

## Recommendation VIII: 2010

### **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 2009 TO ADOPT CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES BY CLOSING CERTAIN AREAS ON THE HATTON BANK, ROCKALL BANK, LOGACHEV MOUNDS AND WEST ROCKALL MOUNDS IN THE REGULATORY AREA IN ORDER TO PROTECT VULNERABLE MARINE ECOSYSTEMS FROM SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE IMPACTS IN 2010**

The Contracting Parties recommend the following measures:

1. Bottom trawling and fishing with static gear, including bottom set gillnets and long-lines should be prohibited within the NEAFC Regulatory Area enclosed by sequentially joining with rhumb lines the following positions:

**On the Hatton Bank, within the area delimited by the following co-ordinates:**

Corner	Latitude (N)	Longitude (W)
1	59°26'	14°30'
2	59°12'	15°08'
3	59°01'	17°00'
4	58°50'	17°38'
5	58°30'	17°52'
6	58°30'	18°22'
7	58°03'	18°22'
8	58°03'	17°30'
9	57°55'	17°30'
10	57°45'	19°15'
11	58°11.15'	18°57.51'
12	58°11.57'	19°11.97'
13	58°27.75'	19°11.65'
14	58°39.09'	19°14.28'
15	58°38.11'	19°01.29'
16	58°53.14'	18°43.54'
17	59°00.29'	18°01.31'
18	59°08.01'	17°49.31'
19	59°08.75'	18°01.47'
20	59°15.16'	18°01.56'
21	59°24.17'	17°31.22'
22	59°21.77'	17°15.36'
Return to position 1		

\*NB this is the corrected version following HOD Letter 09/71

**On the Rockall Bank, in the parts of the areas falling within the NEAFC Regulatory Area delimited by the following co-ordinates:**

***North-West Rockall:***

Corner	Latitude (N)	Longitude (W)
1	57°00'	14°53'
2	57°37'	14°42'
3	57°55'	14°24'
4	58°15'	13°50'
5	57°57'	13°09'
6	57°50'	13°14'
7	57°57'	13°45'
8	57°49'	14°06'
9	57°29'	14°19'
10	57°22'	14°19'
11	57°00'	14°34'
12	56°56'	14°36'
13	56°56'	14°51'
Return to position 1		

***South-West Rockall (Empress of Britain Bank):***

Corner	Latitude (N)	Longitude (W)
1	56°24'	15°37'
2	56°21'	14°58'
3	56°04'	15°10'
4	55°51'	15°37'
5	56°10'	15°52'
Return to position 1		

**On the Logachev Mounds, within the area delimited by the following coordinates:**

Corner	Latitude (N)	Longitude (W)
1	55°17'	16°10'
2	55°34'	15°07'
3	55°50'	15°15'
4	55°33'	16°16'
Return to position 1		

**On the West Rockall Mounds, within the area delimited by the following coordinates:**

Corner	Latitude (N)	Longitude (W)
1	57°20'	16°30'
2	57°05'	15°58'
3	56°21'	17°17'
4	56°40'	17°50'
Return to position 1		

2. Contracting Parties shall take appropriate measures to detect any diversion of fishing effort to other previously unknown areas of deep-water corals.
3. The boundaries of the closed areas may be adjusted in the light of more precise scientific evidence on the distribution of deep-water coral. If scientific research demonstrates that there are sub-areas where no vulnerable marine ecosystems are found within the areas referred to in this measure, the measure can be amended by the Commission to exclude those sub-areas from the prohibition. However, in so deciding, the Commission shall continue to be mindful that the delineation of the closure areas must continue to permit the necessary control to ensure compliance with the measures.
4. Within the areas defined in paragraph 1, Contracting Parties intending to conduct fisheries related to scientific research shall notify NEAFC of their intended research programmes. In advance of the proposed research programmes, the NEAFC Secretariat shall make the proposed plans available to the NEAFC Contracting Parties. Subsequent information from these research programmes shall also be made available to the Parties.
5. These closures are without prejudice to any sovereign rights of Coastal States over the continental shelf in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, including sovereign rights of Coastal States to exploit sedentary species on the continental shelf.
6. This measure shall be in force from 1 January to 31 December 2010.