

Recommendation VIII: 2008

RECOMMENDATION BY THE NORTH EAST ATLANTIC FISHERIES COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 5 OF THE CONVENTION ON FUTURE MULTILATERAL COOPERATION IN NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC FISHERIES AT ITS ANNUAL MEETING IN NOVEMBER 2007 TO ADOPT MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR ORANGE ROUGHY IN 2008

The Contracting Parties recommend the following measures:

1. There shall be no targeted fishery for orange roughy in the NEAFC Regulatory Area in ICES subareas V, VI and VII, where all available information indicates that the stocks are severely depleted.

2. In other areas, directed fishery for orange roughy may be undertaken only under the following precautionary conditions:

2.1 Fishing activities shall be restricted to vessels of Contracting Parties having participated in fishery for orange roughy in the NEAFC Regulatory Area in areas other than V, VI and VII prior to 2005.

2.2 Total catches of any Contracting Party shall not exceed 150 tonnes.

2.3 All information for orange roughy fisheries shall be provided in accordance with NEAFC Recommendation X: 2007 concerning submission of scientific information on deep sea fisheries.

2.4 As a matter of priority, Contracting Parties shall develop research and sampling plans for orange roughy fisheries in accordance with Recommendation X: 2007, and with the view to providing information relevant to the development of procedures for monitoring the effects on the ecosystem of any fishery conducted in accordance with this measure. Research plans shall be communicated via NEAFC to ICES no later than 31 December 2007.

3. These measures shall apply from 1 January 2008.