Recommendation III: 2010

RECOMMENDATION BY THE NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC FISHERIES COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 5 OF THE CONVENTION ON FUTURE MULTILATERAL COOPERATION IN NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC FISHERIES AT ITS ANNUAL MEETING IN NOVEMBER 2009 ON CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR PELAGIC REDFISH (*SEBASTES MENTELLA)* IN THE NEAFC REGULATORY AREA OF ICES SUB-AREAS I AND II IN 2010

The Contracting Parties recommend the following measures:

1. Each Contracting Party shall, for the period 1 January to 14 August 2010 and 1 to 31 December 2010, prohibit the fishing by its vessels.

2. Contracting Parties shall be permitted to fish for a quantity of 8,600 tonnes within the period 15 August to 30 November 2010.

3. The conditions concerning the fishery referred to under paragraph 2 shall be as follows:

    a. The allowable catch shall not be specifically allocated to individual Contracting Parties.

    b. Fishing participation shall be restricted to those vessels, which have previously been engaged in the redfish fishery in the Regulatory Area, or have replaced such vessels.

    c. A special monitoring system shall be established on the basis of catches reported in accordance with the provisions of Article 12 of the NEAFC Scheme of Control and Enforcement. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 12, vessels engaged in this fishery shall report their catch on a daily basis. The Secretary shall be responsible for the coordination of this monitoring system. The Secretary shall notify all Contracting Parties without delay and by the most rapid means possible when the total catches have reached 80% of the allowable catch. Furthermore, the Secretary shall notify all Contracting Parties of the date on which:

        i. The accumulated reported catch;

        ii. The estimated catch not yet reported;

        iii. The estimated remaining quantity of the allowable catch; and

        iv. The likely by-catches taken during the period for which the catch limitation applies equal the allowable catch provided for under a.

    d. No vessels shall be permitted to engage in a directed fishery on this stock in the specified area after the date notified by the Secretary.

e. The authorisation to fish for redfish in the Regulatory Area is only valid if the information transmitted in accordance with Articles 11, 12 and 13 of the Scheme of Control and Enforcement is made available to the Secretary according to Article 14.

f. A Contracting Party may request access to the information communicated pursuant to Articles 11, 12 and 13 of the Scheme of Control and Enforcement 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 relevant fishing season. The Contracting Party that requests access to this information shall present a detailed report to the next meeting of PECCOE on its use of the information provided.

4. Contracting Parties shall ensure that scientific information is collected by scientific observers on board their vessels or by other means considered appropriate by the individual Contracting Parties. As a minimum, information collected shall include representative sex, age and length composition data by depths. This information shall be reported to ICES.

5. 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.

6. A limitation of 1% on by-catches of pelagic redfish (*Sebastes mentella*) on board in other non-target fisheries in ICES Sub-areas I and II shall be applied. All by-catches shall be properly documented and reported. Compatible measures should be applied within relevant areas under national jurisdiction.

7. This measure shall be considered as an interim measure applicable only for 2010 and shall be without prejudice to any future allocation between the Contracting Parties.