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NAFO Quota Table 2025 – NAFO CEM Annex I.A and I.B including a summary of the Scientific Council advice on NAFO fish stocks and the management measures decided by the Commission

This document summarizes the quota and effort allocation decisions made by the Commission for 2025. The document is broken down into two parts:

- Part 1:** Annex I.A and I.B of the NAFO CEM for 2025 including the total allowable catches (TACs) and quotas (metric tons) for 2025 of particular stocks in Subareas 1-4 and 6 of the NAFO Convention Area and Effort Allocation for Shrimp Fishery in the NAFO Regulatory Area Div. 3M, 2025.
- Part 2:** A table summarizing the Scientific Council advice on NAFO fish stocks and the management measures decided by the Commission.

Part 1.

(2025)
ANNEX I – FISHERIES MANAGEMENT
Annex I.A – Annual Quota Table

CATCH LIMITATIONS 2025 – Article 5. Total allowable catches (TACs) and quotas (metric tons in live weight) for 2025 of particular stocks in Subareas 1–4 and 6 of the NAFO Convention Area.

Species	Cod					Redfish					American plaice		Yellowtail	
	Stock Specification	COD 3L ¹³		COD 3M		COD 3NO	RED 3LN		RED 3M	RED 3O	REB 1F_2_3K (i.e. Sub-Area 2 and Divs. 1F+3K)	PLA 3LNO	PLA 3M	YEL 3LNO
% of TAC		% of 3L Cod TAC		% of 3M Cod TAC			% of 3LN Redfish TAC							
Contracting Party														
Canada	18 000 ¹⁴	95.00	100.90	0.80	0	2 556	42.60	500	6 000	0 ¹	0	0	15 415	
Cuba	19.14 ¹⁵	0.101	466.68	3.70	-	588	9.80	1 750	-	0 ¹	-	-	-	
Denmark (Faroe Islands & Greenland)	19.14 ¹⁵	0.101	2 819.01	22.35	-	-		69 ¹⁰	-	0	-	-	-	
European Union	735 ¹⁵	3.88	6 017.66 ⁵	47.71	0 ⁴	1 093.8 ⁴	18.23	7 813 ⁴	7 000	0 ⁷	0	0 ⁴	-	
France (St. Pierre et Miquelon)	19.14 ¹⁵	0.101	-	-	-	-		69 ¹⁰	-	0 ¹	-	-	316	
Iceland	19.14 ¹⁵	0.101	-	-	-	-		-	-	0	-	-	-	
Japan	19.14 ¹⁵	0.101	-	-	-	-		400	150	0 ¹	-	-	-	
Korea	19.14 ¹⁵	0.101	-	-	-	-		69 ¹⁰	100	0 ¹	-	-	-	
Norway	19.14 ¹⁵	0.101	1 166.70	9.25	-	-		-	-		-	-	-	
Russian Federation	19.14 ¹⁵	0.101	816.06	6.47	0	1 726.2	28.77	9 137	6 500	0	-	0	-	
Ukraine	19.14 ¹⁵	0.101	-	-	-	-		-	150	0 ¹	-	-	-	
United Kingdom	19.14 ¹⁵	0.101	1 175.53	9.32	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	
United States of America	19.14 ¹⁵	0.101	-	-	-	-		69 ¹⁰	-	0 ¹	-	-	-	
Others		0	50.45	0.40	0	36	0.60	124	100	-	0	0	79	
TOTAL ALLOWABLE CATCH	18 947	100.00	12 613	100.0 ¹⁶	*	6 000	100.0 ¹⁷	17 503	20 000	0 ^{3,9}	* ⁸	* ⁸	15 810	

Annex I.A (2025)

Species	Witch			White hake	Capelin	Skates	Greenland halibut	Squid (<i>Illex</i>)	Shrimp		Alfonsino
	WIT 3L	WIT 3NO		HKW 3NO	CAP 3NO	SKA 3LNO	GHL 3LMNO	SQI 3_4 (i.e. Sub-areas 3+4)	PRA 3L	PRA 3NO	ALF 6 (i.e. Sub-area 6)
% of TAC			% of 3NO Witch TAC								
Contracting Party											
Canada		837	60.00	294	0	1 167	1 643.8	N.S. ²	0		
Cuba		-		-	0	-	-	510	0		
Denmark (Faroe Islands & Greenland)		-		-	-	-	188.4	-	0		
European Union		185 ⁴	13.27	588	0 ⁵	4 408	6 425.9 ⁶	<u>N.S.²</u> 611 ⁵	0 ⁶		
France (St. Pierre et Miquelon)		-		-	-	-	179.6	453	0		
Iceland		-		-	-	-	-	-	0		
Japan		-		-	0	-	1 123.5	510	0		
Korea		-		-	-	-	-	453	0		
Norway		-		-	0	-	-	-	0		
Russian Federation		359	25.73	59	0	1 167	1 398.8	749	0		
Ukraine		-		-	-	-	-	-	0		
United Kingdom		-		-	-	-	-	-	-		
United States of America		-		-	-	-	-	453	0		
Others		14	1.00	59	-	258		794	0		
TOTAL ALLOWABLE CATCH	*	1 395	100.00 ¹⁸	1 000	*	7 000 ¹²	10 960	34 000	0	*	*

Annex I.A (2025)

Symbol	Definition
-	Contracting Party does not have a quota allocation
*	Ban on fishing in force
0	Contracting Party has quota, but the TAC is zero
Blank	No quota allocation defined

- ¹ Quota to be shared by vessels from Canada, Cuba, France (St. Pierre et Miquelon), Japan, Korea, Ukraine and USA.
- ² The allocations to these Contracting Parties are as yet undetermined, although their sum shall not exceed the difference between the total of allocations to other Contracting Parties and the TAC (= 29.467 tonnes).
- ³ Should NEAFC modify its level of TAC, these figures shall be adjusted accordingly by NAFO through a mail vote.
- ⁴ Including allocations to Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania in accordance with the sharing arrangement of the former USSR quota adopted by the Fisheries Commission in 2003 (FC WP 03-7), as applied by NAFO since 2005 following their accession to the European Union.
- ⁵ Including allocations to Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania in accordance with the sharing arrangement of the former USSR quota adopted by the Fisheries Commission in 2003 (FC WP 03-7), and to Poland, as applied by NAFO since 2005 following their accession to the European Union.
- ⁶ Including allocations to Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland, as applied by NAFO since 2005 following their accession to the EU.
- ⁷ Allocation of 17.85% to Lithuania and 2.15% to Latvia following their accession to the European Union.
- ⁸ Applicable to 2025 and 2026.
- ⁹ If an increase in the overall TAC as defined in footnote 3 leads to an increase in these shares, the first 500 tonnes of that increase shall be added to the quota share referred to in footnote 1.
- ¹⁰ Notwithstanding the provision of Article 5.3(b) and without prejudice to future agreements on allocations, these quotas may be fished in their entirety by these Contracting Parties.
- ¹¹ Applicable to 2025, 2026, and 2027.
- ¹² Should catches exceed 4 500 tonnes, additional measures would be adopted to further restrain catches in 2025.
- ¹³ The TAC for this stock is established as per Article 7 with a quota year of July 1 to June 30
- ¹⁴ This is the limit established by Canada for Canadian fishers.
- ¹⁵ This distribution key shall not serve as a precedent in future years for establishing catch limits or criteria for quota allocations. The Commission shall review these allocations upon request by any of the Contracting Parties.

Historical statements

- ¹⁶ The allocation key of this stock is based on the 1998 Quota Table. In 1999, a moratorium on cod in Division 3M was declared.
- ¹⁷ The allocation key of this stock is based on the 1997 Quota Table. In 1998, a moratorium on redfish in Division 3LN was declared.
- ¹⁸ The allocation key of this stock is based on the 1994 Quota Table. In 1995, a moratorium on witch flounder in Division 3NO was declared.

**Annex I.B – Effort Allocation Scheme for Shrimp Fishery in the
NAFO Regulatory Area Div. 3M, 2025**

CONTRACTING PARTY	NUMBER OF FISHING DAYS¹
Canada	0
Cuba	0
Denmark	
– Faroe Islands	0
– Greenland	0
European Union	0
France (in respect of St. Pierre et Miquelon)	0
Iceland	N/A
Japan	0
Korea	0
Norway	0
Russia	0
Ukraine	0
United Kingdom	0
USA	0
TOTAL	0

¹ When the scientific advice estimates that the stock shows signs of recovery, the fishery shall be re-opened in accordance with the effort allocation key in place for this fishery at the time of the closure.

Part 2. A summary of the Scientific Council advice on NAFO fish stocks and the management measures decided by the Commission.

Fish Stock(s)	Scientific Advice	Year of decision	Management measures
Cod in Division 3M	<p>Recommendation for 2025 and 2026</p> <p>Catches up to $3/4 F_{lim}$ are projected to result in a very low probability ($\leq 10\%$) of the stock going below B_{lim} and of fishing mortality exceeding F_{lim}. SSB is projected to increase with a probability of more than 50% under all fishing scenarios with fishing mortality less than $0.56 F_{lim}$. Scientific Council recommends a level of F that promotes SSB growth. (SCS Doc. 24/16 Rev.)</p>	2024	It was agreed to set the TAC to 12 613t in 2025.
Cod in Division 3NO	<p>Recommendation for cod in Divisions 3NO for 2022 and beyond:</p> <p>No directed fishing from 2022 to allow for stock rebuilding. Bycatch of cod in fisheries targeting other species should be kept at the lowest possible level. Projections of the stock were not performed but given the poor strength of all year-classes subsequent to 2006, the stock will not reach B_{lim} in the next three years. There will be no full assessment until interim monitoring shows that conditions have changed. (SCS Doc. 21/14 Rev.; SCS Doc. 24/16 Rev.)</p>	2024	It was agreed to maintain the moratorium applicable to 2025.
Redfish in Divisions 3LN	<p>Recommendation for 2025 and 2026</p> <p>The stock has decreased since 2015 and there is a 42% risk of the stock being below B_{lim} in 2023. Recruitment has been at or below the long-term average since the mid-2010s. To be consistent with the NAFO Precautionary Approach, Scientific Council advises that no directed fishery should occur in 2025 and 2026. Bycatch should be kept at the lowest possible level. (SCS Doc. 24/16 Rev.)</p>	2024	It was agreed to set the TAC to 6 000t in 2025.

Fish Stock(s)	Scientific Advice	Year of decision	Management measures
Redfish in Division 3M	<p>Recommendation for 2025 and 2026</p> <p>Given the life history of this stock, considering that the current F levels are below $F_{0.1}$, and to try to maintain the stock around the long-term average, Scientific Council advises that catches do not exceed the F corresponding to the current TAC (17 503 t in 2025 and 15 636 t in 2026). (SCS Doc. 24/16 Rev.)</p>	2024	It was agreed to set the TAC to 17 503t in 2025 and 15 636t in 2026.
Redfish in Division 3O	<p>The stock is below an interim survey-based proxy for B_{MSY} but above the limit reference point ($B_{lim} = 0.3_{MSY}$-proxy) with a probability >99%. There is insufficient information on which to base predictions of annual yield potential. Catches have averaged about 9 000 t over the period used for the MSY proxy calculation (1991 -2021). Scientific Council is unable to advise on an appropriate TAC for 2023, 2024 and 2025 (SCS Doc. 22/18; SCS Doc. 24/16 Rev.)</p>	2022	It was agreed to rollover the TAC of 20 000 tonnes applicable to 2023, 2024, and 2025 (COM Doc. 22-27).
Pelagic <i>Sebastes mentella</i> (oceanic redfish) in Subarea 2 + Divisions 1F and 3K	<p>No new data available at this time. The ICES Northwest Working Group (NWWG) will assess these stocks at its meeting on 4-6 September 2024. (SCS Doc. 24/16 Rev.)</p>	2024	It was agreed to set the TAC to 0t for 2025.
American plaice in Divisions 3LNO	<p>Recommendation for 2025 and beyond</p> <p>Advice for American plaice in Divisions 3LNO is provided based on an Interim Monitoring Report which indicates no major changes in this stock. Scientific Council recommends that, in accordance with the rebuilding plan, there should be no directed fishing on American plaice in Divisions 3LNO until an assessment indicates a very low probability of being below B_{lim}. Bycatches of American plaice should be kept to the lowest possible level and restricted to unavoidable bycatch in fisheries directing for other species. There will be no full assessment until interim monitoring shows that conditions have changed. (SCS Doc. 24/16 Rev.)</p>	2024	It was agreed to maintain the moratorium applicable to 2025 and 2026.

Fish Stock(s)	Scientific Advice	Year of decision	Management measures
American Plaice in Division 3M	<p>Recommendation for American plaice in Division 3M for 2024-2026:</p> <p>The stock has recovered to the levels of the mid 1990s, however, recruitment has been poor since 2018. Scientific Council considers that there is not sufficient supporting evidence that the stock would be able to sustain a fishery at this time and recommends that there be no directed fishing in 2024, 2025 and 2026. Bycatch should be kept at the lowest possible level. (SCS Doc. 23/18; SCS Doc. 24/16 Rev.)</p>	2023	The Commission agreed to maintain the moratorium applicable to 2024, 2025, and 2026 (COM Doc. 23-28).
Yellowtail flounder in Divisions 3LNO	<p>Scientific Council advises that fishing mortality up to 75% F_{msy}, corresponding to catches of 15 560 t and 15 810 t in 2024 and 2025, respectively, have risk of no more than 30% of exceeding F_{lim}, and are projected to maintain the stock around B_{msy} with a low risk of being below B_{lim} (SCS Doc. 23/18; SCS Doc. 24/16 Rev.).</p>	2023	The Commission agreed on a TAC of 15 560 t for 2024 and 15 810 t for 2025 (COM Doc. 23-28).
Witch flounder in Divisions 3NO	<p>Recommendation for 2025 and 2026</p> <p>In the projection period the probability of being below B_{lim} is very low ($\leq 10\%$), however the probability of exceeding F_{lim} is projected to be above 30% for F greater than 75% F_{msy}. Scientific Council therefore recommends that F should be no higher than 75% F_{msy}. (SCS Doc. 24/16 Rev.)</p>	2024	It was agreed to set the TAC to 1 395t in 2025 and 1 461t in 2026.
White hake in Divisions 3NO	<p>Recommendation for white hake in Divisions 3NO and Subdivision 3Ps for 2024 and beyond:</p> <p>Stock status is unknown. Catches of white hake in 3NO should not increase above recent levels (the average of the most recent five years is around 400 tonnes). There will be no full assessment until interim monitoring shows that conditions have changed. (SCS Doc. 23/18; SCS Doc. 24/16 Rev.)</p>	2024	It was agreed to rollover the TAC of 1000t for 2025.

Fish Stock(s)	Scientific Advice	Year of decision	Management measures
Capelin in Divisions 3NO	<p>Recommendation for capelin in Divisions 3NO for 2022 and beyond:</p> <p>No directed fishery. There will be no full assessment until interim monitoring shows that conditions have changed. (SCS Doc. 24/16 Rev.)</p>	2024	It was agreed to maintain the moratorium applicable to 2025.
Skates in Divisions 3LNO	<p>Recommendation for 2025 and 2026</p> <p>No new survey information is available to determine stock status, however, given the low level of thorny skate catch in recent years (average 3 460 t, 2019 - 2023), it is unlikely that there have been major changes to the state of the stock. Given the low resilience to fishing mortality and higher historic stock levels, Scientific Council advises no increase in catches. (SCS Doc. 24/16 Rev.)</p>	2024	It was agreed to set the TAC at 7 000t for 2025.
Greenland halibut in Sub-area 2 and Divisions 3KLMNO	<p>Exceptional Circumstances are occurring due to recent gaps in the EU-Spain 3L series. However, sensitivity analyses indicate that the application of the HCR (i.e., the Management Procedure [MP]) adopted in 2024 will still be appropriate. The TAC for 2025 derived from the MP is 14 791 t. This compares to the TAC for 2024 of 15 153 t, which was calculated using the MP adopted in 2017. The 2.4% reduction stems from two sources: 1) a downwards adjustment to the current MP formula to meet the long-term biomass target, and 2) the MP responding to a slight declining trend in the combined survey index.</p>	2024	It was agreed to set the TAC at 14 791t for 2+3KLMNO Greenland halibut, resulting in a TAC of 10 960t.
Northern shortfin squid in Subareas 3+4	<p>Although the primary stock indices for Div. 4VWX were not available during 2021 and 2022, the 2022 biomass indices for both Divs. 3NO and Div. 3M EU summer surveys were near the lowest levels of their respective time series, suggesting that the stock has returned to a low productivity state.</p> <p>Scientific Council advises catches between 19 000 and 34 000 tonnes per year (two proxies for F_{lim}, the potential yield which the northern</p>	2022	It was agreed to rollover the TAC of 34 000 tonnes applicable to 2023, 2024, and 2025 (COM Doc. 22-27).

Fish Stock(s)	Scientific Advice	Year of decision	Management measures
	stock component may be able to sustain under a low productivity regime) (SCS Doc. 22/22 ; SCS Doc. 24/16 Rev.)		
Northern Shrimp in Divisions 3LNO	No directed fishery in 2024 and 2025 as the stock is below Blim with no indication of short-term recovery (SCS Doc. 23/20).	2023	The Commission agreed to maintain the moratorium applicable to 2024 and 2025 (COM Doc. 23-28).
Splendid alfonsino in Subarea 6	The substantial decline in CPUE and catches on the Kükenthal peak in the past year indicates that the stock may be depleted. Scientific Council advises to close the fishery until biomass increases to exploitable levels.	2019	Ban on fishing (COM Doc. 19-34 (Rev.)).
Shrimp in Division 3M	The stock remains below B_{lim} . To be consistent with the NAFO Precautionary Approach Framework, Scientific Council advises that no directed fishery should occur in 2025 and 2026.	2024	It was agreed to maintain the moratorium applicable to 2025 and 2026.