

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2021/376****of 24 February 2021****establishing a temporary fisheries closure for redfishes in NAFO 3M area for vessels flying the flag of a Member State of the European Union**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 of 20 November 2009 establishing a Union control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the common fisheries policy <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 36(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Council Regulation (EU) 2021/92 <sup>(2)</sup> lays down quotas for 2021.
- (2) According to the information received by the Commission, catches of the stock of redfishes in NAFO 3M area by vessels flying the flag of or registered in a Member State of the European Union have exhausted the mid-term quota allocated for the period before 1 July 2021.
- (3) It is therefore necessary to prohibit directed fishing activities for that stock until 30 June 2021,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

**Quota exhaustion**

The fishing quota allocated to Member States of the European Union for the stock of redfishes in NAFO 3M area for the period from 1 January 2021 until 30 June 2021 included shall be deemed to be exhausted from the date set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

*Article 2*

**Prohibitions**

Directed fishing activities for the stock referred to in Article 1 by vessels flying the flag of or registered in a Member State of the European Union shall be prohibited from the date set out in the Annex to this Regulation until 30 June 2021 included.

*Article 3*

**Entry into force**

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

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 343, 22.12.2009, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> Council Regulation (EU) 2021/92 of 28 January 2021 fixing for 2021 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 31, 29.1.2021, p. 31).

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

Done at Brussels, 24 February 2021.

*For the Commission,  
On behalf of the President,  
Virginijus SINKEVIČIUS  
Member of the Commission*

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## ANNEX

No	02/TQ92
Member State	European Union (All Member States)
Stock	RED/N3M.
Species	Redfishes ( <i>Sebastes</i> spp.)
Zone	NAFO 3M
Closing period	10 February 2021 at 24.00 UTC until 30 June 2021