Recommendation XIV: 2009

RECOMMENDATION BY THE NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC FISHERIES COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 5 OF THE CONVENTION ON FUTURE MULTILATERAL COOPERATIONIN NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC FISHERIES AT TIS ANNUAL MEETING ON 10-14 NOVEMBER 2008 TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION FOR THE PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE DEEP-WATER HABITATS IN THE NEAFC REGULATORY AREA

The Contracting Parties recommend the following measures:

1. Bottom trawling and fishing with static gear shall be prohibited in the following areas:
    a. The Hecate and Faraday seamounts, and a section of the Reykjanes Ridge.
    b. The Altair seamounts.
    c. The Antialtair seamounts.

    The coordinates delimiting each area are given in Appendix 1.

2. This measure shall be in force for the period 1 January 2009 to 31 March 2009.

3. The Parties, prior to its expiration, shall review NEAFC policy on vulnerable marine ecosystems in general and this measure in particular. To this end, the Parties have agreed to meet in the context of the Heads of Delegation in NEAFC headquarters from 24 to 27 March 2009.