

**Recommendation on Conservation and Management Measures for Blue Whiting in the
NEAFC Regulatory Area for 2025**

The Commission hereby adopts the following recommendation pursuant to Article 5 of the Convention:

1. NEAFC notes that based on the agreed long-term management strategy, total catches of blue whiting in the North-East Atlantic in 2025 should be no more than 1,447,054 tonnes, as advised by ICES.
2. The Coastal States will establish their individual quotas for 2025 within the framework of the total catch limitation referred to in paragraph 1.
3. The individual Coastal State quotas may be fished within their respective zones of fisheries jurisdiction as well as in the Regulatory Area.
4. Catches taken by Coastal States in the Regulatory Area shall be deducted from the respective individual quotas of those Coastal States.
5. Within the total level of catches referred to in paragraph 1 above, the Contracting Parties hereby establish an allowable catch limitation of 115,185 tonnes of blue whiting for 2025 in the Regulatory Area, which is allocated as follows:
 - a. The Kingdom of Denmark in respect of Greenland 7,814 tonnes;
 - b. The Russian Federation 107,371 tonnes.The level of these catch limitations in paragraph 5 shall not be considered as an allocation and are without prejudice to the setting of any future allocation.
6. Each Contracting Party shall notify the measures it has taken for 2025 to the Secretary by 1 May 2025. The Secretary shall notify these measures to the other Contracting Parties.
7. Each Contracting Party may transfer unutilised quantities of up to 10% of the quota established by the Party for 2024 to the quota established by that Party for 2025. Such transfer shall be in addition to the quota established by the Party concerned for 2025. In the event of overfishing of quotas by any Contracting Party in 2024, the quantity overfished shall be deducted from the quota for that Party or those Parties for 2025.
8. Each Contracting Party may transfer unutilised quantities of up to 10% of the quota established by the Party for 2025 to the quota established by that Party for 2026. Such transfer shall be in addition to the quota established by the Party concerned for 2025. In the event of overfishing of quotas by any Contracting Party in 2025, the quantity overfished shall be deducted from the quota for that Party or those Parties for 2026.

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9. Only those vessels entitled to fly the flag of a NEAFC Contracting Party, having been authorised by its flag State to fish for blue whiting in the NEAFC Regulatory Area in 2025, may take part in the fishery.

10. These conservation and management measures are taken without prejudice to any further conservation and management measures to be taken for the blue whiting stock in the North-East Atlantic.