Recommendation 8: 2011

THE NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC FISHERIES COMMISSION AT ITS ANNUAL MEETING ON 12 NOVEMBER 2010 ADOPTED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 5 OF THE CONVENTION, CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR PORBEAGLE (*Lamna nasus*) IN THE NEAFC REGULATORY AREA IN 2011, AS FOLLOWS:

The status of porbeagle (*Lamna nasus*) in the Northeast Atlantic is not well known, and at present a very limited commercial fishery is taking place.

ICES reports that information is poor. Trends in landings and anecdotal information suggest that abundance remains significantly reduced. ICES advises a zero TAC for the entire ICES area in 2011. However, there is no information from fishery independent sources on abundance levels, and no catch per unit effort data available to form a basis for evaluation.

As an interim measure, Contracting Parties have, pursuant to Article 5 of the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the North-East Atlantic Fisheries, agreed that no directed fishery for porbeagle shall be undertaken in the Regulatory Area in 2011.

Contracting Parties are urged to make all available data on porbeagle, including fisheries data, available to ICES for further evaluation of the state of the resource.