

PROPOSAL BY DENMARK (IN RESPECT OF THE FAROE ISLANDS AND GREENLAND AND ICELAND FOR A NEAFC RECOMMENDATION ON THE MANAGEMENT OF SEBASTES MENTELLA (REDFISH) IN THE NEAFC REGULATORY AREA, ICES SUB-AREAS Va, XIV AND XII IN 2008.

In light of the ICES advice for 2008, given in October 2007, the contracting parties agree to initiate work on the establishment of a fisheries management plan which takes into account the uncertainties in science and the properties of the fisheries.

In order to have such management in place for the fishing season which starts in spring 2008, the coastal states have agreed to invite the other NEAFC parties to consultations on the management of pelagic redfish in the Irminger sea and adjacent waters in NEAFC headquarters on January 15 and 16 2008 which may be followed by further consultations if necessary.

In the absence of an existing agreement on management for pelagic redfish in the Irminger Sea and adjacent waters there will be no directed fisheries for *Sebastes mentella* in that area in the period from 1 January until 1 April 2008.