COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 50/98

of 19 December 1997

allocating, for 1998, Community catch quotas in Greenland waters

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 the Agreement on fisheries between the European Community, on the one hand, and the Government of Denmark and the Home Rule Government of Greenland, on the other hand [2], has been extended for an additional period of six years, until 31 December 2000;

Whereas the European Community, on the one hand, and the Government of Denmark and the Home Rule Government of Greenland, on the other hand, have subsequently approved the Third Fisheries Protocol, establishing the conditions for fishing and, in particular, the catch quotas for Community vessels in Greenland waters for the period from 1 January 1995 to 31 December 2000;

Whereas these quotas may be used by vessels not flying the flag of a Member State of the Community, to the extent that this is necessary for the proper functioning of the fisheries agreements which the Community has concluded with third countries;

Whereas the Community shall inform the authorities responsible for Greenland of its reaction to offers regarding supplementary catch possibilities, as referred to in Article 8 of the Fisheries Agreement, not later than six weeks after receipt of the offer;

Whereas, to ensure efficient management of the catch possibilities available, they should be allocated among Member States by means of quotas in accordance with Article 8 of Regulation (EEC) No 3760/92;

Whereas the fishing activities covered by this Regulation are subject to the relevant control measures provided for by Council Regulation (EC) No 2847/93 of 12 October 1993 establishing a control system applicable to the common fisheries policy [3];

Whereas no agreement has been reached with the authorities responsible for Greenland on whether the relevant fish stocks should be subject to the provisions of Council Regulation (EC) No 847/96 of 6 May 1996 introducing additional conditions for year-to-year management of TACs and quotas [4];

Whereas, for imperative reasons of common interest, this Regulation should apply from 1 January 1998,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For 1998, the allocation of the Community catch quotas in Greenland waters shall be as set out in the Annex.

Article 2

Fishing quotas set out in the Annex shall not be subject to the conditions laid down in Articles 2, 3 and 5(2) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96.

Article 3

Should the authorities responsible for Greenland make an offer regarding supplementary catch possibilities, as referred to in Article 8 of the Agreement on fisheries, the Council shall, acting by a qualified majority on a proposal from the Commission, take a decision on that offer within six weeks of receipt thereof.

Article 4

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

It shall apply from 1 January 1998.

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[1] OJ L 389, 31. 12. 1992, p. 1. Regulation as amended by the 1994 Act of Accession.

[2] OJ L 29, 1. 2. 1985, p. 9.

[3] OJ L 261, 20. 10. 1993, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2205/97 (OJ L 304, 7. 11. 1997, p. 1).

[4] OJ L 115, 9. 5. 1996, p. 3.

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

Done at Brussels, 19 December 1997.

For the Council

The President

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ANNEX

Allocation of Community catch quotas in Greenland waters for 1998

Species	Geographical area	Community catch quotas (in tonnes)	Quotas allocated to Member States		Quantities allocated to Norway (9)	Quantities allocated to Iceland (9)	Faroese quotas under EC/Greenland (9)
Cod	all zones	31 000	Germany United Kingdom	25 360 5 640			
Redfish (1)	NAFO 0/1	6 000	Germany United Kingdom	5 395 105	1 000 (8)		500
	ICES XIV/V	47 820	Germany France United Kingdom	46 270 330 220			
Greenland halibut	NAFO 0/1	1 700	Germany	550	1 000		150
			Germany	4 040	1 150		150
	ICES XIV/V	5 550	United Kingdom	210			
Deep-water prawns	ICES XIV/V (5)	5 674	France Denmark	1 012 1 012	2 500		1 150
Atlantic halibut (2)	NAFO 0/1 ICES XIV/V	200 200			200 (7) 200 (7)		
Catfish	NAFO 0/1	1 000	Germany	1 000			
	ICES XIV/V	1 000	Germany	1 000			
Blue whiting	ICES XIV/V	30 000	Denmark France Germany	3 000 3 000 24 000			
Capelin	ICES XIV/V	97 405 (6)	Community	41 405	16 000	30 000	10 000
Roundnose grenadier	NAFO 0/1	1 350	Germany	550	800		
	ICES XIV/V	5 150	Germany United Kingdom	4 400 250	500		
Roundnose grenadier (3)	all zones	2 000	Community	2 000			
Polar cod (4)	all zones	2 000	Community	2 000			

(1) A maximum of 20 000 tonnes may be fished by pelagic trawl. Catches from the bottom trawl fishery and the pelagic trawl fishery shall be reported separately.
(2) If by-catches of Atlantic halibut in trawl cod and redfish fisheries imply over-runs of this quota, the Greenland authorities will provide solutions to the effect that Community cod and redfish fisheries can nevertheless continue until the respective quotas have been exhausted.
(3) Experimental fishery, to be conducted at depths greater than 1 500 metres. The maximum by-catch of Greenland halibut will be 40 % and will be counted against this quota.
(4) To be fished only by pelagic trawl or longline. A by-catch of up to 10 %, excluding deep-water prawns and Greenland halibut, will be admitted. The by-catch will be counted against this quota.
(5) Up to 1 000 tonnes can be caught in NAFO areas 0/1 under agreement with Greenland licence holders.
(6) 70 % of the Greenland share of the TAC for capelin. Upon revision of this TAC in the course of 1998, the Community quota shall be revised accordingly.
(7) To be fished only with longline.
(8) May be fished by pelagic trawl.
(9) Shown for information only.