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COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION

**amending Regulation (EC) No 54/1999 allocating, for 1999, Community catch
quotas in Greenland waters**

(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Pursuant to Article 1 paragraph 2 of the Third Protocol¹, the Community is entitled to 70% of the Greenland share of the capelin. This provision has to be seen against the background that the capelin stock in the waters off Eastern Greenland is managed jointly by Greenland, Iceland and Norway. This year's tripartite consultations have led to an agreement, by way of which the relevant TAC was set at 1,285,000 tonnes for 1999. Under the Third Protocol, the ensuing Community catch quota in Greenland waters will be 98,945 tonnes and, after deduction of the quantities granted to the Faroe Islands, Iceland and Norway, the net quota available to Member States will be 48,945 tonnes.

Council Regulation (EC) No 54/1999² established the corresponding Community catch quota at 109,340 tonnes on the basis of a TAC of 1,420,000.

The objective of this proposal is to implement the measures resulting from the variation of the underlying TAC.

¹ OJ L 351, 31.12.1994, p. 1.
² OJ L 13, 18.1.1999, p. 81.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3760/92 of 20 December 1992 establishing a Community system for fisheries and aquaculture³ and in particular Article 8(4) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas

- (1) Council Regulation (EC) No 54/1999⁴ established, for 1999, the Community catch quota for capelin in Greenland waters on the basis of the TAC for 1998/99;
- (2) a revision of the relevant TAC in the meantime has resulted in a change in the share available to the Community;
- (3) Regulation (EC) No 54/1999 has to be amended accordingly;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION

Article 1

In Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 54/1999, the entry referring to capelin is amended as set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

³ OJ L 389, 31.12.1992, p. 1. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1181/98 (OJ L 164, 9.6.1998, p. 1).

⁴ OJ L 13, 18.1.1999, p. 81.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President

ANNEX

Allocation of Community catch quotas in Greenland waters for 1999

Species	Geographical area	Community catch quotas (in tonnes)	Quotas allocated to Member States		Quantities allocated to Norway	Quantities allocated to Iceland	Faroese quotas under EC/ Greenland
Capelin	ICES XIV/V	98,945 ⁵	Community	48,945	10,000	30,000	10,000

⁵ 70% of the Greenland share of the TAC for capelin minus 10 000 tonnes to the Faroe Islands. Upon any further revision of the relevant TAC in the course of 1999, the Community quota shall be revised accordingly.