

## **Recommendation 6: 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 PORBEAGLE (*LAMNA NASUS*) IN THE NEAFC REGULATORY AREA FROM 2012 TO 2014**

The status of porbeagle (*Lamna nasus*) in the Northeast Atlantic is not well known. At present a very limited commercial fishery is taking place. ICES report that information on the status of the stock is poor. Trends in landings and anecdotal information suggest that abundance remains significantly reduced. ICES, therefore, advise a zero TAC for the entire ICES area in 2012. However, there is no information from fishery independent sources on abundance levels, and no catch per unit effort data available to form the basis for an evaluation.

As an interim measure:

1. Each Contracting Party shall, from 2012 to 2014, prohibit all directed fishing of porbeagle (*Lamna nasus*) 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 porbeagle, including fisheries data, 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.