

Faroe Islands sets "massively increased" mackerel quota

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It's hard to know who the villains are in the continuing feud over appropriate sharing of the allowable catch for Northeast Atlantic mackerel. Last year anger erupted when Iceland and the Faroe Islands established [unilateral quotas](#) that gave them significantly increased shares of the mackerel catch. Historically the highly migratory mackerel stock was harvested primarily by vessels from the EU and Norway who agreed on the Total Allowable Catch. These two major players gave token quotas to the other two players, crumbs from the table, so to speak. Changes in ocean temperatures have resulted in the mackerel moving further north than usual and hence rendered them more accessible to fishermen from Iceland and the Faroe Islands. Recent talks aimed at ending the dispute were unproductive and tempers flared again this week when the Faroe Islands established a quota for this year of 150,000 tonnes, thereby upping the ante. The Scottish Fisheries Minister termed it ["an outrageous mackerel grab by the Faroes."](#) Meanwhile an Icelandic fishing chief has said he does not expect a deal on mackerel this year, while the Norwegians have accused the Faroe Islands of behaving like pirates.

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