 7e; common sole in 8a and 8b; megrims in 7, haddock in 7b-k, 8, 9 and 10; Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1; Norway lobster in 7; cod in 7a; plaice in 7f and 7g; plaice in 7h, 7j and 7k; Skates and Rays in 6a, 6b, 7a-c and 7e-k.

For France: mackerel in 3a and 4; Union waters of 2a, 3b, 3c and Subdivisions 22-32; herring in 4, 7d and Union waters of 2a; horse mackerel in Union waters of 4b, 4c and 7d; whiting in 7b-k; haddock in 7b-k, 8, 9 and 10; Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1; common sole in 7f and 7g; whiting in 8; red seabream in Union and international waters of 6, 7 and 8; boarfish in Union and international waters of 6, 7 and 8; mackerel in 6, 7, 8a, 8b, 8d and 8e; Union and international waters of 5b; international waters of 2a, 12 and 14; skates and rays in Union waters of 6a, 6b, 7a-c and 7e-k, skates and rays in Union waters of 7d, skates and rays in Union waters of 8 and 9; undulate ray in Union waters of 7d and 7e.

For Ireland: anglerfish in 6; Union and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14; anglerfish in 7; Norway lobster in Functional Unit 16 of ICES Subarea 7.

For the United Kingdom: in exchange for the West of Scotland cod and whiting: cod in 6b; Union and international waters of 5b west of 12° 00' W and of 12 and 14; whiting in 6; Union and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14; and in exchange for the Celtic Sea cod, Irish Sea whiting and plaice in 7h, 7j and 7k: cod in 7b, 7c, 7e-k, 8, 9 and 10; Union waters; haddock in 7b-k, 8,9 and 10; Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1; sole in 7h, 7j and 7k; sole in 7e; plaice in 7h, 7j and 7k.'

2. Annex IB is amended as follows:

- (a) the fishing opportunities table for herring in Union, Faroese, Norwegian and international waters of 1 and 2 is replaced by the following:

Species:	Herring <i>Clupea harengus</i>	Zone:	Union, Faroese, Norwegian and international waters of 1 and 2 (HER/1/2-)
Belgium	13 ⁽¹⁾		
Denmark	13 129 ⁽¹⁾		
Germany	2 299 ⁽¹⁾		
Spain	43 ⁽¹⁾		
France	566 ⁽¹⁾		
Ireland	3 399 ⁽¹⁾		
The Netherlands	4 698 ⁽¹⁾		
Poland	664 ⁽¹⁾		
Portugal	43 ⁽¹⁾		
Finland	203 ⁽¹⁾		
Sweden	4 865 ⁽¹⁾		
United Kingdom	8 393 ⁽¹⁾		
Union	38 315 ⁽¹⁾		
Faroe Islands	4 500 ⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾		
Norway	34 484 ⁽²⁾ ⁽⁴⁾		
TAC	588 562		Analytical TAC

⁽¹⁾ When reporting catches to the Commission the quantities fished in each of the following areas shall also be reported: NEAFC Regulatory Area and Union waters.

⁽²⁾ May be fished in Union waters north of 62° N.

⁽³⁾ To be counted against the catch limits of the Faroe Islands.

⁽⁴⁾ To be counted against the catch limits of Norway.

Special condition:

within the limits of the abovementioned quotas, no more than the quantities given below may be taken in the following zones:

Norwegian waters north of 62° N and the fishery zone around
Jan Mayen (HER/*2AJMN)

	34 484
	2, 5b north of 62° N (Faroese waters) (HER/*25B-F)
Belgium	2
Denmark	1 541
Germany	270
Spain	5
France	67
Ireland	399
The Netherlands	552
Poland	78
Portugal	5
Finland	24
Sweden	571
United Kingdom	986'

- (b) the fishing opportunities table for cod in Greenland waters of NAFO 1F and Greenland waters of 5, 12 and 14 is replaced by the following:

Species:	Cod <i>Gadus morhua</i>	Zone:	Greenland waters of NAFO 1F and Greenland waters of 5, 12 and 14 (COD/N1GL14)
Germany	1 636 ⁽¹⁾		
United Kingdom	364 ⁽¹⁾		
Union	2 000 ⁽¹⁾		
TAC	Not relevant		Analytical TAC Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply

⁽¹⁾ Except for by-catches, the following conditions shall apply to these quotas:

1. They may not be fished between 1 April and 31 May 2019.
2. EU vessels may choose to fish in either or both of the following areas:

Reporting code	Geographical limits
COD/GRL1	The part of the Greenlandic fishing zone that lies within NAFO sub-area 1F West of 44° 00' W and South of 60° 45' N, that portion of NAFO subarea 1 lying south of the parallel of 60° 45' north latitude (Cape Desolation) and the part of the Greenlandic fishing zone within ICES division 14b that lies East of 44° 00' W and South of 62° 30' N.
COD/GRL2	The part of the Greenlandic fishing area that lies within ICES division 14b North of 62° 30' N.'

- (c) the fishing opportunities table for redfish (pelagic) in Greenland waters of NAFO 1F and Greenland waters of 5, 12 and 14 is replaced by the following:

Species:	Redfish (pelagic) <i>Sebastes</i> spp.	Zone:	Greenland waters of NAFO 1F and Greenland waters of 5, 12 and 14 (RED/N1G14P)
Germany	765 ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾		
France	4 ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾		
United Kingdom	5 ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾		
Union	774 ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾		
Norway	561 ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾		
Faroe Islands	0 ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾ ⁽⁴⁾		
TAC	Not relevant		Analytical TAC Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply

⁽¹⁾ May only be fished from 10 May to 31 December.

⁽²⁾ May only be fished in Greenland waters within the Redfish Conservation Area bounded by the lines joining the following coordinates:

Point	Latitude	Longitude
1	64° 45' N	28° 30' W
2	62° 50' N	25° 45' W
3	61° 55' N	26° 45' W
4	61° 00' N	26° 30' W
5	59° 00' N	30° 00' W
6	59° 00' N	34° 00' W
7	61° 30' N	34° 00' W
8	62° 50' N	36° 00' W
9	64° 45' N	28° 30' W

⁽³⁾ Special condition: this quota may also be fished in international waters of the Redfish Conservation Area mentioned above (RED/*5-14P).

⁽⁴⁾ May only be fished in Greenland Waters of 5 and 14 (RED/*514GN).'

3. Annex IH is replaced by the following:

'ANNEX IH

WCPFC CONVENTION AREA

Species:	Swordfish <i>Xiphias gladius</i>	Zone:	WCPFC Convention Area south of 20° S (SWO/F7120S)
Union	3 170,36		
TAC	Not relevant		Precautionary TAC'

4. Annex IJ is replaced by the following:

'ANNEX IJ

SPRFMO CONVENTION AREA

Species:	Jack mackerel <i>Trachurus murphyi</i>	Zone:	SPRFMO Convention Area (CJM/SPRFMO)
Germany	9 079,65		
The Netherlands	9 841,41		
Lithuania	6 317,86		
Poland	10 863,08		
Union	36 102		
TAC	Not relevant		Analytical TAC Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply

Species:	Toothfish <i>Dissostichus spp.</i>	Zone:	SPRFMO Convention Area (TOP/SPRFMO)
TAC	45 ⁽¹⁾		Precautionary TAC

(1) This TAC is for exploratory fisheries only. Fishing shall only take place within the following research blocks (A-E):

- Research block A: area bounded by latitudes 47° 15' S and 48° 15' S and by longitudes 146° 30' E and 147° 30' E
- Research block B: area bounded by latitudes 47° 15' S and 48° 15' S and by longitudes 147° 30' E and 148° 30' E
- Research block C: area bounded by latitudes 47° 15' S and 48° 15' S and by longitudes 148° 30' E and 150° 00' E
- Research block D: area bounded by latitudes 48° 15' S and 49° 15' S and by longitudes 149° 00' E and 150° 00' E
- Research block E: area bounded by latitudes 48° 15' S and 49° 30' S and by longitudes 150° 00' E and 151° 00' E.

5. Annex III is replaced by the following:

'ANNEX III

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

Area of fishing	Fishery	Number of fishing authorisations	Allocation of fishing authorisations amongst Member States		Maximum number of vessels present at any time
Norwegian waters and fishery zone around Jan Mayen	Herring, north of 62° 00' N	77	DK	25	57
			DE	5	
			FR	1	
			IE	8	
			NL	9	
			PL	1	
			SV	10	
			UK	18	

Area of fishing	Fishery	Number of fishing authorisations	Allocation of fishing authorisations amongst Member States		Maximum number of vessels present at any time
	Demersal species, north of 62° 00' N	80	DE	16	50
	IE		1		
	ES		20		
	FR		18		
	PT		9		
	UK		14		
	Unallocated		2		
	Mackerel ⁽¹⁾	Not relevant	Not relevant		70
	Industrial species, south of 62° 00' N	480	DK	450	150
			UK	30	
Faroese waters	All trawl fisheries with vessels of not more than 180 feet in the zone between 12 and 21 miles from the Faroese baselines	26	BE	0	13
DE			4		
FR			4		
UK			18		
	Directed fisheries for cod and haddock with a minimum mesh of 135 mm, restricted to the area south of 62° 28' N and east of 6° 30' W	8 ⁽²⁾	Not relevant		4
	Trawl fisheries outside 21 miles from the Faroese baseline. In the periods from 1 March to 31 May and from 1 October to 31 December, those vessels may operate in the area between 61° 20' N and 62° 00' N and between 12 and 21 miles from the baselines	70	BE	0	26
			DE	10	
			FR	40	
			UK	20	
	Trawl fisheries for blue ling with a minimum mesh of 100 mm 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	70	DE ⁽³⁾	8	20 ⁽⁴⁾
			FR ⁽³⁾	12	

Area of fishing	Fishery	Number of fishing authorisations	Allocation of fishing authorisations amongst Member States		Maximum number of vessels present at any time	
	Directed trawl fisheries for saithe with a minimum mesh size of 120 mm and with the possibility to use round-straps around the codend	70	Not relevant		22 ⁽⁴⁾	
	Fisheries for blue whiting. The total number of fishing authorisations may be increased by four vessels to form pairs, should the Faroese authorities introduce special rules of access to an area called 'main fishing area of blue whiting'	34	DE	2	20	
			DK	5		
			FR	4		
			NL	6		
			UK	7		
			SE	1		
			ES	4		
			IE	4		
			PT	1		
	Line fisheries	10	UK	10	6	
	Mackerel	20	DK	2	12	
			BE	1		
			DE	2		
			FR	2		
			IE	3		
			NL	2		
			SE	2		
			UK	6		
	Herring, north of 62° 00' N	20	DK	5	20	
			DE	2		
			IE	2		
			FR	1		
			NL	2		
			PL	1		
			SE	3		
			UK	4		

Area of fishing	Fishery	Number of fishing authorisations	Allocation of fishing authorisations amongst Member States		Maximum number of vessels present at any time
1, 2b ⁽³⁾	Fishery for snow crab with pots	20	EE	1	Not applicable
			ES	1	
			LV	11	
			LT	4	
			PL	3	

⁽¹⁾ Without prejudice to additional licences granted to Sweden by Norway in accordance with established practice.

⁽²⁾ Those figures are included in the figures for all trawl fisheries with vessels of not more than 180 feet in the zone between 12 and 21 miles from the Faroese baselines.

⁽³⁾ Those figures refer to the maximum number of vessels present at any time.

⁽⁴⁾ Those figures are included in the figures for "Trawl fisheries outside 21 miles from the Faroese baselines".

⁽⁵⁾ The allocation of fishing opportunities available to the Union in the zone of Svalbard is without prejudice to the rights and obligations deriving from the Treaty of Paris of 1920.'

6. Annex IV is replaced by the following:

'ANNEX IV

ICCAT CONVENTION AREA ⁽¹⁾

1. Maximum number of Union bait boats and trolling boats authorised to fish actively for bluefin tuna between 8 kg/75 cm and 30 kg/115 cm in the Eastern Atlantic

Spain	60
France	37
Union	97

2. Maximum number of Union coastal artisanal fishing vessels authorised to fish actively for bluefin tuna between 8 kg/75 cm and 30 kg/115 cm in the Mediterranean

Spain	364
France	130
Italy	30
Cyprus	20 ⁽¹⁾
Malta	54 ⁽¹⁾
Union	598

⁽¹⁾ This number may increase if a purse seine vessel is replaced by 10 longline vessels in accordance with footnote 4 or footnote 6 of table A in point 4 of this Annex.

⁽¹⁾ The numbers shown in sections 1, 2 and 3 may decrease in order to comply with international obligations of the Union.

	Total capacity in gross tonnage						
	Cyprus	Croatia	Greece	Italy	France	Spain	Malta
Baitboats	To be established	To be established	To be established	To be established	To be established	To be established	To be established
Handlines	To be established	To be established	To be established	To be established	To be established	To be established	To be established
Trawlers	To be established	To be established	To be established	To be established	To be established	To be established	To be established
Other artisanal	To be established	To be established	To be established	To be established	To be established	To be established	To be established

5. Maximum number of traps engaged in the eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean bluefin tuna fishery authorised by each Member State

Member State	Number of traps ⁽¹⁾
Spain	5
Italy	6
Portugal	3

⁽¹⁾ This number may be further increased, provided that the international obligations of the Union are complied with.

6. Maximum bluefin tuna farming capacity and fattening capacity for each Member State and maximum input of wild caught bluefin tuna that each Member State may allocate to its farms in the eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean

Table A

Maximum tuna farming capacity and fattening capacity		
	Number of farms	Capacity (in tonnes)
Spain	10	11 852
Italy	13	12 600
Greece	2	2 100
Cyprus	3	3 000
Croatia	7	7 880
Malta	6	12 300

Table B ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾

Maximum input of wild caught bluefin tuna (in tonnes)	
Spain	7 000
Italy	To be determined

Maximum input of wild caught bluefin tuna (in tonnes)	
Greece	To be determined
Cyprus	To be determined
Croatia	To be determined
Malta	8 766
Portugal	350

(¹) The farming capacity of Portugal of 500 tonnes is covered by the unused capacity of the Union set out in Table A.

(²) The content of this table shall be further reviewed provided that the international obligations of the Union are complied with. The reviewed table shall not contain figures lower than the ones contained in Regulation (EC) 2018/120.

7. The distribution between the Member States of the maximum number of fishing vessels flying the flag of a Member State authorised to fish for northern albacore as a target species in accordance with Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 520/2007 shall be as follows:

Member State	Maximum number of vessels
Ireland	50
Spain	730
France	151
United Kingdom	12
Portugal	310

8. Maximum number of Union fishing vessels of at least 20 meters length that fish for bigeye tuna in the ICCAT Convention Area shall be as follows:

Member State	Maximum number of vessels with purse seines	Maximum number of vessels with longlines
Spain	23	190
France	11	—
Portugal	—	79
Union	34	269'

7. Annex VII is replaced by the following:

'ANNEX VII

WCPFC CONVENTION AREA

Maximum number of Union fishing vessels authorised to fish for swordfish in areas south of 20° S of the WCPFC Convention Area

Spain	14
Union	14'

8. Annex VIII is replaced by the following:

'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 vessels present at any time
Norway	Herring, north of 62° 00' N	To be established	To be established
Faroe Islands	Mackerel, 6a (north of 56° 30' N), 2a, 4a (north of 59° N) Horse mackerel, 4, 6a (north of 56° 30' N), 7e, 7f, 7h	20	14
	Herring, north of 62° 00' N	20	To be established
	Herring, 3a	4	4
	Industrial fishing for Norway pout, 4, 6a (north of 56° 30' N) (including unavoidable by-catches of blue whiting)	14	14
	Ling and tusk	20	10
	Blue whiting, 2, 4a, 5, 6a (north of 56° 30' N), 6b, 7 (west of 12° 00' W)	20	20
	Blue ling	16	16
Venezuela ⁽¹⁾	Snappers (French Guiana waters)	45	45

(¹) To issue those fishing authorisations, proof must be produced that a valid contract exists between the ship owner applying for the fishing authorisation and a processing undertaking situated in the Department of French Guiana, and that it includes an obligation to land at least 75 % of all snapper catches from the vessel concerned in that department so that they may be processed in that undertaking's plant. Such a contract must be endorsed by the French authorities, which shall ensure that it is consistent both with the actual capacity of the contracting processing undertaking and with the objectives for the development of the Guianese economy. A copy of the duly endorsed contract shall be appended to the fishing authorisation application. Where such an endorsement is refused, the French authorities shall give notification of this refusal and state their reasons for it to the party concerned and to the Commission.'