

To: Chief Executives of Producer Organisations in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, NFFO, UKAFPO

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Dear Sir / Madam

Final quota allocations for 2011

1. I enclose spreadsheets showing final allocations for 2011 for whitefish and pelagic stocks in Area IV, VI and VII together with Atlanto-Scandian Herring (EC and international waters of I and II) and deep sea stocks. I apologise for the delay with issuing final allocations, which was due to the delayed receipt of details relating to banking and confirmation of the increased quota for a number of stocks, as well as various consultations on allocation methodology, from the Commission.

2. The allocations have been calculated in accordance with current Quota Management Rules and take account of eligible fixed quota allocation (FQA) units as defined in section 3 of the Rules. Allocations for Atlanto-Scandian Herring have been calculated in accordance with paragraph 3.2 and Annexes E and F of the Quota Management Rules.

Repatriation of Faroes quota

3. Fisheries administrations recently notified producer organisations (Pos) about the allocation of quotas which are normally used to facilitate the mutual access agreement with the Faroe Islands being returned to relevant member states. Details are shown in a new sheet within the allocation calculations.

Increases in quota

4. As well as increases to UK quota because of repatriated Faroes quota, there were increases for the following stocks:

- **North Sea sandeels** – provisional allocation amount 4,995 tonnes increased to 7,308 tonnes (of which 57 tonnes is repatriated Faroes quota)
- **North Sea mackerel** – provisional allocation amount 1,248 tonnes increased to 1,518 tonnes
- **west coast mackerel** – provisional allocation amount 150,870 tonnes increased to 189,694 tonnes (of which 2,356 tonnes is repatriated Faroes quota)
- **'of which' Mackerel IVa** – provisional allocation amount 60,706 tonnes increased to 76,325 tonnes.

Hague Preference

5. The UK invoked Hague Preference for 2011, securing additional quota for North Sea haddock (1,586 tonnes), North Sea whiting (1,569 tonnes), of which 300 tonnes have been allocated directly to the 10 metre and under fleet, cod VIa (9 tonnes), cod VIb (5 tonnes) and West of Scotland saithe (1,604 tonnes).

Allocation of quota for new and split stocks

6. Following a recent consultation, the new boarfish 6, 7, 8 (BOR/678) quota of 1,223 tonnes has been allocated based on 2010 track record for 2011. It has been agreed that this stock will be allocated using the 2010 and 2011 track record for 2012. For the new stock nephrops 7 Porcupine Bank (NEP/*07U16), 188 tonnes has been allocated based on nephrops 7 FQAs. North Sea sandeels (management areas 1 to 4) stocks have been allocated based on North Sea sandeels FQAs, but quotas in management areas 5 (0 tonnes), 6 (9 tonnes) and 7 (0 tonnes) have not been allocated due to their minimal amounts.

Banking

7. Fisheries administrations have received confirmation of bankable amounts from the Commission. Where amounts exceed those calculated from the weekly spreadsheets issued on 15 March, the excess (or 'unused banking') has been allocated using FQAs.

Note

As trailed in this years quota management rules, a new methodology for the distribution of banked quota will be introduced in 2012.

Deductions for overfishing in 2010

8. For allocated stocks, there was one EU deduction for UK overfishing in 2010 under section 5 of the rules. This was for 16.1 tonnes of North Sea whiting. However, there was no UK closure in 2010, it is not a bankable stock and payback by the overfishing PO has been made.

The allocations include any deductions and compensation under section 6 of the rules, as well as additional deductions for overfishing under section 7 of the rules. Fisheries administrations will write shortly with proposals to distribute section 7 deductions which currently appear in the 'unallocated' lines in the spreadsheets.

Sectoral management – Isle of Man

9. The Isle of Man group has been granted sectoral management of pelagic stocks from 1 January 2011.

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