

## **RECOMMENDATION II – 24<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING**

### **PROPOSAL BY**

### **DENMARK (IN RESPECT OF THE FAROE ISLANDS AND GREENLAND), THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND ICELAND FOR A NEAFC RECOMMENDATION ON THE MANAGEMENT OF PELAGIC REDFISH IN THE IRMINGER SEA AND ADJACENT WATERS IN 2006**

Concerned that not having NEAFC management measures in place may have a negative impact on the sustainability of redfish fisheries, including increasing the impact of Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing;

Taking note of the scientific advice to avoid the disproportionate exploitation of any one component;

In accordance with Articles 5 and 6 of the Convention, NEAFC recommends the following measures for the pelagic redfish fishery in the Irminger Sea and adjacent waters:

1. The catches in the pelagic redfish fishery in the Irminger Sea and adjacent waters in 2006 shall not exceed 62,416 <sup>1</sup> tonnes.
2. A maximum of 80% of the catches of pelagic redfish can be taken prior to 1 July 2006.
3. Each Contracting Party shall, before 30 April 2006, report to NEAFC how it will manage its fisheries in 2006, including possible separate geographical allocation of catch limits.
4. Only vessels flying the flag of a NEAFC Contracting Party or of a Cooperating Non-Contracting Party, having been authorised by its flag State to fish for redfish in the NEAFC Convention Area, may take part in the fishery.
5. It is prohibited to use trawls with a mesh size of less than 100 mm.

### **Management Plan**

1. Contracting Parties shall work together to formulate and subsequently implement a management plan for pelagic redfish.
2. The objective of the plan shall be to limit catches and fishing effort to levels that will result in the sustainable exploitation of pelagic redfish.

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<sup>1</sup> Of which 3,901 tonnes will be allocated to NAFO; and 166 tonnes will be available to co-operating non-Contracting Parties