



NAFO CONTINUES TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN FURTHER DEVELOPING ITS ECOSYSTEM APPROACH FRAMEWORK AND THE REVISION OF ITS PRECAUTIONARY APPROACH FRAMEWORK

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Porto, Portugal, 23 September 2022- The 44th Annual Meeting of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO) took place from 19-23 September. This meeting was the first Annual Meeting held in-person since the start of the global pandemic in 2020. The meeting was conducted in a hybrid format for the first time in its history allowing participation both in-person and virtually. During the opening session, delegates from all the NAFO Contracting Parties were welcomed to the meeting by the acting Chair of the Commission, Deirdre Warner-Kramer, and Dr. Isabel Ventura, Deputy Director of the Directorate-General for Natural Resources, Safety and Maritime Services of Portugal.

During the meeting, NAFO made significant progress in further developing its groundbreaking ecosystem approach framework to fisheries management by adopting an ecosystem reference point (“total catch index” or “TCI”) to complement stock assessments and to help inform management decisions regarding the potential risk of ecosystem overfishing.

NAFO also recognized that significant progress was made this year on its revision of its precautionary approach framework, which is a priority for the Organization, despite difficulties arising from the pandemic. This revision is expected to be finalized at the September 2024 Annual Meeting.

In addition, to the traditional total allowable catch (TAC)* and quota decisions, other significant decisions were made regarding the following:

- NAFO adopted a Management Strategy Evaluation Workplan for both Greenland halibut in Divisions 2J+3KLMNO and redfish in Divisions 3LN.
- NAFO adopted measures to prohibit the landing and retention of Greenland sharks in the NAFO Regulatory Area.

Additionally, NAFO selected Brynhildur Benediktsdóttir as the new Executive Secretary for a four-year term beginning in January 2023.

The 45th Annual Meeting will take place 18-22 September 2023, in Santiago de Compostela, Spain.

* The 2023 TACs and quotas are attached.

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**2023 Quota Table and
Effort Allocation Scheme for the Shrimp Fishery in NAFO Division 3M, 2023**

DRAFT CATCH LIMITATIONS 2023–Article 5. Total allowable catches (TACs) and quotas (metric tons in live weight) for 2023of particular stocks in Subareas 1–4 and 6 of the NAFO Convention Area.

Species Stock Specification	Cod				Redfish					American plaice		Yellowtail
	COD 3L	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 3M Cod TAC			% of 3LN Redfish TAC						
Contracting Party												
Canada		49	0.80	0	7 710	42.60	500	6 000	0 ¹	0	0	19 500
Cuba		226	3.70	-	1 774	9.80	1 750	-	0 ¹	-	-	-
Denmark (Faroe Islands & Greenland)		1363	22.35	-	-		69 ¹⁰	-	0	-	-	-
European Union		2910 ⁵	47.71	0 ⁴	3 300 ⁴	18.23	7 813 ⁴	7 000	0 ⁷	0	0 ⁴	-
France (St. Pierre et Miquelon)		-	-	-	-		69 ¹⁰	-	0 ¹	-	-	400
Iceland		-	-	-	-		-	-	0	-	-	-
Japan		-	-	-	-		400	150	0 ¹	-	-	-
Korea		-	-	-	-		69 ¹⁰	100	0 ¹	-	-	-
Norway		564	9.25	-	-		-	-	0	-	-	-
Russian Federation		395	6.47	0	5 207	28.77	9 137	6 500	0	-	0	-
Ukraine		-	-	-	-		-	150	0 ¹	-	-	-
United Kingdom		568	9.32	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-
United States of America		-	-	-	-		69 ¹⁰	-	0 ¹	-	-	-
Others		24	0.40	0	109	0.60	124	100	-	0	0	100
TOTAL ALLOWABLE CATCH	*	6100	100.0 ¹³	*	18 100 ⁸	100.0 ¹⁴	11 171	20 000	0 ^{3,9}	* ⁸	*	20 000

Annex I.A (2022)

Species	Witch			White hake	Capelin	Skates	Greenland halibut	Squid (<i>Illex</i>)	Shrimp		Alfonsino
Stock Specification	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		777	60.00	294	0	1 167	1 684	N.S. ²	0		
Cuba		-		-	0	-	-	510	0		
Denmark (Faroe Islands & Greenland)		-		-	-	-	193	-	0		
European Union		172 ⁴	13.27	588	0 ⁵	4 408	6582 ⁶	<u>N.S.²</u> 611 ⁵	0 ⁶		
France (St. Pierre et Miquelon)		-		-	-	-	184	453	0		
Iceland		-		-	-	-	-	-	0		
Japan		-		-	0	-	1 151	510	0		
Korea		-		-	-	-	-	453	0		
Norway		-		-	0	-	-	-	0		
Russian Federation		333	25.73	59	0	1 167	1 433	749	0		
Ukraine		-		-	-	-	-	-	0		
United Kingdom		-		-	-	-	-	-	-		
United States of America		-		-	-	-	-	453	0		
Others		13	1.00	59	-	258		794	0		
TOTAL ALLOWABLE CATCH	*	1 295	100.00 ¹⁵	1 000	* ⁸	7 000 ^{12,8}	11 227	34 000 ¹¹	0	*	*

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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 2023 and 2024.
- 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 2023, and 2024, 2025.
- ¹² Should catches exceed 4 500 tonnes, additional measures would be adopted to further restrain catches in 2023 and in 2024.

Historical statements

- ¹³ The allocation key of this stock is based on the 1998 Quota Table. In 1999, a moratorium on cod in Division 3M was declared.
- ¹⁴ The allocation key of this stock is based on the 1997 Quota Table. In 1998, a moratorium on redfish in Division 3LN was declared.
- ¹⁵ 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.

**DRAFT Effort Allocation Scheme for Shrimp Fishery in the
NAFO Regulatory Area Division 3M, 2023**

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.