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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 43(3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

(1) Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1970[(1)] establishes, among others, the fishing opportunities for herring in ICES Subdivisions 30-31 ('the Gulf of Bothnia herring stock') in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/1139 of the European Parliament and of the Council[(2)].

(2) Regulation (EU) 2016/1139 has been amended by Regulation (EU) 2018/976 of the European Parliament and of the Council[(3)] as regards the Gulf of Bothnia herring stock, taking into account the latest scientific information provided by ICES.

(3) Following that amendment to Regulation (EU) 2016/1139, the fishing opportunities for the Gulf of Bothnia herring stock should be increased.

(4) Regulation (EU) 2017/1970 should therefore be amended accordingly.

(5) The main season for the herring fishery using trap nets starts in May. In order for Member States to allocate the fishing opportunities at national level as soon as possible, this Regulation should enter into force on the day following that of its publication,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In the Annex to Regulatio (EU) 2017/1970, the entry for herring in ICES Subdivisions 30-31 is replaced by the following:

Species:	**Herring*Clupea harengus***		Zone:	**Subdivisions 30-31(HER/30/31.)**
Finland		78 351		
Sweden		17 215		
Union		95 566		

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Regulation (EU) 2018/1070. (See end of Document for details)*

TAC	95 566		Analytical TAC

Article 2

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, 26 July 2018.

For the Council

The President

G. BLÜMEL