

## COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 53/1999

of 18 December 1998

allocating, for 1999, certain catch quotas between Member States for vessels fishing in Faeroese waters

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3760/92 of 20 December 1992 establishing a Community system for fisheries and aquaculture <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 8(4) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas, in accordance with the procedure provided for in the 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 <sup>(2)</sup>, the two Parties have held consultations on their mutual fishing rights for 1999;

Whereas, as a result of these consultations, the two Parties have agreed on an arrangement for 1999 whereby certain catch quotas are allocated to Community vessels in the Faeroese fishing zone;

Whereas, to ensure efficient management of the catch possibilities available, they should be allocated among Member States as quotas in accordance with Article 8 of Regulation (EEC) No 3760/92;

Whereas the fishing activities covered by this Regulation are subject to the relevant control measures provided for by Council Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93 of 12 October

1993 establishing a control system applicable to the common fisheries policy <sup>(3)</sup>;

Whereas additional conditions for the year-to-year management of TACs and quotas, in accordance with the provisions laid down in Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 <sup>(4)</sup>, were not agreed with the Faeroe Islands;

Whereas, for imperative reasons of common interest, this Regulation will apply from 1 January 1999,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

From 1 January to 31 December 1999 catches taken by vessels flying the flag of a Member State in the waters falling within the fisheries jurisdiction of the Faeroe Islands, under the arrangement on reciprocal fishing rights for 1999 between the Community and the Faeroe Islands, shall not exceed the quotas set out in the Annex hereto.

*Article 2*

Fishing quotas referred to in the Annex shall not be subject to the conditions laid down in Articles 2, 3 and 5(2) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96.

*Article 3*

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

It shall apply from 1 January 1999.

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

Done at Brussels, 18 December 1998.

*For the Council*

*The President*

W. MOLTERER

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 389, 31.12.1992, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1181/98 (OJ L 164, 9.6.1998, p. 1).

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 226, 29.8.1980, p. 12.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 261, 20.10.1993, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2205/97 (OJ L 304, 7.11.1997, p. 1).

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 115, 9.5.1996, p. 3.

## ANNEX

## Allocation of Community catch quotas in Faeroese waters for 1999, as referred to in Article 1

*(in metric tonnes, fresh round weight)*

Species	ICES Division	Community catch quotas	Quotas allocated to Member States
Cod, haddock	Vb 1	500	France 60
			Germany 10
			United Kingdom 430
Saithe	Vb	2 500	Belgium 50
			France 1 510
			Germany 310
			Netherlands 50
			United Kingdom 580
Redfish	Vb	7 000	Belgium 50
			France 435
			Germany 6 440
			United Kingdom 75
Blue ling, ling	Vb	3 600 <sup>(1)</sup>	France 2 340
			Germany 1 055
			United Kingdom 205
Blue whiting	Vb	25 000	Denmark 11 000
			France } 3 000
			Germany }
			Netherlands }
			United Kingdom 11 000
Flatfish	Vb	1 000 <sup>(2)</sup>	France 140
			Germany 180
			United Kingdom 680
Mackerel	Vb	3 890	Denmark 3 890
Other species	Vb	760 <sup>(3)</sup>	France 275
			Germany 305
			United Kingdom 180

<sup>(1)</sup> By-catches of roundnose grenadier and black scabbard to be counted against this quota.<sup>(2)</sup> Including Greenland halibut.<sup>(3)</sup> Excluding fish species of no commercial value.