

Policy Statement for Fishing opportunities in 2009

the new proposed rules:

Category 1

- ***Stock exploited at the maximum sustainable yield rate.***
- *Aim to set the TAC to the forecast catch corresponding to the fishing mortality that will deliver the highest yield in the long term, **but** do not change the TAC by more than 25%.*

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the new proposed rules:

Category 2

- ***Stock overexploited compared to maximum sustainable yield but inside safe biological limits.***
- *Aim to set the TAC to the higher value of (a) to the forecast catch corresponding to taking the highest yield in the long term, or (b) fishing at an unchanged mortality rate, **but** do not change the TAC by more than 15%.*

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the new proposed rules:

Category 3

- ***Stock outside safe biological limits***
- *Aim to set the TAC to the forecast catch that will result in a 30% reduction in fishing mortality rate, **but** do not decrease the fishing mortality so far as to prejudice long-term yields **and** do not reduce the TAC by more than 20%.*

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the new proposed rules:

Category 4

- ***Stock is subject to long-term plan and scientists advise on the catch that corresponds to the plan.***
- ***The TAC must be set by following the relevant plan.***

Category 5

- ***Stock is short-lived and a one-year forecast cannot be provided.***
- ***A provisional TAC is set and will be changed when new information is available during the year.***

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the new proposed rules:

Category 6

- ***State of the stock not known precisely and STECF advises on an appropriate catch level.***
- *Aim to set the TAC according to STECF advice **but** do not change the TAC by more than 15%.*

Category 7

- ***State of the stock not known precisely and STECF advises to reduce fishing effort.***
- *The TAC should be reduced by up to 15% and STECF should be asked to advise on the appropriate level of effort.*

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the new proposed rules:

Category 8

- ***State of the stock not known precisely and STECF advises the stock is increasing.***
- ***The TAC should be increased by up to 15%.***

Category 9

- ***State of the stock not known precisely and STECF advises the stock is decreasing.***
- ***The TAC should be decreased by up to 15%.***

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the new proposed rules:

Category 10

- ***STECF advises a zero catch, a reduction to the lowest possible level or similar advice.***
- *The TAC should be reduced by at least 25%. Recovery measures should be implemented including effort reductions and introduction of more selective fishing gear.*

Category 11

- ***There is no STECF advice.***
- *TACs should be adjusted towards recent real catch levels but should not be changed by more than 15% per year **or** Member States should develop an implementation plan to provide advice within a short time.*