

AGREED RECORD OF FISHERIES CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE FAROE ISLANDS AND THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR 2026

19 DECEMBER 2025

1. A Delegation from the Faroe Islands, headed by Ingibjörg Tummassardóttir Petersen, and a Delegation from the United Kingdom, headed by Catherine Perez, met in Tórshavn on 5 November 2025 and 12 and 17 December via videoconference, to consult on mutual fisheries relations for 2026. A list of participants is attached in Annex 1.
2. The Delegations recalled the Framework Agreement on Fisheries between the Government of the Faroe Islands and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland signed in Copenhagen on 29 October 2020 ("the Framework Agreement"). They recalled the principles which underpin their close cooperation as set out in Article 1 of that agreement.
3. The Delegations also recalled the Agreed Record of Fisheries Consultations between the Faroe Islands and the United Kingdom on the management of mackerel in the North-East Atlantic which they had signed on 15 December 2025 (the "Agreed Record of 15 December 2025") alongside the Agreed Record of Fisheries Consultations between the Faroe Islands, Iceland, Norway and the United Kingdom on the management of mackerel in the North-East Atlantic. They welcomed the consequential and much-needed reduction in fishing pressure as a result of this agreement, which builds on the reduction that was implemented through the 2024 agreement between the Faroe Islands, Norway and the United Kingdom. The Delegations committed themselves to playing their part in 2026 in reaching a comprehensive quota-sharing arrangement for the stock.
4. The Delegations further recalled the Agreed Record of Fisheries Consultations between the United Kingdom and the Faroe Islands for 2025, which they had signed on 14 March 2025 alongside the Technical Annexes to the Agreed Record of Consultations on Fisheries between the United Kingdom and the Faroe Islands (the "2025 Technical Annexes"). They further noted that the Fisheries Consultations between them on quota exchanges for demersal stocks for 2026, and associated fisheries management issues, were on-going.
5. The Delegations noted the importance of facilitating both the smooth implementation of those agreements and mackerel fishing in the UK zone from as early as practicable in the 2026 calendar year. In that regard, the Delegations agreed to recommend to their respective authorities the measures outlined in this Agreed Record.
 - 5.1 First, the Delegations agreed to exchange quotas as set out in Table 1.
 - 5.2 Second, the Delegations noted their strong cooperation in 2025 in implementing the relevant technical arrangements that apply to vessels fishing in the waters of the other Party, as set out in the 2025 Technical Annexes. They further agreed that those measures have shown themselves to be effective during 2025 but noted that the provisions of those annexes would expire on 31 December 2025. Therefore, they agreed that the measures set out in the 2025 Technical Annexes should continue to apply until the Agreed Record on quota exchanges for demersal stocks for 2026 and associated 2026 Technical Annexes are finalised and published separately. Additional monitoring measures relating to the

implementation of the mackerel agreement are outlined in Annex 2. These measures replace the equivalent measures agreed in the Agreed Record of 15 December 2025 and the 2025 Technical Annexes, with all other measures remaining in place.

- 5.3 Third, they noted paragraph 7.1 of their Agreed Record of 15 December 2025 which stated that the Faroe Islands would supply the UK with monthly catch statistics of mackerel fishing by its vessels in the UK Exclusive Economic Zone. They agreed that in 2026 the Faroe Islands would supply the UK with mackerel catch statistics on a weekly basis and that both Parties' respective experts should work together closely to monitor catches in the first quarter of 2026. The procedure for the submission of catch statistics is outlined in Annex 2. The Delegations reviewed the preliminary catch data for 2025 as set out in Table 2. They decided to continue to work together in 2026 to monitor and further develop their relevant catch information data exchange processes.
- 5.4 Finally, they agreed that the Parties would continue consultations with respect to exchanges of quotas to address the issue of Faroese by-catches of North Sea herring in UK waters in 2024.

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For the Delegation of the Faroe Islands

For the Delegation of the United Kingdom

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Table 1**Exchange of Stocks for 2026**

SPECIES	ICES AREA	UK STOCKS FOR TRANSFER TO FAROES (TONNES)	FAROES STOCKS FOR TRANSFER TO UK (TONNES)
North-East Atlantic mackerel	UK and international waters of ICES subareas 1–8, 12 and 14.	-	23
North Sea Autumn Spawning Herring ^{1,2}	4 north of 53° 30' N	60	-

Table 2

PRELIMINARY CATCH DATA FOR EXCHANGE OF STOCKS FOR 2025
FAROES LANDINGS OF QUOTA TRANSFERRED FROM UK (TONNES)

SPECIES	ICES AREA	QUOTA	LANDINGS
North Sea Autumn Spawning Herring	4 north of 53° 30' N	88 ³	71

¹ No directed fisheries are permitted under this quota. Exclusively for bycatch purposes in the North-East Atlantic mackerel fishery in UK waters.

² In addition to North Sea Autumn Spawning herring, this can include any catches of miscellaneous bycatch in all UK waters, excluding West of Scotland herring, up to 5 tonnes. Catches will be counted against the total quota. All species caught must be entered into the elog.

³ North Sea Autumn Spawning Herring quota of 375 tonnes was reduced by 287 tonnes to 88 tonnes, as per the Addendum to the Agreed Record of fisheries consultations between the United Kingdom and the Faroe Islands for 2025 of 30 December 2024, signed on 5 December 2025.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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1. Catch Statistics Submissions for Mackerel

- 1.1 Specific arrangements for the reporting of weekly catch statistics from landing data corresponding to fishing activities by Faroese vessels targeting mackerel in UK waters are as follows.
- 1.2 Parties will use the live catch weights recorded by vessels for limit utilisation and catch statistic submissions. If any update is required after landing data is received to a previously submitted report, these changes will be sent when available.
- 1.3 The Faroese authorities will submit the weekly catch reports using the structure in Appendix 1. Submissions will be no later than the end of the following week to which the statistic relates.
- 1.4 The Delegations decided that the Faroe Islands will submit daily catch reports when 80% of the access entitlement for mackerel is reached.
- 1.5 The Faroese authorities will submit catch information to statistics@marinemanagement.org.uk copying UKCatchStatistics@defra.gov.uk and UKFMC@gov.scot.
- 1.6 The respective authorities will work closely together to agree a procedure for reviewing and exchanging catch reports using the structure in Appendix 1.
- 1.7 In the case that one Party suspects erroneous catch data, the relevant catch monitoring authority will inform the other Party's catch monitoring authority. The authorities will cooperate on identifying the error and correct the relevant registers.
- 1.8 An end of year summary of data will be submitted by the Faroese to the UK to reduce the possibility of erroneous data by end of January 2027 latest. This return will be based on landed catch live weight.
- 1.9 The Faroese will submit the year summary of final data using the structure in Appendix 1 by the end of January 2027 latest.

Appendix 1

Catch Statistic Report Submissions' Structure for landing data corresponding to fishing activities by Faroese vessels targeting mackerel in UK waters.

The Microsoft Excel document format, with as many rows as is necessary, will be used for the catch statistics from landing data corresponding to fishing activities by Faroese vessels targeting mackerel in UK waters.

					UKFMC - Estimated Catch on Exit (tonnes)				VORN - e-log Reported Catch (tonnes)				VORN - Landed Quantity (tonnes)			
IRCS	Vessel name	PLN	COX Date	Time of Exit	Mackerel	Herring	Herring % of total	Other bycatch	Mackerel	Herring	Herring % of total	Other bycatch	Mackerel	Herring	Herring % of total	Other bycatch
					(WT)	(WT)	%	(WT)	(WT)	(WT)	%	(WT)	(WT)	(WT)	%	(WT)
				TOTAL												