

Recommendation VII: 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 FOR CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR SPURDOG (*Squalus acanthias*) IN THE NEAFC REGULATORY AREA IN 2010

Considering the poor status of the stock of spurdog (*Squalus acanthias*) in the Northeast Atlantic that makes it necessary to react immediately,

Acknowledging the ICES report that the stock is depleted and may be in danger of collapse, targeted fisheries should not be permitted to continue, and by-catch in mixed fisheries should be reduced to the lowest possible level. Furthermore, ICES recommends a zero TAC.

Contracting Parties are encouraged to take conservation measures with equal effect within waters under their national jurisdiction.

1. Each Contracting Party shall, for 2010, prohibit direct fishing of spurdog (*Squalus acanthias*) in the Regulatory Area by vessels flying its flag.
2. In order to assist ICES in its work, Contracting Parties shall submit to NEAFC all by-catch information.
3. Contracting Parties shall submit all available data on spurdog, including by-catch data, to ICES for further evaluation of the state of the stock.
4. Contracting Parties are encouraged to take conservations measures with equal effect within waters under their national jurisdiction.