Recommendation Adopted by Postal Vote May 29th 2011
Interim Management Measures for Deep and Shallow Pelagic Redfish in the Irminger Sea
In Force From: 28th June 2011 To: 31 December 2014

The Russian Federation Objected 19/04/2011 and so are not bound by this Recommendation

Taking note of the most recent scientific advice from ICES on management measures for the deep and shallow redfish stocks, as well as advice on stock identity;

Considering that, in line with this scientific advice, it is essential to reduce the outtake of deep and shallow pelagic redfish in the Irminger Sea and adjacent waters.

Considering the recent changes in fishing patterns for both deep pelagic and shallow pelagic redfish in the Irminger Sea and adjacent waters;

Recognising the need to improve current management measures for deep pelagic redfish and shallow pelagic redfish in the Irminger Sea and adjacent waters with the aim of achieving long-term stability;

Noting that if appropriate harvest control rules are developed as part of a Long-Term Management Plan and subsequently effectively implemented, it should be possible to allow for sustainable fishing in the long term, thereby allowing for the recovery of deep and shallow pelagic redfish in the Irminger Sea and adjacent waters;

Recognising however that interim management measures for pelagic redfish in the Irminger Sea and adjacent waters should be developed in the short term, which incorporate reduced fishing levels from 2011 to 2014;

Recognising that the north-eastern area of the Irminger Sea and adjacent waters are important areas of larval extrusion, and that there is a particular need to protect the redfish and promote its recovery;

Agreeing that, in order to ensure this protection and subsequent recovery, it is also necessary to adopt effective control measures for this fishery;

In accordance with Articles 5 and 6 of the Convention, the Contracting Parties have agreed the following interim management measures for the pelagic redfish fisheries in the Irminger Sea and adjacent waters to apply from 2011 to 2014:
1. TAC and quota allocation between Contracting Parties for the deep pelagic fishery

   a. The total allowable catches in the deep pelagic fishery in the Irminger Sea and adjacent waters by Contracting Parties in 2011 shall not exceed 38,000 tonnes.

   The TAC level for the following three years shall be fixed as follows:

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<td>2012</td>
<td>32,000 tonnes</td>
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<td>2013</td>
<td>26,000 tonnes</td>
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<td>2014</td>
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   Additional quotas may be allocated to non-Contracting Parties for each year.

   b. The level of the TACs for 2012 to 2014 may be adjusted in the light of new scientific advice from ICES.

   c. The Contracting Parties are allocated the following quota shares of the established TACs for the period 2011 to 2014. These percentage shares are agreed on an *ad hoc* basis for the period 2011 to 2014 and do not prejudice quota allocation schemes for subsequent periods.

   i. Denmark, in respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland
      (Faroe Islands 6.73 %)
      (Greenland 22.25 %)  28.98 %

   ii. European Union  15.45 %

   iii. Iceland  31.02 %

   iv. Norway  3.85 %

   v. Russian Federation  20.70 %

   d. From 2011, each Party may transfer to the following year unutilised quantities of up to 5% of the quota allocated to that Party for the initial year. The quantity transferred shall be in addition to the quota allocated to the Party concerned in the following year. This quantity cannot be transferred further to the quotas for subsequent years. No transfers may be made from un-fished quantities of quotas established for 2010 or for any earlier fishing seasons.

   e. Each Party may authorise fishing by its vessels of up to 5% beyond the quota allocated to that Party in any one year. All quantities fished beyond the allocated quota for one year shall be deducted from that Party’s quota allocated for the following year.
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2. **Authorised fishing period**

To enhance the protection of areas of larval extrusion, fisheries shall not commence prior to 10 May of each year.

3. **TAC for the shallow pelagic fishery**

Catches in the shallow pelagic fishery in the Irminger Sea and adjacent waters should take place outside the area referred in paragraph 4 of this measure. In accordance with the latest advice from ICES and in the absence of any agreed recovery plan, there shall be no fishery during 2011 in the NEAFC Convention Area. NAFO shall be informed of this prohibition. Fisheries for 2012 to 2014 will depend upon the establishment of a recovery plan for the shallow redfish in the Irminger Sea and adjacent waters, as well as on any new scientific advice.

4. **Authorised fishing areas for the deep pelagic fishery**

Catches in the deep pelagic fishery in the Irminger Sea and adjacent waters referred to in paragraph 1 shall be conducted from 2011 to 2014 within an area bounded by the lines joining the following coordinates:

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Image shows Authorised fishing areas for the deep pelagic fishery. Image is for illustrative purposes only & is not intended for use in navigation.
5. **Scientific research**

In addition to ICES co-ordinated surveys, Contracting Parties may conduct scientific research with the aim of improving scientific knowledge of the redfish. They may set aside a part of their respective quota for scientific purposes. Catches taken as a part of such scientific research exercise shall be counted against the Contracting Party's quotas as set out in paragraphs 1 and 3 of this measure.

6. **Participation in the fishery**

   a. Only vessels flying the flag of a NEAFC Contracting Party or of a Cooperating non-Contracting Party, having been authorised by their flag State to fish for redfish in the NEAFC Convention Area, shall be entitled to participate in these fisheries.

   b. The authorisation to fish for redfish in the Regulatory Area is only valid if the information transmitted in accordance with paragraph 7 of this Recommendation, as well as with Articles 11, 12 and 13 of the Scheme of Control and Enforcement (the Scheme), is made available to the Secretary in line with Article 14 of the said Scheme.

7. **Reporting requirements**

   a. Reports shall be made to the NEAFC Secretariat in accordance with the Scheme and, in particular, with Article 12 (Communication of catches) and Article 14 (Communication to the Secretary) of the Scheme. This information shall be made accessible for appropriate representatives of the Contracting Parties, including inspectors, on the secure site of the NEAFC website.

   b. By way of derogation from the provisions of Article 12 (b) of the Scheme, fishing vessels shall report their catches on a daily basis. The catch report shall be transmitted after the fishing operations of that calendar day have been completed and no later than 12:00 UTC of the following day. The catches on board taken since the last communication of catches shall be indicated in the report.

   c. The Secretariat shall, on a weekly basis, compile a table for each Contracting Party, indicating the total quota for each Party as well as the catch already taken from that quota, based on the catch reports received from the fishing vessels. When 75% of the quota established in paragraph 1(c) is taken, such tables shall be compiled daily. The tables shall be forwarded without delay to all Contracting Parties and to the inspectors via the NEAFC website. The tables shall give details for each vessel indicating their daily catches, and where available, the individual vessel’s quota. This provision derogates from Article 14.3 of the Scheme.

   d. To further ensure prompt reporting, the Secretariat shall monitor on a daily basis the reports from each vessel and notify all Contracting Parties without delay if a vessel has not fulfilled its obligations according to paragraph 7 (b) or if the required reports are not available at the Secretariat according to article 8 of this measure for inspection purposes.
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   e. In accordance with Article 9 of the Scheme, masters of fishing vessels shall record the fishing depth in their fishing logbooks.

   f. All receivers of fish shall ensure that all quantities are weighed when landed or transhipped. The weight of fish landed in standardised boxes shall be determined using documented sampling methods. Contracting Parties shall report to the Secretariat on a weekly basis the catches landed by their vessels. This information shall be made available to Contracting Parties and to the inspectors on the secure site of the NEAFC website.

8. Inspection and surveillance

   a. A Contracting Party may request access to information communicated pursuant to Articles 11, 12 and 13 of the Scheme for the areas where they intend to undertake inspection and surveillance activities. The Secretary shall inform other Contracting Parties and make the information available to the requesting Contracting Party during the fishing season.

   b. Contracting Parties shall notify the Secretariat of the systems in place for verifying catches from this fishery, including weighing procedures and inspection of transhipments and landings. PECCOE shall evaluate the effectiveness of these measures.

   c. Inspectors from any Contracting Party may accompany the inspectors from another Contracting Party during the inspection of landings or transhipment operations, subject to the consent of the port State, and flag State if different.

   In order to facilitate this process, the Contracting Party interested in observing an inspection in another Contracting Party's port shall, at the earliest opportunity, notify the flag State\(^1\) of the vessel concerned of its request to have officials present to observe the landing / transhipment of redfish in port.

   Upon receiving such a request, the flag State, and port State if different, shall reply as soon as possible and not later than two working days after receiving the request. In the affirmative, the flag State shall, without delay, communicate details of the vessel in question, such as name of port, estimated date and time of arrival of the vessel in port. The request shall be forwarded to the port State, if the operations are due to occur in a port outside the flag State's jurisdiction.

9. Technical measures

   a. It is prohibited to use trawls with a mesh size of less than 100 mm.

   b. The conversion factor used in this fishery for gutted and headed presentations, including Japanese cut, shall be 1.70. This conversion factor shall be used for the purposes of this Recommendation and is without prejudice for other purposes. PECCOE shall continue the development of proposals for the establishment of conversion factors for different fish products and methods of processing.

\(^1\) In the case of vessels flagged to an EU Member State, the European Commission shall be put in copy of all correspondence.
10. Development of a long-term management plan

During the period of implementation of these interim management measures, NEAFC will seek to establish a long-term management plan for redfish in the Irminger Sea and adjacent waters, including appropriate harvest control rules.

The objective of any such management plan shall be to establish such levels of catches and fishing effort, which will result in the sustainable exploitation of pelagic redfish in the Irminger Sea and adjacent waters. This long-term management plan should take due account of the interim management measures as set out in this recommendation.