Recommendation 13 : 2017

**Recommendation on Conservation and Management Measures for Spurdog (Squalus Acanthias) in the NEAFC Regulatory Area for 2017 and 2018**

The Commission hereby adopts the following Recommendation pursuant to Article 5 of the Convention:

Taking into account the ICES advice that there should be no target fishery and that by-catch should be minimised;

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

1. Each Contracting Party shall, for 2017 and 2018, 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.