

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2022/546****of 31 March 2022****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) 2022/109 <sup>(2)</sup> lays down quotas for 2022.
- (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 2022.
- (3) It is therefore necessary to prohibit directed fishing activities for that stock until 30 June 2022,

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 2022 until 30 June 2022 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 2022 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) 2022/109 of 27 January 2022 fixing for 2022 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 21, 31.1.2022, p. 1).

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

Done at Brussels, 31 March 2022.

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

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## ANNEX

No	01/TQ109
Member State	European Union (All Member States)
Stock	RED/N3M.
Species	Redfishes ( <i>Sebastes</i> spp.)
Zone	NAFO 3M
Closing period	25 March 2022 at 24.00 UTC until 30 June 2022