

**REDFISH**

**in Irminger Sea and adjacent waters**

**Points for discussion at the PECCOE meeting 9-10 April 2008**

**A. Background**

On 14 February 2008 the Contracting Parties agreed the following:

- 1) The catch of redfish in Irminger Sea and adjacent waters shall not exceed 46 000 tonnes.
- 2) Each Contracting Party shall establish management measures based on the catch limits in 1).
- 3) Only 65 % of the catch limit set out in 1) can be caught North of 59 ° N and East of 36° W during the period 1 April to 15 July.
- 4) Only 30 % of catch limit referred to in 1) may be caught during the period 1 April to 10 May North of 59 ° N and East of 36° W.
- 5) Authorisation to fish for redfish is only valid if information referred to in Articles 11 (Vessel monitoring system), 12 (Communication of catches) and 13 (Communication of transshipment) of the Scheme of Control and Enforcement (the Scheme) is made available to the Secretary in accordance with Article 14.
- 6) In addition to the provisions of Article 12 of the Scheme vessels fishing for redfish shall one hour prior to crossing the line referred to in 3) communicate to the Secretary the catch on board taken in the area the vessel is leaving since the last catch report and the position. The report shall be identified as CAT.
- 7) A Contracting Party may request information from the Secretary communicated pursuant to Articles 11, 12 and 13 of the Scheme.
- 8) It is prohibited to use trawl with a mesh size less than 100 mm.
- 9) The Conversion factor for gutted headed presentations, including Japanese cut of redfish shall be 1.70.

**B. Tasks for PECCOE**

PECCOE shall develop proposals for the establishment uniform procedures regarding following:

- 1) The monitoring and verification of catches.
- 2) Uptake of quota by vessels.
- 3) Control of landings (including weighing procedures and inspection of landings).
- 4) Conversion factors for different products and methods of processing.

The aim is that PECCOE shall put forward a proposal at the annual meeting 2008.

**C. Issues to be discussed**

- 1) The Lines referred to in A (1) is not a box and vessels can enter from which means that a vessel can enter from the East or from the North without passing any line.  
Create a box?
- 2) In order to monitor the catch limitations for two periods in the box possible solutions could be:
  - a system of hailing in and out to take into account the two periods, or
  - daily catch reporting.
- 3) Labelling requirements might be considered in order to identify what fish has been caught inside the box or outside the box as well as when the fish was caught.
- 4) A port State control system for landings by own flag vessels should be developed which may include the following:
  - a) A system for prior notifications including information on where the fish was caught (box or outside the box) and at what time the fish was caught.
  - b) weighing provisions similar to the weighing procedures for frozen pelagic fish<sup>1</sup> taking into account the area and the period where and when the fish was caught,
  - c) A landing declaration including the weighing and the prior notification
  - d) Benchmarks for inspections and inspection methodology.
  - e) An inspection report form
- 5) Crosschecks of data available including VMS.

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<sup>1</sup>At the 2007 Annual Meeting NEAFC adopted the recommendation made by the Working Group on the Future of NEAFC (WGFN) that PECCOE be requested to consider the development of NEAFC measures for control arrangements for pelagic fisheries, taking into account measures which have been developed among certain coastal states.