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**Time of closure of RED 3M Fishery**

**Background**

As per Article 5.5 (d) and (e) of the CEM, the Contracting Parties concerned shall close their directed fisheries for RED 3M on the dates determined and communicated by the Executive Secretary in accordance with the provisions of Article 5.15 (e).

The text in Article 5.5 (d) and (e) does not specify at what time of each determined date the vessels must effectively stop their RED 3M fishery, creating confusion on compliance.

It is proposed to modify Article 5.5 (d) and (e) by stating that the effective closure of the RED 3M fishery starts at 24.00 UHT of the day prior to the date determined by the Executive Secretary.

**Proposal**

The text in Article 5 (d) and (e) is modified as follows:

5. Each Contracting Party shall:

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- (d) close its directed fishery for 3M redfish between **24:00 UTC of the day prior to the date** the accumulated reported catch is estimated to reach 50% of the 3M redfish TAC, as notified in accordance with paragraph 15 (e) of this Article, and 1 July;
- (e) close its directed fishery for 3M redfish **at 24:00 UTC of the day prior to on the date** the accumulated reported catch is estimated to reach 100% of the 3M redfish TAC, as notified in accordance with paragraph 15 (e) of this Article;

