

**Recommendation 5: 2012**

**THE NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC FISHERIES COMMISSION AT ITS ANNUAL MEETING IN NOVEMBER 2011 ADOPTED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 5 OF THE CONVENTION ON FUTURE MULTILATERAL COOPERATION IN NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC FISHERIES, A RECOMMENDATION FOR CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR SPURDOG (*SQUALUS ACANTHIAS*) IN THE NEAFC REGULATORY AREA FROM 2012 TO 2014**

Taking into account the depleted status of this stock and the ICES advice for a zero TAC;

Conscious of the need to prohibit targeted fisheries on this stock;

1. Each Contracting Party shall, from 2012 to 2014, prohibit all directed fishing of spurdog (*Squalus acanthias*) in the Regulatory Area by vessels flying its flag.
2. Any incidental catches of this resource shall be promptly released unharmed, to the extent possible.
3. Contracting Parties shall submit to ICES all available data on spurdog, including data on discarding, for further evaluation of the state of the resource.
4. Contracting Parties are encouraged to take conservation measures with equal effect within waters under their national fisheries jurisdiction.