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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 the dates below and agreed on the following recommendations to forward to the NAFO Commission and Scientific Council:

30 April 2019 (COM-SC Doc. 19-02)

**The CESAG recommends that:**

1. the Secretariat forward the CESAG feedback and direction as contained in COM-SC CESAG-WP 19-07 to MRAG Americas, Inc. following the 03 May deadline for comments.
2. the Secretariat forward the 2018 catch estimates as contained in COM-SC CESAG-WP 19-03 (Revised) to the Scientific Council.
3. the Secretariat continue deriving information as contained in COM-SC CESAG-WP 19-03 to COM-SC CESAG-WP 19-06 for the subsequent years.
4. CESAG re-iterates its 2017 Recommendation 5: *that the Commission request that STACTIC review current measures relating to reporting of catch by NAFO Division to identify and implement improvements which ensure the most reliable information is available for catch estimation, recognizing its importance in stock assessments* and agreed that the data analyses completed in COM-SC CESAG-WPs 19-04, 19-05 and 19-06 be forwarded to STACTIC for information.

23 July 2019 (COM-SC Doc. 19-04)

**The CESAG recommends that:**

5. The *Catch Estimates Methodology Study* report prepared by MRAG Americas, Inc. be accepted and made available as a public document.
6. The NAFO Secretariat, in coordination with the CESAG co-Chair, will consider the potential refinements to the Catch Estimation Strategy in response to the recommendation from the Scientific Council.

