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**Recommendations from CESAG**

The NAFO Joint Commission-Scientific Council Catch Estimation Strategy Advisory Group (CESAG) met via WebEx on 24 April 2020 (COM-SC Doc. 20-02) and agreed on the following recommendations:

**The CESAG recommends that:**

1. **The Commission request STACTIC to review the haul by haul reporting template (Annex II.N of the NAFO CEM) and investigate the practicality of adding the codend mesh size or hook size to the reporting requirements.**
2. **The Secretariat revise the 2019 catch estimates contained in COM-SC CESAG-WP 20-05 to include the remaining Canadian data and forward it (COM-SC CESAG-WP 20-05 Revised) to the Scientific Council by the 01 May deadline.**
3. **The Commission request STACTIC to continue to 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.**
4. **A meeting be held in February 2021 to review and discuss the MRAG report recommendations for potential further enhancements to the CESAG methodology of catch estimation.**

