

ISEFPO Submission on TAC and Quota advice for 2022

Celtic Sea

Hake 6 & 7: Advice 75,052t Minus 25% on 2021 TAC

- Effort is at an all time low.
- The SSB is high and possibly increasing.
- The advice for 2021 was increased in year from 98,657T to 102,888T.

In our opinion this stock is in a good condition and these indicators in do not support a reduction of 25% in TAC.

Haddock 7b - k: Advice 15,946t

Although the advice is lower this year, the stock indicators would suggest that an increase in TAC can be justified.

The improved technical measures are helping to reduce the discards for this species.

Cod: Advice 0t

The bycatch quota will have to be maintained in line with last year to avoid a choke in other fisheries.

Sole f – g: Advice 1,320t Minus 7% on 2021 TAC

- Spawning Stock near highest in time series
- Fishing pressure has declined and has been below FMSY since 2017
- The SSB is double the level of MSY B trigger
- Landings are very stable

The stock indicators are good for this species and we think that the TAC could take an increase but at a very minimum a rollover of last years TAC.

As Ireland has only a 6% share in this TAC any reduction could lead to a choke situation.

Irish Sea

Cod 7a: Advice 74t Minus 64% on 2021 TAC

The TAC must remain the same as 2021 to allow for a by catch in other fisheries and avoid a choke situation.

Haddock 7a: Advice 2,761t Minus 18% on 2021 TAC

- Effort lowest in time series
- NIMIK survey not available for 2020 so recent data not available for recruitment.
- SSB is well above B Trigger.

The SSB is good, however catches have been lower due to the small size of fish. New technical measures should allow fish to grow and would suggest that the TAC should be the same as last year.

Whiting 7a: Advice 0t

The stock is low but stable and a by catch quota in line with 2021 is required to keep other fisheries open and avoid choke.

Ongoing work in reducing under MCRS whiting in the Nephrops fishery looks promising and may yield good results.

Nephrops (All Areas)

We believe that on an average assessment of the Individual Functional Unit advice that the TAC should be a rollover for 2022.