

**Recommendation to amend the ICES subareas and divisions in Annex I A) of the NEAFC Scheme of Control and Enforcement - Regulated Resources Pelagic and Oceanic Species**

As proposed by Norway and the European Union, The Commission hereby adopts the following recommendation pursuant to Article 8 of the Convention:

**Background**

In 2021 PECMAS considered a request from PECMAC on revision of the ICES subareas in Annex 1 A of the Scheme. This followed correspondence initiated by PECMAS in 2018 to WG Statistics and subsequently PECMAC.

In its response to PECMAC, PECMAS confirmed that the ICES subareas and divisions set out in Annex I A of the Scheme should be amended as shown below (additions in red, both in Roman and Arabic numerals). Please note that subarea 12 is included for mackerel in case of catches there, even though ICES does not currently list the subarea in its advice for mackerel. It should also be noted that ICES may review the inclusion of this subarea in the future.

According to ICES Style Guide May 2018 point 5.4 ICES subareas, divisions and subdivisions, statistical areas from 2016 onwards are denoted by Arabic numbers and not Roman numerals.

Based on the correspondence between PECMAS and PECMAC and the provision on the use of numbers in ICES Style Guide, Norway and the European Union proposes that Annex I A of the NEAFC Scheme is amended as follows:

**Annex I A) - Regulated Resources Pelagic and Oceanic Species**

Stock (common name)	FAO code	Scientific Name	ICES subareas and divisions
Redfish	REB	<i>Sebastes mentella</i>	<del>I, II, V, XII, XIV</del> {1, 2, 5, 12, 14}
Norwegian Spring Spawning Herring (Atlanto Scandian)	HER	<i>Clupea harengus</i>	<del>I, II, IVa, V, XIVa</del> {1, 2, 4a, 5, 14a}
Blue whiting	WHB	<i>Micromesistius poutassou</i>	<del>IIa, IVa, Vb, VI, VII, XII, XIV</del> <del>IX, XII, XIV</del> {1-9, 12, 14}

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Mackerel	MAC	<i>Scomber scombrus</i>	IIa, IV, V, VI, VII, XII <del>I-VIII, IXa, XII, XIV</del> {1-8, 9a, 12, 14}
Haddock	HAD	<i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>	<del>VIb</del> 6b