### 6.3. 38 Saithe (Pollachius virens) in subareas 4 and 6 and Division 3.a (North Sea, Rockall and (update) West of Scotland, Skagerrak and Kattegat)

## ICES stock advice

Please note: The present advice replaces the advice given for this stock in June 2016.

ICES advises that when the MSY approach is applied, catches in 2017 should be no more than 140653 tonnes.

Since this stock is only partially under the EU landing obligation, ICES is not in a position to advise on landings corresponding to the advised catch.

## Stock development over time

Recruitment (R) has fluctuated over time and has generally been below the long-term average since 2008. Fishing mortality (F) has been below Fmsy since 2013. Spawning-stock biomass (SSB) has fluctuated without trend, remaining above MSY Btrigger since 1997.


Figure 6.3.38.1 Saithe in subareas 4 and 6 and Division 3.a. Summary of stock assessment.

## Stock and exploitation status

Table 6.3.38.1 Saithe in subareas 4 and 6 and Division 3.a. State of the stock and fishery relative to reference points.

|  | Fishing pressure |  |  |  |  | Stock size |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 2013 | 2014 |  | 2015 |  | 2014 | 2015 |  | 2016 |
| Maximum sustainable yield | $\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{MSY}}$ |  |  |  | Appropriate | MSY <br> $\mathrm{B}_{\text {trigger }}$ |  | $\checkmark$ |  | Above trigger |
| Precautionary approach | $F_{p a}$, <br> Flim |  |  |  | Harvested sustainably | $\mathrm{B}_{\mathrm{pa}}, \mathrm{B}_{\text {lim }}$ |  | $\checkmark$ |  | Full reproductive capacity |
| Management plan | $\mathrm{F}_{\text {MGT }}$ |  |  |  | Within the range | $\mathrm{SSB}_{\mathrm{MGT}}$ |  |  |  | Within the range |

## Catch options

Table 6.3.38.2 Saithe in subareas 4 and 6 and Division 3.a. The basis for the catch options.

| Variable | Value |  |
| :---: | ---: | :--- |
| F ages 4-7 (2016) | $F=0.20$ | TAC constraint (68601 tonnes)* |
| SSB (2016) | 275345 t | SSB in the intermediate year, tonnes |
| SSB (2017) | 337973 t | SSB at the beginning of the TAC year, tonnes |
| $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{age} 3}$ (2016) | 109 million | Median recruitment re-sampled from the years 2003-2015 |
| $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{age3}}$ (2017) | 109 million | Median recruitment re-sampled from the years 2003-2015 |
| Total catch (2016) | 72335 t | Assuming 2015 landings fraction by age, tonnes |
| Commercial landings (2016) | 68601 t | TAC 2015, tonnes |
| Discards (2016) | 3734 t | Assuming 2015 discard fraction by age, tonnes |

[^0]Table 6.3.38.3 Saithe in subareas 4 and 6 and Division 3.a. The catch options. All weights are in tonnes.

| Rationale | Total catch (2017) | Wanted catch* (2017) | Unwante d catch* (2017) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Wanted catch } \\ & \text { 3.a \& } 4 \\ & (2017)^{* *} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Wanted catch } \\ & 6 \\ & (2017)^{* *} \end{aligned}$ | Basis | Ftotal <br> (201 <br> 7) | Fwanted (2017) | Funwanted <br> (2017) | $\begin{gathered} \text { SSB } \\ (2018) \end{gathered}$ | \% SSB change *** | \% TAC <br> change <br> wanted <br> catch^ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| MSY approach | 140653 | 134792 | 5861 | 122122 | 12670 | Fmsy | 0.36 | 0.34 | 0.02 | 333297 | -1 | 96 |
| EU-Norway management strategy | 82455 | 78976 | 3479 | 71552 | 7424 | Paragraph 5 of management strategy | 0.2 | 0.19 | 0.01 | 390772 | 16 | 15 |
| Zero catch | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\mathrm{F}=0$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 470855 | 39 | -100 |
| Other options | 83984 | 80439 | 3544 | 72878 | 7561 | $\mathrm{F}_{2016}$ | 0.2 | 0.19 | 0.01 | 389271 | 15 | 17 |
|  | 71912 | 68601 | 3311 | 62153 | 6448 | TAC 2016 | 0.17 | 0.16 | 0.01 | 400429 | 18 | 0 |
|  | 152927 | 146546 | 6381 | 132771 | 13775 | $\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{pa}}$ | 0.4 | 0.38 | 0.02 | 321560 | -5 | 114 |
|  | 201882 | 193230 | 8651 | 175066 | 18164 | Flim | 0.56 | 0.54 | 0.02 | 273675 | -19 | 182 |
|  | 385729 | 365782 | 19946 | 331398 | 34384 | $\mathrm{SSB}_{2018}=\mathrm{Bl}_{\text {lim }}$ | 1.58 | 1.5 | 0.08 | 107000 | -68 | 433 |
|  | 335831 | 319572 | 16259 | 289532 | 30040 | $\mathrm{SSB}_{2018}=\mathrm{B}_{\mathrm{pa}}$ | 1.2 | 1.15 | 0.05 | 150000 | -56 | 366 |
|  | 335831 | 319572 | 16259 | 289532 | 30040 | $\begin{gathered} \text { SSB }_{2018}= \\ \text { MSY } \mathrm{B}_{\text {triger }} \end{gathered}$ | 1.2 | 1.15 | 0.05 | 150000 | -56 | 366 |
| Mixed fisheries options - differences with calculations above can occur because of the different methodology used (ICES, 2016b).^^ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Maximum | 173391 |  |  |  |  | A |  | 0.576 |  | 228748 | -32 |  |
| Minimum | 60589 |  |  |  |  | B |  | 0.17 |  | 335149 | -1 |  |
| Cod | 99696 |  |  |  |  | C |  | 0.29 |  | 297816 | -12 |  |
| SQ effort | 120378 |  |  |  |  | D |  | 0.36 |  | 278248 | -18 |  |
| Value | 104672 |  |  |  |  | E |  | 0.31 |  | 293096 | -13 |  |

* "Wanted" and "unwanted" catch are used to describe fish that would be landed and discarded in the absence of the EU landing obligation, based on discard rate estimates for 2015.
** Wanted catch split according to the average in 1993-1998, i.e. $90.6 \%$ in Subarea 4 and Subdivision 3.a. 20 and 9.4\% in Subarea 6.
*** SSB 2018 relative to SSB 2017.
${ }^{\wedge}$ Wanted catch 2017 relative to the 2016 wanted catch (without adjustment) TAC.
$\wedge \wedge$ Mixed-fisheries considerations as part of this advice were included by ICES in November 2016.


## Mixed-fisheries assumptions

(note: "fleet's stock share" is used to describe the share of the fishing opportunities for each particular fleet, which has been calculated based on the single-stock advice for 2017 and the historical proportion of the stock landings taken by the fleet):
A. Maximum scenario: Each fleet stops fishing when its last stock share is exhausted.
B. Minimum scenario: Each fleet stops fishing when its first stock share is exhausted.
C. Cod scenario: Each fleet stops fishing when its cod stock share is exhausted.
D. SQ (status quo) effort scenario: The effort of each fleet in 2016 and 2017 is the same as in 2015.
E. Value scenario: The effort of each fleet is equal to the weighted average of the efforts required to catch the fleet's quota share of each of the stocks, where the weights are the relative catch values of each stock in the fleet's portfolio.

## Basis of the advice

Table 6.3.38.4 Saithe in subareas 4 and 6 and Division 3.a. The basis of the advice.

| Advice basis | MSY approach. |
| :--- | :--- |
| Management plan | Changes to the stock assessment and reference points in 2016 imply a need to re-evaluate the EU-Norway <br> management strategy. Until such an evaluation is conducted, the ICES advice is based on the MSY approach. |

## Quality of the assessment

The saithe assessment went through an ICES benchmark process in 2016 (ICES, 2016c). The scientific survey used in the assessment does not cover the whole stock distribution; however, it is considered generally representative. The number of observations (trawl stations) with saithe is low and the resulting survey index is uncertain.

Commercial catch per unit effort information for French, German, and Norwegian trawlers was combined into a single index of biomass of fishable saithe. There are conflicting signals between the survey and fishable biomass index, which contributes to uncertainty.

The uncertainty for age 3 saithe is large. The fraction of age 3 saithe migrating into the survey area (and the fishery) is low and varying between years with no obvious trend. Observations of saithe at age 3 are not suitable for predicting year-class strength. This means that assumed recruitment values are highly uncertain and a substantial portion (33\%) of the advised wanted catch in 2017 is based on the recruitment assumptions for 2016 and 2017.


Figure 6.3.38.2 Saithe in subareas 4 and 6 and Division 3.a. Historical assessment results (final-year recruitment estimates included). Latest estimates for $F$ are for ages $4-7$; others are for ages $3-6$. This assessment (red line) is based on a revised benchmark in 2016 (ICES, 2016c).

## Issues relevant for the advice

The assessment was revised for North Sea saithe, incorporating the new survey data for 2016.

In 2012, an EU-Norway request was made to ICES on options to revise the long-term management strategy for saithe (ICES, 2012). Based upon the evaluations, the EU and Norway agreed to keep the existing management strategy. Because the longterm performance was not clear, ICES advised that the strategy should be re-evaluated within four years (i.e. no later than 2016) and revised if necessary.

The catch option for 2017, based on the EU-Norway management strategy, has a lower F than the corresponding Fmsy option and is considered precautionary.

The advice based on the MSY approach gives a large increase in TAC compared to the TAC in 2016 . This is caused by a combination of improved stock status and changes made to the assessment during the 2016 benchmark process. The assessment methodology has been changed as well as the time-series used for tuning. It should to be taken into account that the assessment and associated short-term forecast is uncertain for this stock (see under "Quality of assessment") when setting the TAC. In addition, recruitment values are highly uncertain and a substantial portion (33\%) of the advised wanted catch in 2017 is based on the recruitment assumptions. Therefore, a TAC constraint should be considered by managers.

Results from a North Sea mixed-fisheries analysis are presented in ICES (2016b). For 2017, assuming a strictly implemented discard ban (corresponding to the "Minimum" scenario), haddock would be the most limiting stock (assuming that the full advised catch is taken), constraining 36 out of 41 fleet segments (corresponding to $91 \%$ of the kW days of effort in 2015 ). Cod and eastern Channel sole would be limiting for fleets, corresponding to $5 \%$ and $4 \%$ of the 2015 effort, respectively. Conversely, in the "Maximum" scenario with Nephrops managed by separate TACs for the individual functional units (FUs), Nephrops would be considered the least limiting stocks in many FUs. Nephrops in FU 33, FU 5, FU 32, FU 7, and FU Others would be the least limiting stocks for fleets in these FUs, representing $32 \%, 16 \%, 10 \%, 4 \%$, and $17 \%$ of the 2015 effort, respectively. Eastern Channel plaice and saithe would be least limiting for other fleet segments, representing $12 \%$ and $9 \%$ of the 2015 effort, respectively.

Results for the saithe stock are also included as additional rows in the catch options table of this advice sheet.

## Reference points

Table 6.3.38.5 Saithe in subareas 4 and 6 and Division 3.a. Reference points, values, and their technical basis.

| Framework | Reference point | Value | Technical basis | Source |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| MSY approach | MSY $\mathrm{B}_{\text {trigger }}$ | 150000 t | $\mathrm{B}_{\mathrm{pa}}$ | ICES (2016a) |
|  | $\mathrm{F}_{\text {MSY }}$ | 0.36 | Stochastic simulation using hockey-stick stock-recruitment | ICES (2016a) |
| Precautionary approach | Blim | 107000 t | Bloss | ICES (2016a) |
|  | $\mathrm{B}_{\mathrm{pa}}$ | 150000 t | $\mathrm{B}_{\mathrm{pa}}=\mathrm{B}_{\text {lim }} * \exp \left(1.645 \sigma_{\mathrm{B}}\right) ; \sigma_{\mathrm{B}}=0.20$ | ICES (2016a) |
|  | Flim | 0.56 | $\mathrm{F}_{\text {lim }}$ gives the $50 \%$ probability of falling below $\mathrm{B}_{\mathrm{lim}}$ in the stochastic EqSim simulations | ICES (2016a) |
|  | $\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{pa}}$ | 0.40 | $\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{pa}}=\mathrm{F}_{\text {lim }} * \exp \left(-1.645 \sigma_{\mathrm{F}}\right) ; \sigma_{\mathrm{F}}=0.20$ | ICES (2016a) |
| EU-Norway management strategy | SSB trigger | 200000 t | Old $\mathrm{B}_{\mathrm{pa}}$ | ICES (2016a) |
|  | $\mathrm{F}_{\text {MGT }}$ | 0.3 | Ages 3-6 |  |

## Basis of the assessment

Table 6.3.38.6 Saithe in subareas 4 and 6 and Division 3.a. The basis of the assessment.

| ICES stock data category | 1 (ICES, 2016d). |
| :--- | :--- |
| Assessment type | Age-based analytical assessment (SAM; ICES, 2016a) that uses catches in the model and in the forecast. |
| Input data | Commercial catches (international landings and discards, age and length frequencies from catch <br> sampling); survey index (IBTS Q3); combined commercial index scaled to the fishable biomass (French, <br> German, Norwegian trawler fleets). Maturity-at-age and natural mortality are assumed to be constant. <br> Stock weights are catch weights. |
| Discards and bycatch | Discards included (98\% reported, 2\% raised), data series from the main fleets (which in 2015 covered <br> 48\% of the landings by weight). |
| Indicators | None. |
| Other information | Benchmarked in 2016 (ICES, 2016c) with additional review (ICES, 2016a). |
| Working group | Working Group on the Assessment of Demersal Stocks in the North Sea and Skagerrak (WGNSSK) and <br> Working Group on Mixed-Fisheries Advice (WGMIXFISH-ADVICE) |

## Information from stakeholders

Across individual areas the proportions reporting higher abundances of saithe in 2014 tended to be greater in more northern areas (areas 1, 2, 3, and 8 as shown in Figure 6.3.38.3), while the proportions reporting lower abundances tended to be higher in more southerly areas (areas 4, 6a, and 7 in Figure 6.3.38.3; Napier, 2014). No new information has been provided for 2015.

Abundance Index


Figure 6.3.38.3 Cumulative time-series of index of perceptions of abundance of saithe by roundfish sampling area from the Fishers' North Sea Stock Survey (Napier, 2014; see page 14 for an explanation of the index).

## History of the advice, catch, and management

Table 6.3.38.7 Saithe in subareas 4 and 6 and Division 3.a. History of ICES advice, the agreed TAC, and ICES estimates of landings. All weights are in thousand tonnes.

Subarea 4 and Division 3.a

| Year | ICES advice | Predicted landings corresp. to advice | Predicted catches corresp. to advice | Agreed TAC | Official landings | $\begin{gathered} \text { ICES } \\ \text { landings } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { ICES } \\ \text { discards } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1987 | Reduce F | < 198 |  | 173 | 154 | 149 |  |
| 1988 | 60\% of F(86); TAC | 156 |  | 165 | 113 | 107 |  |
| 1989 | No increase in F; TAC | 170 |  | 170 | 92 | 92 |  |
| 1990 | No increase in F; TAC | 120 |  | 120 | 85 | 88 |  |
| 1991 | No increase in F; TAC | 125 |  | 125 | 93 | 99 |  |
| 1992 | No increase in F; TAC | 102 |  | 110 | 92 | 92 |  |
| 1993 | 70\% of F(91) ~ 93 000 t | 93 |  | 93 | 99 | 105 |  |
| 1994 | Reduce F by 30\% | 72 |  | 97 | 90 | 102 |  |
| 1995 | No increase in F | 107 |  | 107 | 97 | 113 |  |
| 1996 | No increase in $F$ | 111 |  | 111 | 96 | 110 |  |
| 1997 | No increase in F | 113 |  | 115 | 86 | 103 |  |
| 1998 | Reduce F by 20\% | 97 |  | 97 | 88 | 100 |  |
| 1999 | Reduce F to $\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{pa}}$ | 104 |  | 110 | 108 | 107 |  |
| 2000 | Reduce F by 30\% | 75 |  | 85 | 85 | 87 |  |
| 2001 | Reduce F by 20\% | 87 |  | 87 | 88 | 90 |  |
| 2002 | $\mathrm{F}<\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{pa}}$ | <135 |  | 135 | 115 | 105.632 | 18.394 |
| 2003 | $\mathrm{F}<\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{pa}}$ | $<176$ |  | 165 | 107.47 | 106.257 | 9.916 |
| 2004 | $\mathrm{F}<\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{pa}}{ }^{*}$ | $<211$ |  | 190 | 103.61 | 102.746 | 7.464 |
| 2005 | F according to man. plan* | $<137$ |  | 145 | 110.58 | 113.388 | 6.558 |
| 2006 | F according to man. plan ( $<\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{pa}}$ ) * | $<123$ |  | 123 | 109.80 | 111.845 | 6.909 |
| 2007 | F according to man. plan ( $<\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{pa}}$ ) * | <124 |  | 123 | 87.38 | 92.602 | 11.828 |
| 2008 | F according to man. plan ( $<\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{pa}}$ ) * | <137 |  | 136 | 114.52 | 115.471 | 6.712 |
| 2009 | F according to man. plan ( $<\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{pa}}$ ) * | <126 |  | 126 | 100.68 | 105.973 | 3.774 |
| 2010 | F according to man. plan ( $<\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{pa}}$ ) * | <107 |  | 107 | 91.07 | 96.767 | 4.071 |
| 2011 | See scenarios | - |  | 93 | 89.28 | 91.528 | 3.837 |
| 2012** | F according to man. plan (< $\mathrm{Fpa}_{\mathrm{pa}}$ ) ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | < 79.320 |  | 79 | 68.93 | 70.864 | 6.396 |
| 2013 | Management plan (TAC +15\%)* | < 91.219 |  | 91.220 | 71.60 | 71.406 | 6.392 |
| 2014 | Management plan (TAC-15\%)* | < 77.536 |  | 77.536 | 68.318 | 69.372 | 5.824 |
| 2015 | Management plan | <66.006 | < 72.211 | 66.006 | 69.879 | 69.403 | 4.603 |
| 2016 | EU-Norway management strategy | $\leq 62.153$ | $\leq 67.995$ | 65.696 |  |  |  |
| 2017 | MSY approach | $\leq 122.122$ | $\leq 127.432$ |  |  |  |  |

* Single-stock boundary and the exploitation of this stock should be conducted in the context of mixed fisheries.
** The June advice in 2012 was updated in November 2012.

Subarea 6

| Year | ICES advice | Predicted landings corresp. to advice | Predicted catches corresp. to advice | Agreed TAC^^ | Official landings | $\begin{gathered} \text { ICES } \\ \text { landings } \end{gathered}$ | ICES discards |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1987 | F reduced towards $\mathrm{F}_{\text {max }}$ | 19 |  | 27.8 | 32.5 | 31.4 |  |
| 1988 | 80\% of F(86); TAC | 35 |  | 35 | 32.8 | 34.2 |  |
| 1989 | F < 0.3; TAC | 20 |  | 30 | 22.4 | 25.6 |  |
| 1990 | 80\% of F(88); TAC | 24 |  | 29 | 18.0 | 19.9 |  |
| 1991 | Stop SSB decline; TAC | 21 |  | 22 | 17.9 | 17.0 |  |
| 1992 | Avoid further reduction in SSB | <19 |  | 17 | 10.8 | 11.8 |  |
| 1993 | $\mathrm{F}=0.21$ | 6.3 |  | 14 | 14.5 | 13.9 |  |
| 1994 | Lowest possible F |  |  | 14 | 13.0** | 12.8 |  |
| 1995 | Significant reduction in effort | - |  | 16 | 10.6** | 11.8 |  |
| 1996 | No increase in F | 10.2* |  | 13 | 9.4** | 9.4 |  |
| 1997 | Significant reduction in F |  |  | 12 | 8.6** | 9.4 |  |
| 1998 | 60\% reduction in F | 4.8 |  | 10.9 | 7.4** | 8.4 |  |
| 1999 | 60\% reduction in F | 4.8 |  | 7.5 | 6.8 | 7.3 |  |
| 2000 | Reduce F by 30\% | 6.0 |  | 7 | 6.4 | 5.9 |  |
| 2001 | Reduce F by 20\% | 9.0 |  | 9 | 8.7 | 8.4 |  |
| 2002 | $\mathrm{F}<\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{pa}}$ | <13 |  | 14 | 5.6 | 5.519 | 3.150 |
| 2003 | $\mathrm{F}<\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{pa}}$ | < 17 |  | 17.1 | 5.22 | 5.789 | 2.242 |
| 2004 | $\mathrm{F}<\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{pa}} \wedge$ | <21 |  | 20 | 4.81 | 4.982 | 0.620 |
| 2005 | F according to man. plan (< $\left.\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{pa}}\right)^{\wedge}$ | < 14 |  | 15 | 8.70 | 6.456 | 1.637 |
| 2006 | F according to man. plan ( $\left.<\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{pa}}\right)^{\wedge}$ | <12 |  | 13 | 9.42 | 9.474 | 1.675 |
| 2007 | F according to man. plan ( $\left.<\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{pa}}\right)^{\wedge}$ | <12 |  | 13 | 6.69 | 6.602 | 0.584 |
| 2008 | $F$ according to man. plan ( $\left.<\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{pa}}\right)^{\wedge}$ | <14 |  | 14 | 6.01 | 6.712 | 0.981 |
| 2009 | F according to man. plan ( $\left.<\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{pa}}\right)^{\wedge}$ | <13 |  | 13 | 6.17 | 6.294 | 0.521 |
| 2010 | F according to man. plan ( $\left.<\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{pa}}\right)^{\wedge}$ | <11 |  | 11 | 6.22 | 6.263 | 0.412 |
| 2011 | See scenarios | - |  | 10 | 7.31 | 6.917 | 0.502 |
| 2012*** | F according to man. plan (< $\left.\mathrm{Fpa}_{\mathrm{pa}}\right)^{\wedge}$ | <8.230 |  | 8 | 7.56 | 7.549 | 2.887 |
| 2013 | Management plan (TAC +15\%)^ | <9.464 |  | 9.464 | 8.47 | 8.653 | 1.397 |
| 2014 | Management plan (TAC-15\%)^ | < 8.045 |  | 8.045 | 6.842 | 7.020 | 0.512 |
| 2015 | Management plan | < 6.848 | $<7.492$ | 6.848 | 7.577 | 7.534 | 0.405 |
| 2016 | EU-Norway management strategy | $\leq 6.448$ | $\leq 7.054$ | 6.448 |  |  |  |
| 2017 | MSY approach | $\leq 12.670$ | $\leq 13.221$ |  |  |  |  |

* Status quo catch.
** Incomplete data.
*** The June advice in 2012 was updated in November 2012.
$\wedge$ Single-stock boundary and the exploitation of this stock should be conducted in the context of mixed fisheries.
^^ Since 1999, this area has been assessed together with the North Sea/Skagerrak. The TACs for each area are derived from a split based on historical landings.


## History of catch and landings

Table 6.3.38.8 Saithe in subareas 4 and 6 and Division 3.a. Catch distribution by fleet in 2015 as estimated by ICES.

| Catch (2015) | Landings |  |  | Discards |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 81945 t | $87 \%$ bottom trawl fleets | $5 \%$ gillnetters | $8 \%$ other gears |  |
|  | 76935 t |  |  |  |

Table 6.3.38.9 Saithe in subareas 4 and 6 and Division 3.a. History of commercial landings; both the official and ICES estimated values are presented by area for each country participating in the fishery. Weights are in tonnes.

Subarea 4 and Division 3.a

| Country | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015* |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Belgium | 22 | 28 | 15 | 18 | 7 | 27 | 15 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 6 |
| Denmark | 7991 | 7498 | 7470 | 5443 | 8066 | 8802 | 8018 | 6331 | 5171 | 5691 | 5056 | 4508 |
| Faroe Isl. | 558 | 463 | 60 | 15 | 108 | 841 | 146 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| France | 13628 | 11830 | 16953 | 15083 | 15881 | 7203 | 4582* | 13856* | 14093* | 8475 | 7906 | 11612 |
| Germany | 9589 | 12401 | 14397 | 12791 | 14140 | 13410 | 11193 | 10234 | 8052 | 9687 | 8562 | 7954 |
| Greenland | 403 | 1042 | 924 | 564 | 888 | 927 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ireland | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lithuania | 0 | 149 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Netherlands | 3 | 40 | 28 | 5 | 3 | 16 | 3 | 24 | 34 | 168 | 0 | 64 |
| Norway | 62783 | 68122 | 61318 | 45396 | 61464 | 57708 | 52712 | 46809 | 33288 | 35701 | 37463 | 35691 |
| Poland | 0 | 1100 | 1084 | 1384 | 1407 | 988 | 654 | 584 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Russia | 0 | 35 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sweden | 2249 | 2132 | 1745 | 1381 | 1639 | 1363 | 1545 | 1335 | 1306 | 1401 | 1272 | 1157 |
| UK (E/W/NI) | 457 | 960 |  | 9625** | 11804** | 12584** | 11887** | 10250** | 7287** | * | 687 | 888 |
| UK (Scotland) | 5924 | 6170 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 析 | 7686 | 88 |
| Total reported | 103608 | 111970 | 113124 | 91710 | 115412 | 103883 | 90755 | 89427 | 69240 | 71508 | 68318 | 69879 |
| Unallocated | 862 | -1418 | 1279 | -892 | -59 | -2090 | -6012 | -2101 | -1624 | 102 | -1054 | 476 |
| ICES estimate | 102746 | 113388 | 111845 | 92602 | 115471 | 105973 | 96767 | 91528 | 70864 | 71406 | 69372 | 69403 |
| TAC | 190000 | 145000 | 123250 | 135900 | 135900 | 125934 | 107000 | 93600 | 79320 | 91220 | 77536 | 66006 |

*Preliminary.
**Scotland+E/W/NI combined.
Subarea 6

| Country | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015* |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Denmark | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0 |
| Faroe Islands | 34 | 25 | 76 | 32 | 23 | 60 | 24 | 5 | 6 | 25 | 0 | 3 |
| France | 3053 | 3954 | 6092 | 4327 | 4170 | 2102 | 2008 | 2357 | 2612 | 3814 | 2904 | 3484 |
| Germany | 4 | 373 | 532 | 580 | 148 | 298 | 257 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ireland | 95 | 168 | 267 | 322 | 288 | 407 | 520 | 359 | 364 | 313 | 128 | 105 |
| Netherlands | 0 | 0 | 3 | 36 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Norway | 16 | 20 | 28 | 377 | 78 | 68 | 121 | 240 | 5 | 715 | 442 | 677 |
| Russia | 6 | 25 | 7 | 2 | 50 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Spain | 2 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 18 | 31 | 13 | 21 | 0 | 15 |
| UK (E/W/NI) | 37 | 133 |  | 1424** | 2955** | 3491** | 3168** | 4500** | 4549** | 3646** | 97 | 286** |
| UK (Scotland) | 1563 | 2922 | 路 | 1424 | 2955 | 3491 | 3168 | 4500 | 4549* | 3646 | 3191 | 3286 |
| Total reported | 4810 | 7623 | 9759 | 7103 | 7717 | 6438 | 6118 | 7492 | 7558 | 8534 | 6842 | 7577 |
| Unallocated | -172 | 1167 | 285 | 501 | 1005 | 144 | -145 | 575 | 9 | -119 | -178 | 43 |
| ICES estimate | 4982 | 6456 | 9474 | 6602 | 6712 | 6294 | 6263 | 6917 | 7549 | 8653 | 7020 | 7534 |
| TAC | 20000 | 15044 | 12787 | 14100 | 14100 | 13066 | 11000 | 9570 | 8230 | 9464 | 8045 | 6848 |

*Preliminary.
**Scotland+E/W/NI combined.

## Summary of the assessment

Table 6.3.38.10 Saithe in subareas 4 and 6 and Division 3.a. Assessment summary. Weights are in tonnes.

| Year | Recruitment Age 3 | High | Low | Stock <br> size (SSB) | High tonnes | Low | Landings <br> tonnes | Discards <br> tonnes | Fishing pressure <br> (F) <br> Ages 4-7 <br> Year-1 | High | Low |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1967 | 141236 | 198600 | 100441 | 153048 | 193538 | 121029 | 113751 | 12992 | 0.352 | 0.452 | 0.274 |
| 1968 | 160632 | 222615 | 115907 | 211445 | 263489 | 169682 | 88326 | 20818 | 0.291 | 0.372 | 0.228 |
| 1969 | 286285 | 397018 | 206436 | 278191 | 342145 | 226192 | 130588 | 19713 | 0.319 | 0.398 | 0.256 |
| 1970 | 293712 | 405054 | 212975 | 347552 | 420609 | 287184 | 234962 | 35817 | 0.344 | 0.424 | 0.278 |
| 1971 | 356492 | 486445 | 261256 | 462902 | 558572 | 383618 | 265381 | 43821 | 0.373 | 0.457 | 0.305 |
| 1972 | 223364 | 302723 | 164810 | 491380 | 589235 | 409776 | 261877 | 34567 | 0.405 | 0.492 | 0.333 |
| 1973 | 200752 | 271954 | 148191 | 523227 | 627377 | 436367 | 242499 | 32651 | 0.429 | 0.519 | 0.355 |
| 1974 | 198882 | 269900 | 146550 | 577735 | 689057 | 484397 | 298351 | 38674 | 0.497 | 0.595 | 0.416 |
| 1975 | 234353 | 316185 | 173700 | 517101 | 618047 | 432643 | 271584 | 33035 | 0.536 | 0.639 | 0.45 |
| 1976 | 410052 | 562596 | 298869 | 398783 | 479436 | 331698 | 343967 | 79449 | 0.603 | 0.718 | 0.505 |
| 1977 | 148871 | 202432 | 109482 | 324896 | 391201 | 269830 | 216395 | 23520 | 0.594 | 0.716 | 0.492 |
| 1978 | 120467 | 163299 | 88870 | 297156 | 359412 | 245683 | 155141 | 21727 | 0.481 | 0.579 | 0.4 |
| 1979 | 87300 | 118717 | 64197 | 279004 | 333649 | 233310 | 128360 | 14295 | 0.45 | 0.542 | 0.374 |
| 1980 | 85182 | 115809 | 62655 | 261281 | 310098 | 220149 | 131908 | 13392 | 0.474 | 0.567 | 0.396 |
| 1981 | 164050 | 224837 | 119697 | 249654 | 294874 | 211368 | 132278 | 15971 | 0.471 | 0.564 | 0.393 |
| 1982 | 140815 | 190685 | 103988 | 220401 | 256729 | 189213 | 174351 | 27775 | 0.541 | 0.639 | 0.458 |
| 1983 | 147953 | 200572 | 109139 | 220123 | 257058 | 188495 | 180044 | 22978 | 0.653 | 0.771 | 0.554 |
| 1984 | 256002 | 348080 | 188282 | 188409 | 219154 | 161978 | 200834 | 39723 | 0.678 | 0.795 | 0.578 |
| 1985 | 357822 | 492071 | 260200 | 165835 | 191925 | 143292 | 220869 | 52802 | 0.703 | 0.823 | 0.6 |
| 1986 | 291043 | 395414 | 214221 | 156674 | 180967 | 135643 | 198596 | 34190 | 0.737 | 0.871 | 0.624 |
| 1987 | 148507 | 201511 | 109445 | 165388 | 191043 | 143177 | 167514 | 24877 | 0.706 | 0.828 | 0.601 |
| 1988 | 138160 | 186712 | 102234 | 154741 | 180677 | 132529 | 135172 | 19076 | 0.713 | 0.836 | 0.607 |
| 1989 | 101945 | 137932 | 75348 | 126388 | 147065 | 108618 | 108877 | 15707 | 0.691 | 0.812 | 0.588 |
| 1990 | 151399 | 205303 | 111649 | 114521 | 133560 | 98197 | 103800 | 20619 | 0.656 | 0.773 | 0.557 |
| 1991 | 175157 | 236754 | 129586 | 107564 | 124759 | 92739 | 108048 | 22902 | 0.627 | 0.738 | 0.532 |
| 1992 | 102904 | 138133 | 76660 | 113170 | 130505 | 98138 | 99742 | 15792 | 0.608 | 0.719 | 0.514 |
| 1993 | 176835 | 237831 | 131482 | 119686 | 138866 | 103156 | 111491 | 21119 | 0.641 | 0.76 | 0.541 |
| 1994 | 117015 | 157157 | 87127 | 124845 | 144787 | 107650 | 109622 | 17138 | 0.569 | 0.674 | 0.48 |
| 1995 | 217518 | 296202 | 159736 | 144007 | 167846 | 123555 | 121810 | 19395 | 0.575 | 0.685 | 0.483 |
| 1996 | 119064 | 161583 | 87733 | 156136 | 181652 | 134204 | 114997 | 13928 | 0.507 | 0.607 | 0.424 |
| 1997 | 150189 | 205645 | 109688 | 194605 | 230257 | 164473 | 107327 | 12755 | 0.439 | 0.529 | 0.364 |
| 1998 | 87361 | 119345 | 63948 | 191395 | 225645 | 162343 | 106123 | 11096 | 0.447 | 0.537 | 0.373 |
| 1999 | 111667 | 153295 | 81342 | 200576 | 237063 | 169705 | 110716 | 8936 | 0.482 | 0.582 | 0.399 |
| 2000 | 96563 | 131852 | 70719 | 190981 | 224940 | 162148 | 91322 | 8014 | 0.418 | 0.507 | 0.344 |
| 2001 | 207152 | 283572 | 151326 | 197819 | 233931 | 167281 | 95042 | 11118 | 0.385 | 0.471 | 0.315 |
| 2002 | 163049 | 222783 | 119331 | 222344 | 262676 | 188205 | 122036 | 21544 | 0.4 | 0.484 | 0.33 |
| 2003 | 167628 | 229065 | 122669 | 214343 | 253243 | 181418 | 112383 | 11438 | 0.414 | 0.502 | 0.341 |
| 2004 | 116865 | 159136 | 85822 | 271423 | 321663 | 229030 | 107384 | 8088 | 0.361 | 0.441 | 0.295 |
| 2005 | 144115 | 197465 | 105179 | 262460 | 310068 | 222162 | 118873 | 8196 | 0.372 | 0.453 | 0.306 |
| 2006 | 100868 | 140720 | 72302 | 274035 | 323680 | 232005 | 121650 | 8585 | 0.388 | 0.471 | 0.32 |
| 2007 | 156865 | 220455 | 111618 | 250989 | 297634 | 211654 | 99470 | 12413 | 0.367 | 0.446 | 0.302 |
| 2008 | 73683 | 100477 | 54034 | 254061 | 301185 | 214311 | 121848 | 8359 | 0.437 | 0.531 | 0.36 |
| 2009 | 58999 | 80455 | 43265 | 247988 | 296023 | 207748 | 113756 | 4296 | 0.44 | 0.534 | 0.362 |
| 2010 | 92045 | 126472 | 66990 | 233517 | 281175 | 193937 | 103004 | 4484 | 0.421 | 0.513 | 0.345 |
| 2011 | 84876 | 119436 | 60316 | 187715 | 226828 | 155347 | 97598 | 4362 | 0.421 | 0.52 | 0.341 |
| 2012 | 150330 | 214393 | 105410 | 171772 | 209575 | 140787 | 77865 | 9278 | 0.375 | 0.476 | 0.296 |
| 2013 | 109072 | 161963 | 73453 | 184761 | 229709 | 148608 | 80447 | 7777 | 0.326 | 0.431 | 0.246 |
| 2014 | 67670 | 109115 | 41967 | 221606 | 286323 | 171516 | 75493 | 6337 | 0.285 | 0.401 | 0.202 |
| 2015 | 143109 | 263454 | 77737 | 249285 | 344040 | 180627 | 78307 | 5003 | 0.266 | 0.405 | 0.175 |
| 2016 | 264905 | 645277 | 108751 | 276772 | 431435 | 177553 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Average | 166016 | 234570 | 118935 | 242994 | 292889 | 202087 | 145138 | 20011 | 0.483 | 0.584 | 0.4 |

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