



**43<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF NAFO - SEPTEMBER 2021**

**Recommendations of the  
NAFO Joint Commission-Scientific Council Catch Estimation Strategy Advisory Group (CESAG)**

The NAFO Joint Commission-Scientific Council Catch Estimation Strategy Advisory Group (CESAG) met via WebEx on 13 April 2021 (COM-SC Doc. 21-02) and agreed on the following recommendations:

**The CESAG recommends that:**

- 1. The Secretariat revise the 2020 catch estimates contained in COM-SC CESAG-WP 20-05 to include the remaining data and forward it (COM-SC CESAG-WP 20-05 Revised) to the Scientific Council by the 01 May deadline.**
- 2. The Commission request STACTIC review best practices outlined in COM-SC CESAG-WP 21-01 Revised to identify the possible application of these best practices to improve tow catch estimates in the NAFO Regulatory Area and consider the specific guidance on the International Observer Program as part of its planned review of the NAFO Observer Program scheduled for 2022.**

