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Regulatory Measure for Fishing of Salmon in the Faroe Islands for the Calendar Year 1998

The North-East Atlantic Commission of the North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization

Having regard to Article 8, subparagraph (b), recognising the need for regulatory measures in the Faroese fishery for the year 1998 decides that:

The Faroese catch shall be controlled in accordance with an effort limitation programme, set out in Appendix 1, for a period of one year.

The total nominal catch for the duration of the period shall not exceed 380 tonnes.

This quota was agreed as an interim measure leading towards a quota based on a predictive biological model as soon as such scientific advice is available.

The Parties agreed that a thorough examination of the quota level should be carried out in the light of any new scientific evidence which becomes available.

The Parties further agreed that they would undertake to examine measures in their homewaters taking full account of the advice given by ACFM.

Appendix 1

The following regulatory measures for the fishing of salmon in the fisheries zone of the Faroe Islands for the year 1998 shall apply:

- (1) Areas with salmon below the length of 60cm will be closed for salmon fishery at short notice, following the general rules for closing areas with undersized fish already in force in the Faroese fisheries zone;
- (2) The number of boats licensed for salmon shall not exceed 12;
- (3) The salmon fishing season will be limited to 150 days between 1 January and 30 April and 1 November and 31 December;
- (4) Subject to the maximum annual catch the total allowable number of fishing days for the salmon fishery in the Faroe Islands zone shall be set at 1,080.