COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2020/475

of 27 March 2020

establishing a temporary fisheries closure for redfish in NAFO 3M area for vessels flying the flag of a Member State of the European Union

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 of 20 November 2009 establishing a Union control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the common fisheries policy ([1]), and in particular Article 36(2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Council Regulation (EU) 2020/123 ([2]) lays down quotas for 2020.

(2) According to the information received by the Commission, catches of the stock of redfish in NAFO 3M area by vessels flying the flag of or registered in a Member State of the European Union have exhausted the mid-term quota allocated for the period before 1 July 2020.

(3) It is therefore necessary to prohibit directed fishing activities for that stock until 30 June 2020,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Quota exhaustion

The fishing quota allocated to Member States of the European Union for the stock of redfish in NAFO 3M area for the period from 1 January 2020 until 30 June 2020 included shall be deemed to be exhausted from the date set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

Prohibitions

Directed fishing activities for the stock referred to in Article 1 by vessels flying the flag of or registered in a Member State of the European Union shall be prohibited from the date set out in the Annex to this Regulation until 30 June 2020 included.

([1]) OJ L 343, 22.12.2009, p. 1.

([2]) Council Regulation (EU) 2020/123 of 27 January 2020 fixing for 2020 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters (OJ L 25, 30.1.2020, p. 1).

Article 3

Entry into force

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

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

Done at Brussels, 27 March 2020.

For the Commission,
On behalf of the President,
Virginijus SINKEVIČIUS
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

No	03/TQ123
Member State	European Union (All Member States)
Stock	RED/N3M.
Species	Redfish (*Sebastes* spp.)
Zone	NAFO 3M
Closing period	25 February 2020 at 24.00 UTC until 30 June 2020