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**Recommendations from CESAG
to forward to the NAFO Commission and Scientific Council**

The NAFO Joint Commission-Scientific Council Catch Estimation Strategy Advisory Group (CESAG) met via WebEx on 26 April 2018 (NAFO COM-SC Doc. 18-01) and agreed on the following recommendations to forward to the NAFO Commission and Scientific Council.

The CESAG **recommends** that:

- **The Secretariat, on behalf of CESAG, forward to Scientific Council, for consideration in its fish stock assessment work, the updated 2017 catch estimates as contained in CESAG WP 18-01 (Revised 2);**
- **Noting the specific duty of CESAG to consider and identify potential refinements of the Catch Estimate Strategy *including the incorporation of haul-by-haul data within the strategy* and noting the compliance issues with regards to the submission of the haul by haul reports, CESAG requests the Commission to consider some formal follow-up procedure to Contracting Parties with the aim of improving the compliance to the haul by haul submission requirement.**

