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Delegations will find attached the above-mentioned document as received from the Commission services.

# COMMISSION SERVICES NON PAPER

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Updates to Commission proposal COM (2018) 608 final for a Council Regulation fixing for 2019 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in the Baltic Sea

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## **1. AMENDMENT TO COMMISSION PROPOSAL COM (2018) 608 FINAL**

The Commission Proposal COM (2018) 608 final is amended as follows:

- 1) The title is replaced by the following:

"Commission proposal COM (2018) 608 final for a Council Regulation fixing for 2019 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in the Baltic Sea, and amending Council Regulation 2018/120 fixing for 2018 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 and amending Regulation (EU) 2017/127"

- 2) Recital (10a) is inserted:

"Based on new scientific advice, a preliminary TAC for Norway pout in ICES division 3a and Union waters of ICES division 2a and subarea 4 should be established for the period from 1 November 2018 to 31 October 2019."

3) The following Article is inserted:

"Article 7a

**Amendment to Regulation (EU) 2018/120**

In Annex IA to Regulation (EU) 2018/120, the fishing opportunities table for Norway pout and associated by-catches in 3a and Union waters of 2a and 4 is replaced by the following:

Species:	Norway pout and associated by-catches		Zone:	3a; Union waters of 2a and 4	
	<i>Trisopterus esmarki</i>			(NOP/2A3A4.)	
Year	2018	2019	Analytical TAC		
Denmark	85 186 <sup>(1)(3)</sup>	49 953 <sup>(1)(6)</sup>	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply		
Germany	16 <sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup>	10 <sup>(1)(2)(6)</sup>	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply		
The Netherlands	<sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup>	<sup>(1)(2)(6)</sup>			
	63	37			
Union	85 265 <sup>(1)(3)</sup>	50 000 <sup>(1)(6)</sup>			
Norway	15 000 <sup>(4)</sup>	0			
Faroe Islands	6 000 <sup>(5)</sup>	0			
TAC	Not relevant	Not relevant			

(1)

Up to 5 % of the quota may consist of by-catches of haddock and whiting (OT2/\*2A3A4). By-catches of haddock and whiting counted against the quota pursuant to this provision and by-catches of species counted against the quota pursuant to Article 15(8) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 shall, together, not exceed 9% of the quota.

(2)

Quota may be fished in Union waters of ICES zones 2a, 3a and 4 only.

(3)

Union quota may only be fished from 1 November 2017 to 31 October 2018.

(4)

A sorting grid shall be used.

(5)

A sorting grid shall be used. Includes a maximum of 15 % of unavoidable by-catches (NOP/\*2A3A4), to be counted against this quota.

(6)

Union quota may be fished from 1 November 2018 to 31 October 2019.