

## **Recommendation VIII**

### **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 2008 FOR CONSERVATION MEASURES FOR SPURDOGS (*Squalus acanthias*) IN THE NEAFC REGULATORY AREA IN 2009**

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 2009, prohibit fishing of spurdog (*Squalus acanthias*) in the Regulatory Area by vessels flying its flag.
2. In order to assist ICES in this work, Contracting Parties shall submit to NEAFC all catch information.
3. Contracting Parties are urged to make all available data on the spurdog, including fisheries data, available 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.