

**43<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF NAFO - SEPTEMBER 2021****Recommendations of the  
Working Group on Risk-Based Management Strategies (WG-RBMS)**

The NAFO Joint Fisheries Commission-Scientific Council Working Group on Risk-Based Management Strategies (WG-RBMS) met via WebEx on 20-21 August (COM-SC Doc. 21-04) and agreed on the following recommendations:

**In regard to Greenland halibut Management Strategy Evaluation,**

- 1. WG-RBMS endorses the continued application of the HCR to derive the TAC for 2022.**
- 2. Regarding the Exceptional Circumstances for Greenland halibut in 2022 (COM-SC RBMS-WP 21-02) and conditional on the absence of other reasons for Exceptional Circumstances arising; WG-RBMS recommends that the Commission request the SC to calculate in 2022 the HCR adjusting the TAC advised for 2022 using four survey indices (Canadian fall 2J3K, Canadian fall 3LNO, EU 3M 0-1400m, and EU-Spain 3NO surveys) to provide TAC advice for 2023.**

**In regard to 3LN Redfish,**

- 3. Noting that a review and update of the existing Management Strategy is required; WG-RBMS recommends that the Commission request SC, at its meeting in June 2022, to provide a full assessment and advice (based on an approach to be determined by the Commission in September 2021) on a TAC for 3LN Redfish for the years 2023 and 2024.**

**In regard to Precautionary Approach Framework (PAF),**

- 4. WG-RBMS shares the interpretation that the SC/PA-WG has made of how to implement the General Objectives of the NAFO Convention within the PAF and its preliminary conclusions and recommends the work to continue according to the schedule approved last year.**

