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**To:** Agriculture Food and the Marine <AFM@oireachtas.ie>  
**Subject:** Re: EU - UK Brexit Fisheries Agreement & Joint Oireachtas Committee Meeting Friday 22 January 2021  
**Importance:** High

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Please see attached story on Fisheries post- the Brexit Agreement written for the Southern Star Newspaper by Patrick Murphy, CEO of Irish South & West Fish Producers Organization and published this evening, 20 January 2021. The story reflects the views and opinions of the Members of the Organization and of the Coastal Communities who depend on Fishing for their livelihoods and for the maintenance of their Communities.

I'd be very grateful if you would circulate this to all Members of the Committee.

Also attached is our evaluation of one particular species of huge importance to our entire fleet, namely HAKE. During an online Webex with Minister McConalogue & Officials of his Department of Agriculture and the Marine it became evident that there is a significant contradiction in the figures produced by the Department in their document entitled "PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF REDUCTION OF FISHERIES QUOTA SHARES UNDER EU-UK TRADE AND COOPERATION AGREEMENT" of January 2021 when compared to the content of the Annexes to the EU – UK Agreement of 24 December 2020.

Yours sincerely,

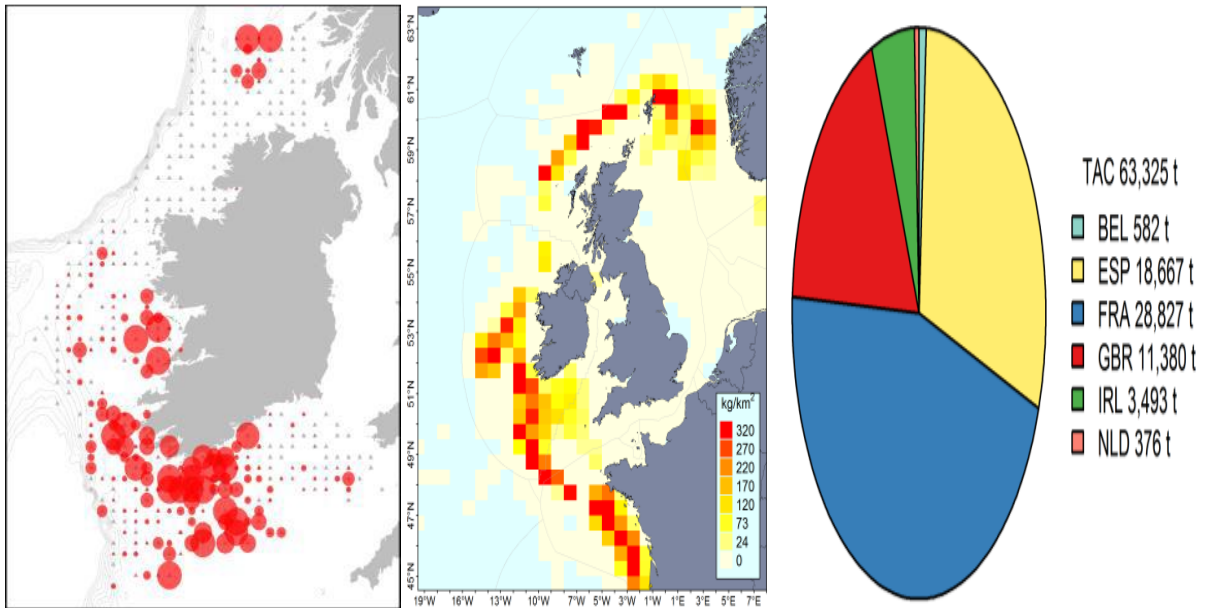
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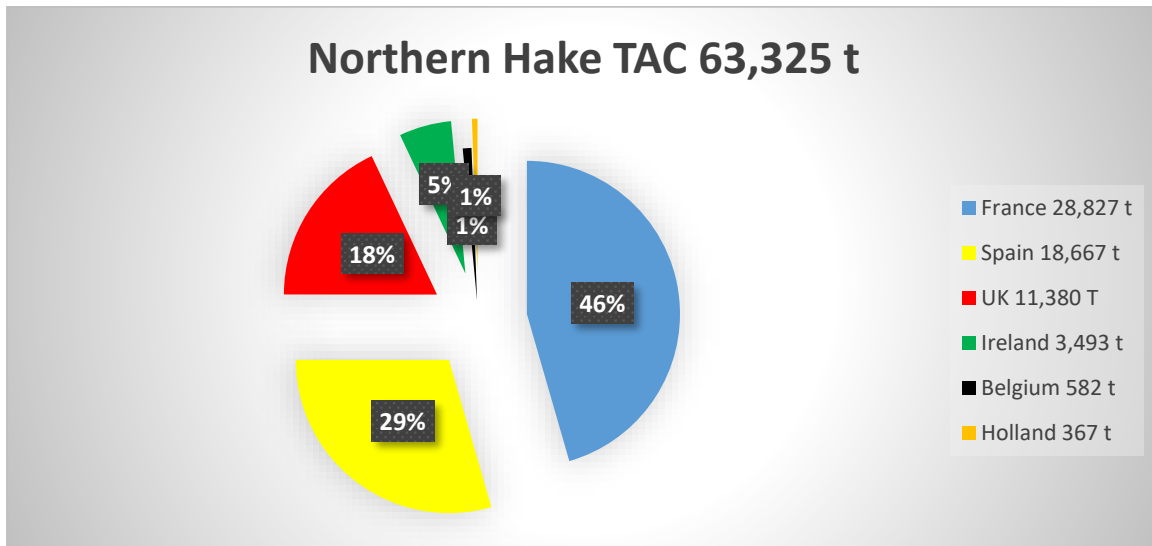


## Affects of EU - UK BREXIT Agreement on Ireland's Hake

Fig. 1 Shows the Juvenile Hake NWW. Fig. 2 The distribution of international landings of hake between 2015 and 2018. Most landings were taken along the edge of the continental shelf. Fig. 3. Shows the small share Ireland has in this important stock that breeds and grows to adult size primarily in Irelands EEZ for the future of this fishery by providing the spawning grounds, hatchery beds, growing and developing area for Juvenile fish.

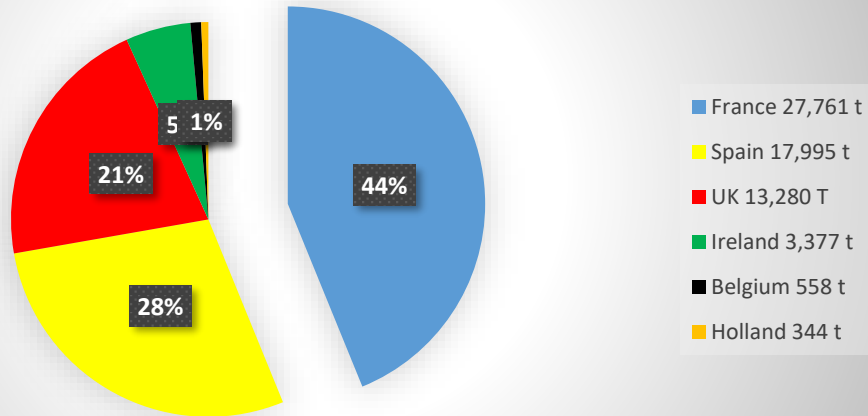


The Pie chart below shows share of Northern Hake pre-Brexit second Pie chart shows share after the Brexit deal.



If the Share is carried out under Relative Stability below is the equal burden sharing

### Northern Hake TAC 63,325 t



If the Department's calculation that our pre-Brexit share of 6% = 3,493 t and we use the chart above to show that our share is to be reduced to 5.5% and we are to lose 1% of the total EU TAC = 582 t this actually reduces our Share to 2,910 t equalling a mere 4.6% of the Total.

A fair share of this stock that Ireland has the greatest claim to by any evaluation, scientific or legal under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea is shown below where with Ireland receiving an increase to just 16%, this increase still leaves France with 231% of Ireland's Share, Spain with 150% of Ireland's Share and the UK with 130% of Ireland's Share.

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