

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 2598/1999**of 7 December 1999****amending for the second time Regulation (EC) No 48/1999 fixing, for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, the total allowable catches for 1999 and certain conditions under which they may be fished**

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 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 8(4) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 48/1999 ⁽²⁾ fixes, for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, the TACs for 1999 and certain conditions under which they may be fished;
- (2) In accordance with the provisions laid down in Council Regulation (EC) No 847/96 of 6 May 1996 introducing additional conditions for year-to-year management of TACs and quotas ⁽³⁾, precautionary TACs may be raised under conditions stipulated in Article 3(1) therein; those conditions are satisfied for the stocks of Norway lobster in the North Sea and in the Skagerrak, the Kattegat and ICES area IIIbcd and of sprat in ICES areas IIa (EC waters) and North Sea (EC waters);
- (3) According to the most recent scientific evidence, the TAC for cod in the Kattegat for 1999 may be increased while still keeping with conservation principles;

(4) Within the framework of the bilateral consultations on the reciprocal fishing rights between the Community and Poland for 1999, the Community share for Baltic sprat has been modified;

(5) In order to ensure the livelihood of Community fishermen it is important to open these fisheries as early as possible in 1999; given the urgency of the matter it is imperative to grant an exception to the six-week period mentioned in paragraph I(3) of the Protocol on the role of national parliaments of the European Union annexed to the Treaty of Amsterdam;

(6) Regulation (EC) No 48/1999 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Annex to this Regulation replaces the corresponding elements of the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 48/1999.

Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels, 7 December 1999.

For the Council

The President

K. SASI

⁽¹⁾ 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.)

⁽²⁾ OJ L 13, 18.1.1999, p. 1. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC) 1570/1999 (OJ L 187, 20.7.1999, p. 5).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 115, 9.5.1996, p. 3.

ANNEX

Species: Cod <i>Gadus morhua</i>	Zone: Kattegat
België/Belgique Danmark 4 320 Deutschland 90 Ελλάδα España France Ireland Italia Luxembourg Nederland Österreich Portugal Suomi/Finland Sverige 2 590 United Kingdom EC 7 000 TAC 7 000	
Species: Norway lobster <i>Nephrops norvegicus</i>	Zone: Skagerrak and Kattegat ⁽¹⁾ , IIIbcd ⁽¹⁾
België/Belgique Danmark 3 675 ⁽²⁾ Deutschland 10 ⁽³⁾ Ελλάδα España France Ireland Italia Luxembourg Nederland Österreich Portugal Suomi/Finland Sverige 1 315 ⁽²⁾ United Kingdom EC 5 000 TAC 5 000	⁽¹⁾ Community waters. ⁽²⁾ No fishing of this quota may take place, in the Skagerrak, within 4 miles of the baselines of the Kingdom of Norway ⁽³⁾ No fishing of this quota may take place, in the Skagerrak, within 12 miles of the baselines of the Kingdom of Norway.

Species: Norway lobster <i>Nephrops norvegicus</i>		Zone: IIa ⁽¹⁾ , North Sea ⁽¹⁾
België/Belgique	900	⁽¹⁾ Community waters
Danmark	900	
Deutschland	15	
Ελλάδα		
España		
France	25	
Ireland		
Italia		
Luxembourg		
Nederland	465	
Österreich		
Portugal		
Suomi/Finland		
Sverige		
United Kingdom	14 895	
EC	17 200	
TAC	17 200	
Species: Sprat <i>Sprattus sprattus</i>		Zona: IIa ⁽¹⁾ , North Sea ⁽¹⁾
België/Belgique	2 370	⁽¹⁾ Community waters ⁽²⁾ Including sandeel
Danmark	187 380	
Deutschland	2 370	
Ελλάδα		
España		
France	2 370	
Ireland		
Italia		
Luxembourg		
Nederland	2 370	
Österreich		
Portugal		
Suomi/Finland		
Sverige	1 330 ⁽²⁾	
United Kingdom	7 810	
EC	206 000	
TAC	225 000	

Species: Sprat <i>Sprattus sprattus</i>		Zone: IIIbcd ⁽¹⁾
België/Belgique		⁽¹⁾ Community waters
Danmark	48 064	
Deutschland	30 450	
Ελλάδα		⁽²⁾ Of which no more than 8 000 t may be fished in the Estonian zone, no more 6 000 t in the Latvian zone, and no more than 4 000 t in the Lithuanian zone
España		
France		⁽³⁾ Whenever consumption of this quota had reached a level of 105 917 t, the remaining 4 000 tonnes may only be taken in waters under the sovereignty or the Kingdom of Sweden
Ireland		
Italia		
Luxembourg		
Nederland		
Österreich		
Portugal		
Suomi/Finland	25 160	
Sverige	109 916 ⁽³⁾	
United Kingdom		
EC	213 590 ⁽²⁾	
TAC	468 000	