

Proposal by Denmark (in respect of Faroe Islands and Greenland), Iceland, Norway and the Russian Federation for a NEAFC recommendation on interim measures for redfish (*Sebastes mentella*) in the NEAFC Regulatory Area (ICES Statistical Areas I and II) in 2007

Taking into account the uncertainty on the stock status regarding redfish (*Sebastes mentella*) in the Regulatory Area (ICES Areas I and II), the latest scientific advice as well as the fact that Contracting Parties have agreed to develop a proposal for the management of the stock, the Contracting Parties have in accordance with Articles 5 and 7 of the NEAFC Convention agreed as follows:

Each Contracting party shall for the period 1 January – 30 June 2007 prohibit fishing of redfish (*Sebastes mentella*) in the Regulatory Area (ICES Areas I and II) by vessels flying its flag.

Based on new and additional scientific information provided by ICES in first part of 2007, the Contracting Parties will reconvene in an Extraordinary Meeting before the end of June to decide on measures for the period 1 July - 31 December 2007.

In order to assist ICES in this work, Contracting Parties shall submit to NEAFC catch information including bycatch by fishery.