

**European Association of Producers Organisations**

**European Parliament  
Fisheries Committee**

**Hearing**

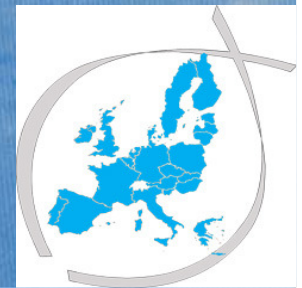
***“CFP Reform: The external  
dimension”***

***Regional Fisheries Organisations***

**Sean O Donoghue**

**President EAPO**

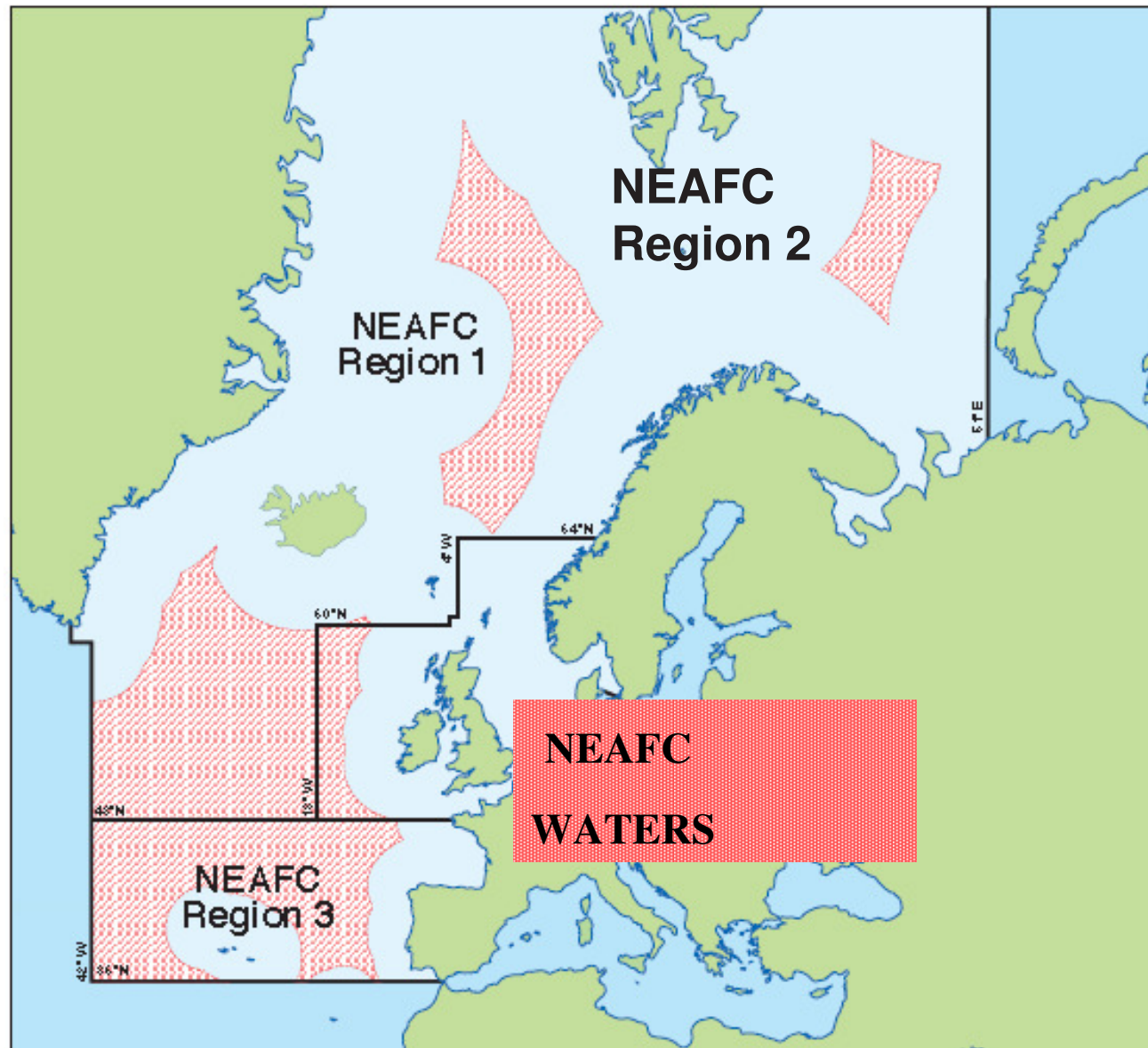
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## North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission



**Convention Entered into Force 1982**

# NEAFC Contracting Parties

- ◆ Denmark (Faroe Islands & Greenland)
- ◆ EU
- ◆ Iceland
- ◆ Norway
- ◆ Russian Federation

# Non Contracting Parties

- ◆ Belize
- ◆ Canada
- ◆ Japan
- ◆ New Zealand

# **NEAFC Purpose**

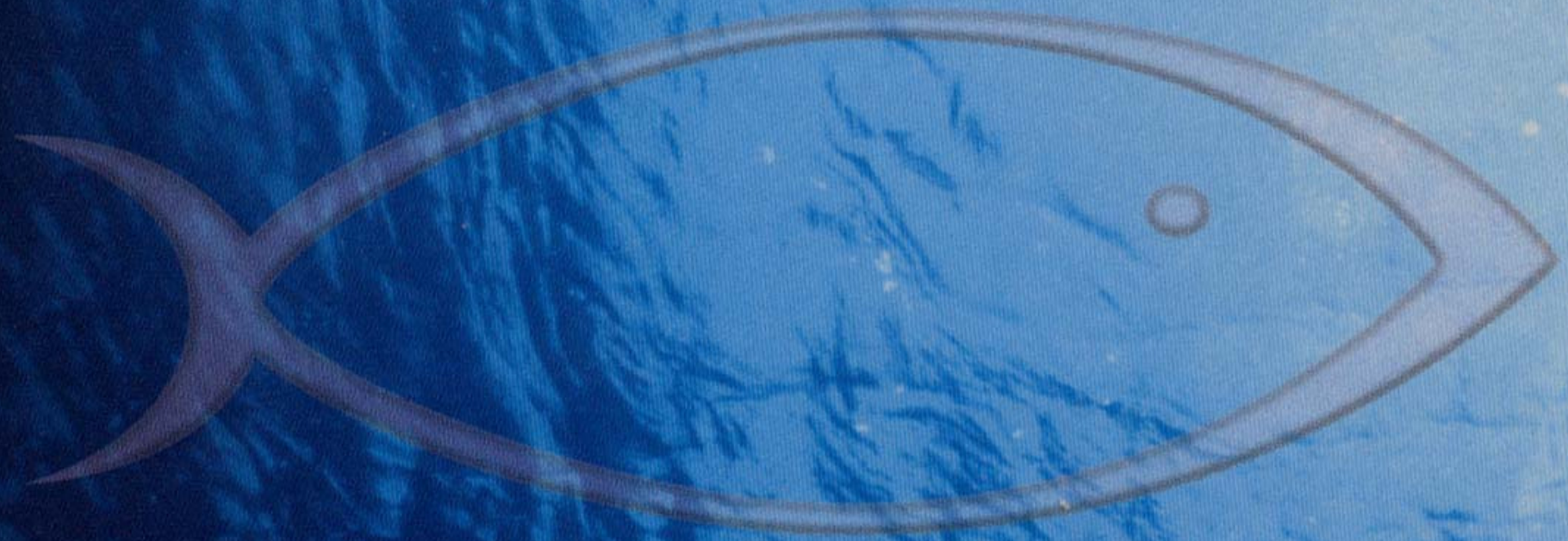
**To recommend measures for the rational exploitation of fisheries stocks in the Convention area taking into account advice from International Council for the Exploration of the Seas (ICES)**

# Species Covered NEAFC

- ◆ **Atlantic Mackerel**
- ◆ **Blue whiting**
- ◆ **Rockall haddock**
- ◆ **Deepwater Species**
- ◆ **Atlanto Scandia Herring**
- ◆ **Red Fish**

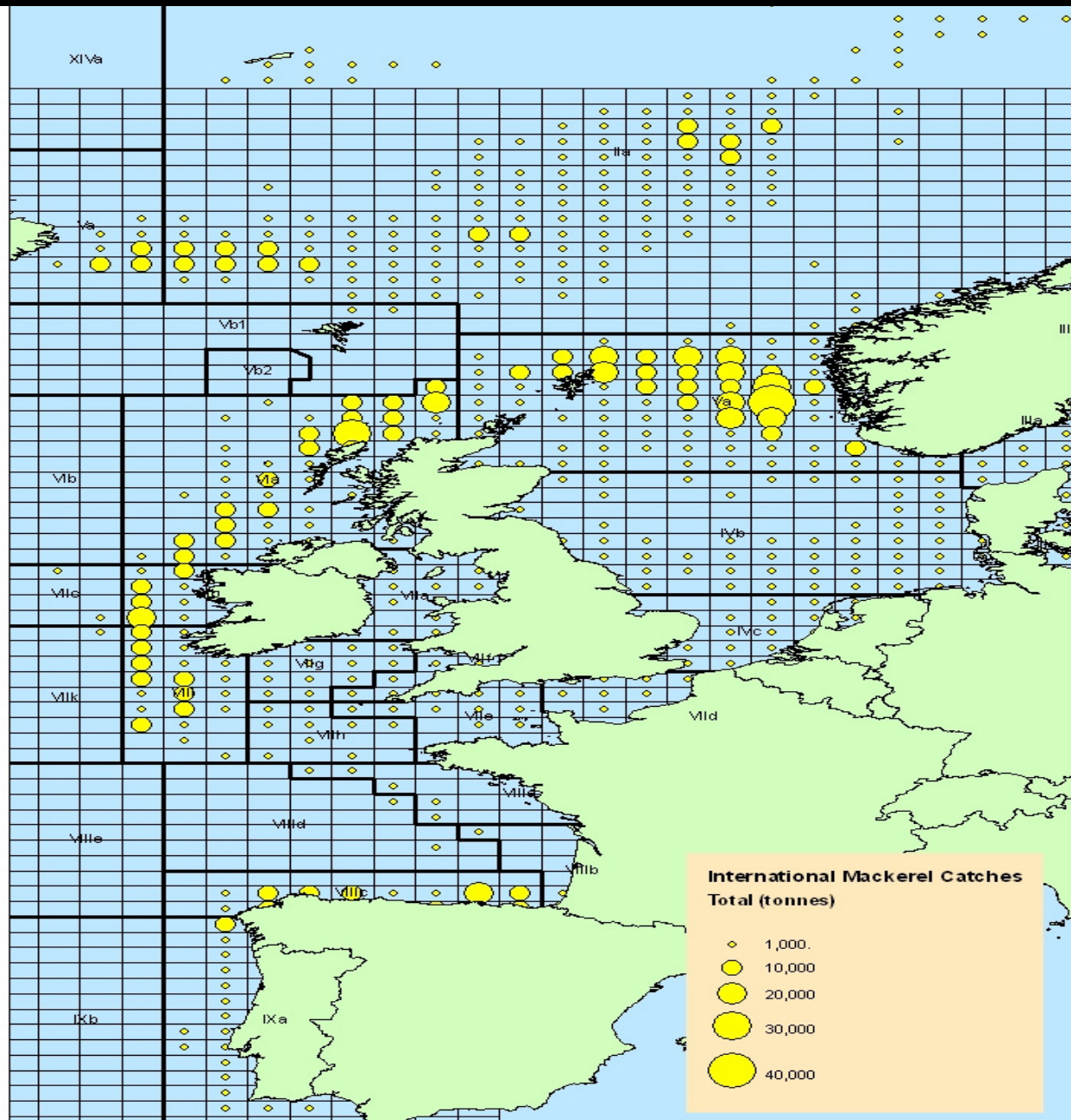
# Major Issue Atlantic Mackerel

◆ **Widely distributed stock**

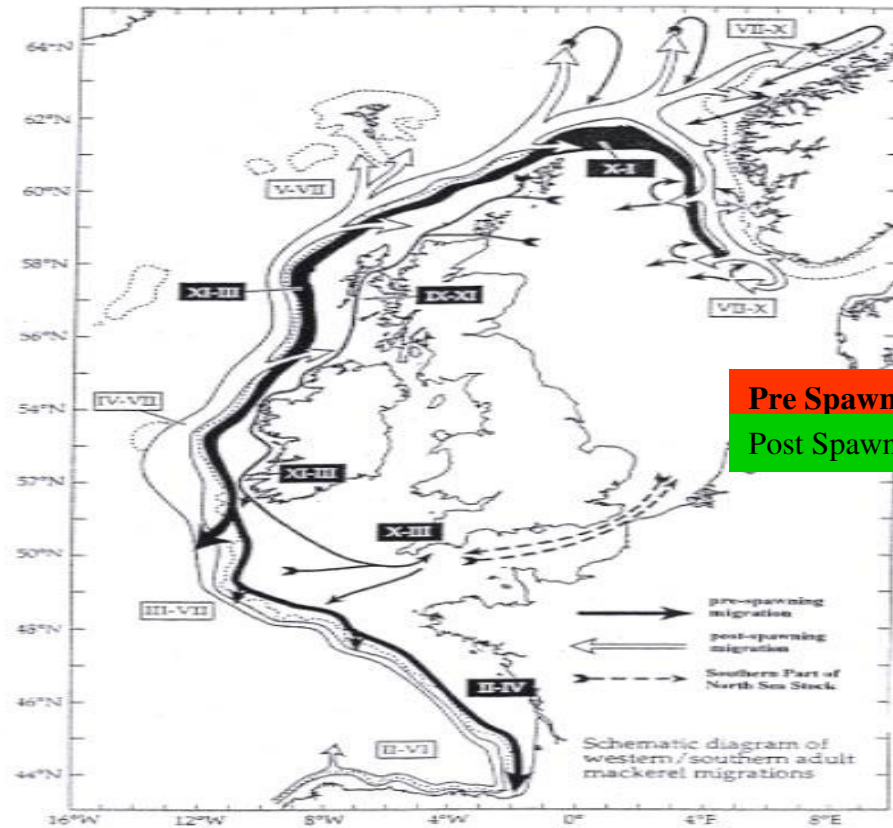




# International Mackerel Catches 2007



# Mackerel Migration Patterns



Pre Spawning Migration  
Post Spawning Migration

FIGURE 1. THE MOST RECENT ACCEPTED MIGRATIONS TAKEN FROM THE SEFOS PROJECT

# Major Issue Atlantic Mackerel

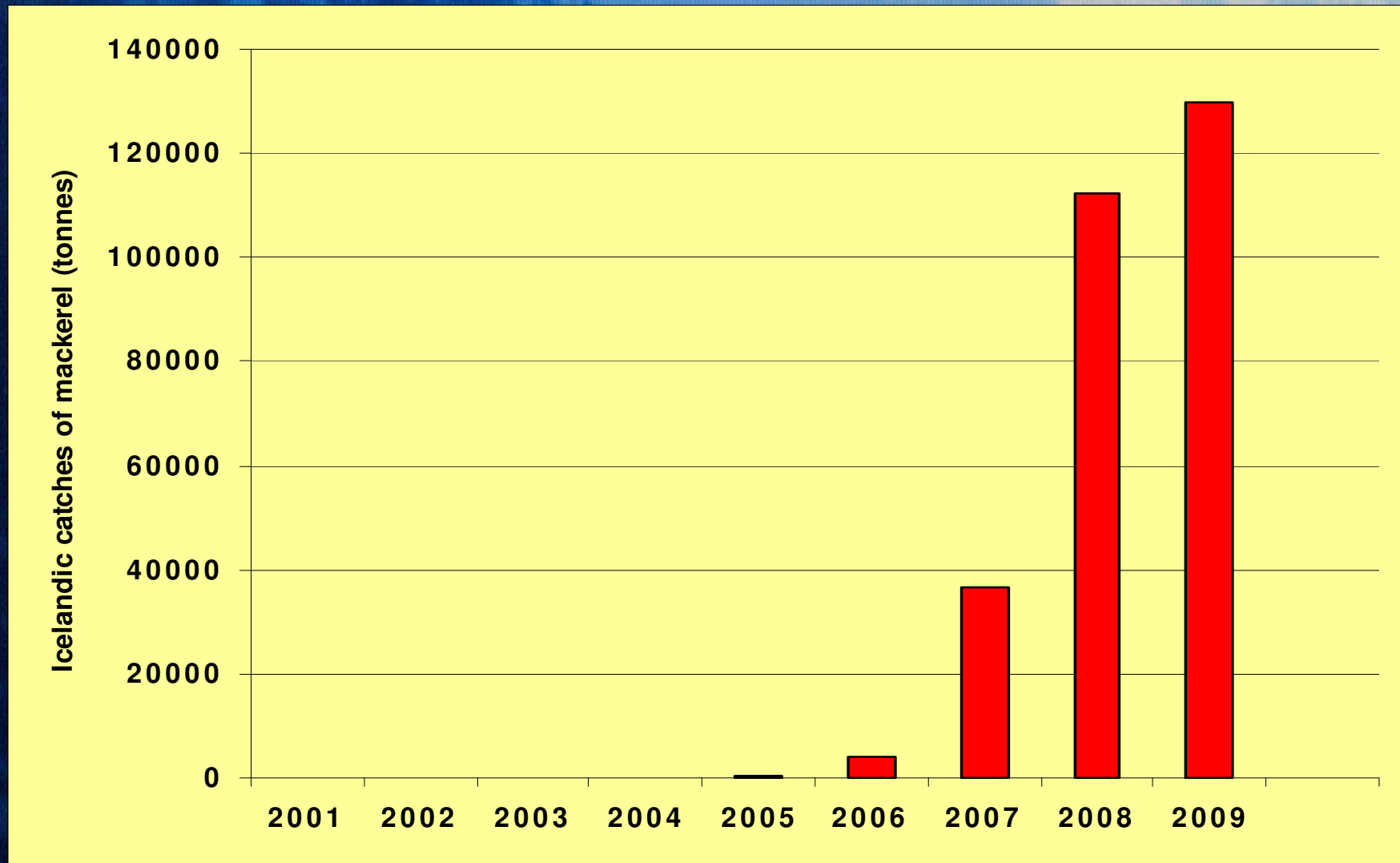
- ◆ Widely distributed stock
- ◆ Stock healthy state
- ◆ EU & Norway 90% Stakeholder
- ◆ Agreed Management arrangements
  - ◆ EU, Norway, Faroes plus NEAFC until 2009
- ◆ Iceland has developed huge fishery without constraints

# Icelandic Mackerel Catches 2001 to 2009

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>QUANTITY Tonnes</b>
<b>2009</b>	<b>130,000</b>
<b>2008</b>	<b>112,286</b>
<b>2007</b>	<b>36,706</b>
<b>2006</b>	<b>4,222</b>
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**31 fold increase 2006 to 2009**

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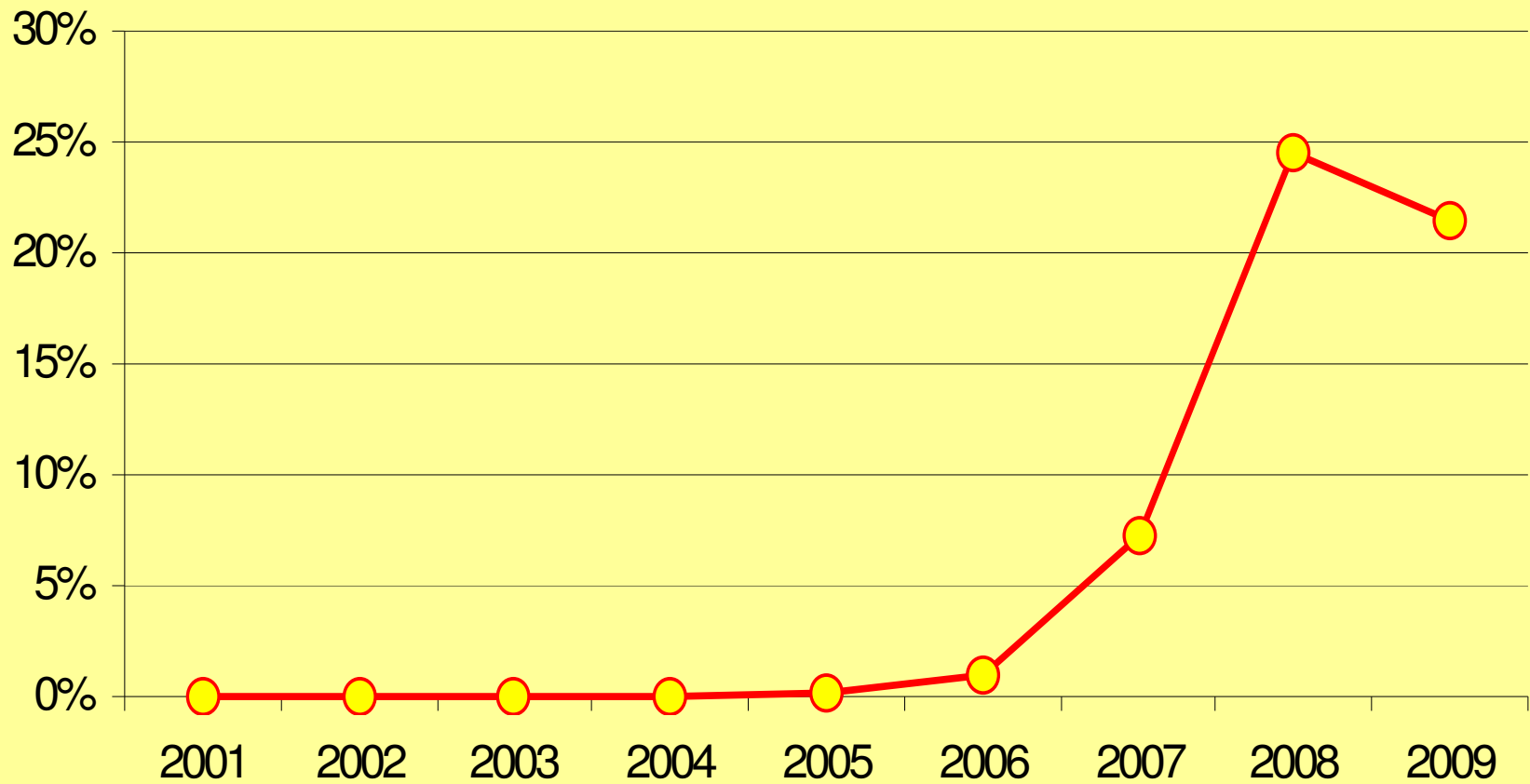


**31 fold increase 2006 to 2009**

# Icelandic Mackerel Catches 2001 to 2009

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>QUANTITY Tonnes</b>	<b>Mackerel TAC Tonnes</b>	<b>% TAC</b>
<b>2009</b>	<b>130,000</b>	<b>605,000</b>	<b>21.5</b>
<b>2008</b>	<b>112,286</b>	<b>458,000</b>	<b>24.5</b>
<b>2007</b>	<b>36,706</b>	<b>502,000</b>	<b>7.3</b>
<b>2006</b>	<b>4,222</b>	<b>444,000</b>	<b>0.95</b>
<b>2005</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>422,000</b>	<b>0.09</b>
<b>2004</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>587,000</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2003</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>600,000</b>	<b>0.02</b>
<b>2002</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>685,000</b>	<b>0.008</b>
<b>2001</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>660,000</b>	<b>0</b>

## Percentage of TAC taken by Iceland



## **Major Issue Atlantic Mackerel (contd.)**

- ◆ **Stock sustainability threatened**
- ◆ **Faroes**
  - ◆ **withdrawn management arrangements**
  - ◆ **Considering additional autonomous quota over 100,000 tonnes**
- ◆ **Russia also additional autonomous quota NEAFC area probably 40,000 tonnes**



## **Major Issues Atlantic Mackerel (contd.)**

**This unjustified &  
irresponsible behaviour must  
be stopped**

**Almost 300,000 above TAC**

**Which body?**

**How?**

# Major Issues Atlantic Mackerel (contd.)

## Which body?

NEAFC: **No powers**

EU & Norway: **Yes**

# **Major Issues Atlantic Mackerel (contd.)**

## **How?**

**Support EP, Council & Commission**

**Fisheries Measures**

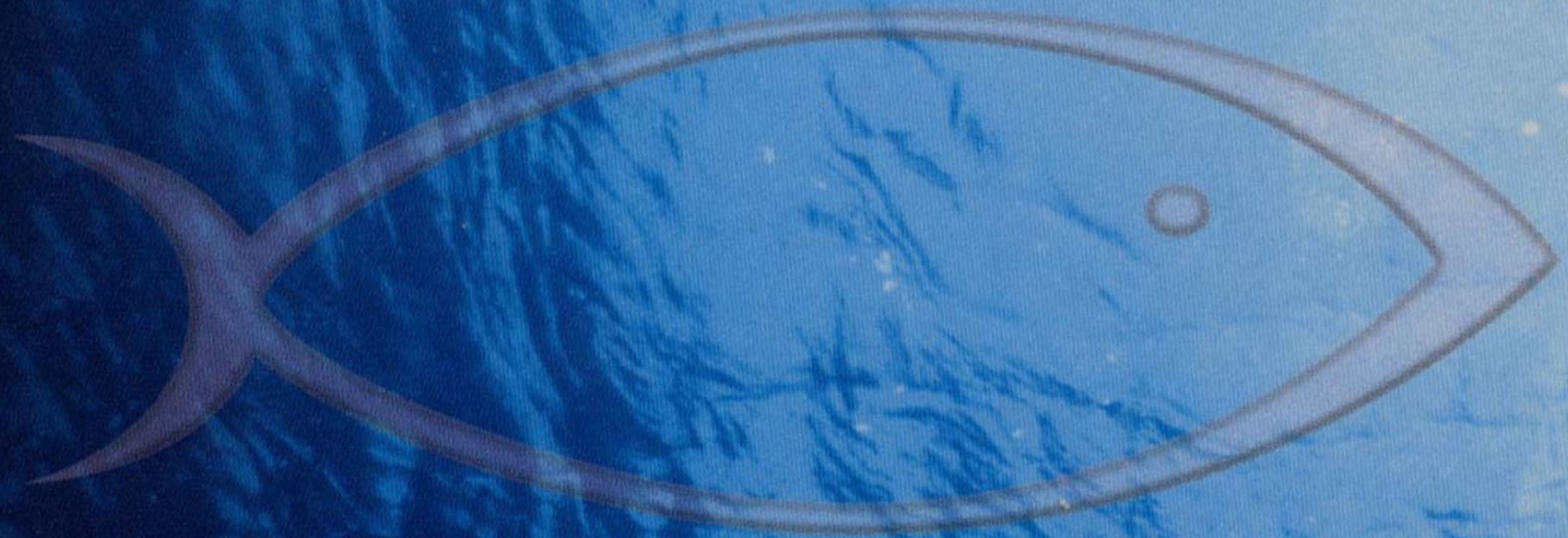
**Trade Measures**

**Environmental lobby**

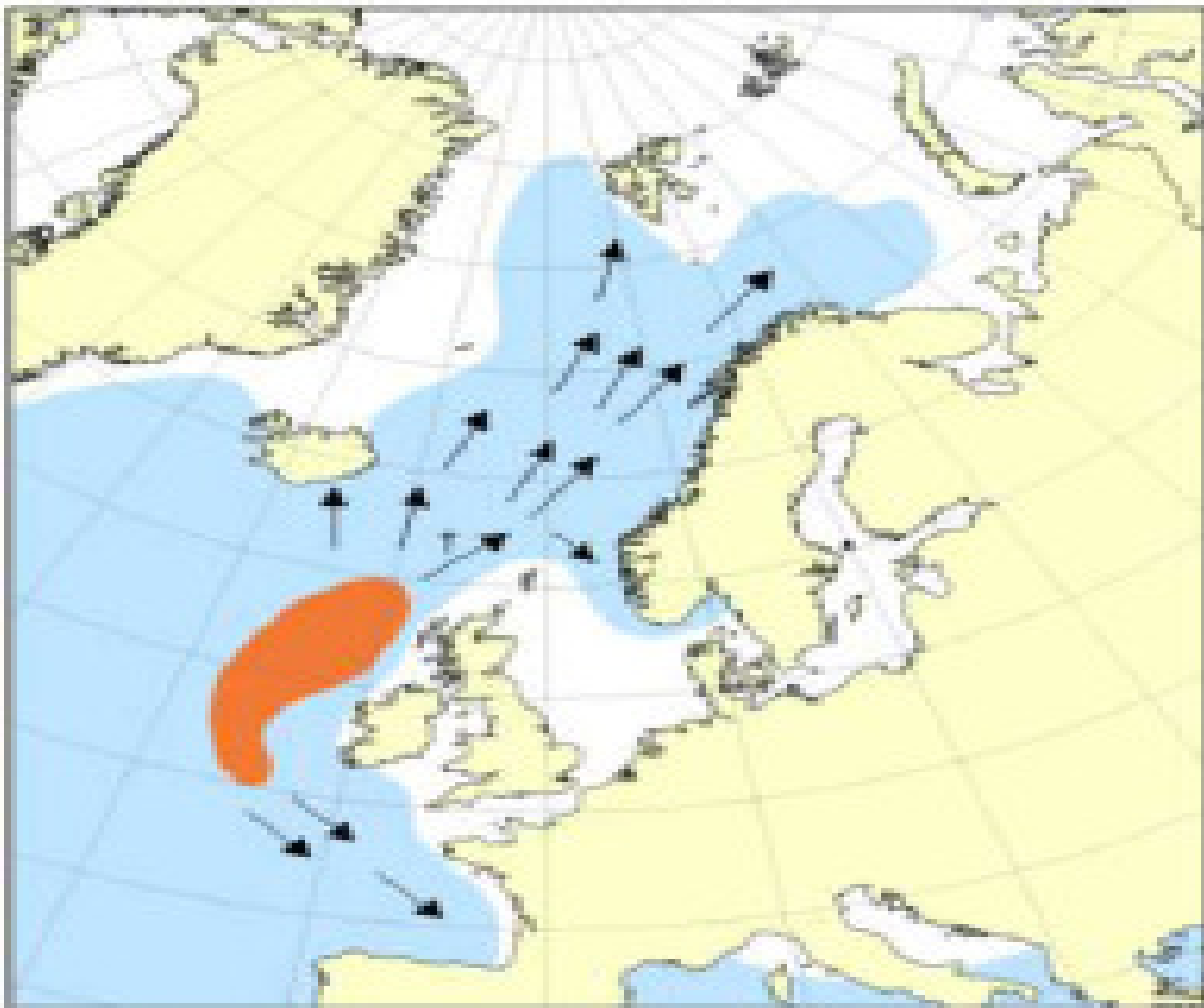
**Foreign Affairs lobby**

## **Major Issues some other species**

- ◆ **Blue whiting same problem mackerel prior 2006**
- ◆ **Stock now in trouble**



# Spawning and larval distribution blue whiting



# Major Issues some other species

- ◆ Blue whiting same problem mackerel
- ◆ **Rockall haddock**
  - ◆ No agreement management arrangements Russian Federation
- ◆ **Deepwater species**
  - ◆ Different approaches
    - ◆ EU waters effort and TACS
    - ◆ NEAFC waters effort

# Conclusions NEAFC

- ◆ **Lacks effective powers management arrangements**
- ◆ **Dependant Coastal States arrangements**
- ◆ **Straddling stocks issue (responsibilities )**

# Conclusions NEAFC

- ◆ **Review Required**
- ◆ **Governance**
- ◆ **Remit**
- ◆ **Functions**
- ◆ **Powers**





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**Thank You**