



41st ANNUAL MEETING OF NAFO - SEPTEMBER 2019

Interim Measure for Shrimp 3M for 2020

Recalling NAFO CEM Annex I.B “when the scientific advice estimates that the stock shows signs of recovery, the fishery shall be re-opened in accordance with the effort allocation key in place for this fishery at the time of closure.”

This year, the Scientific Council affirms that there is sufficient evidence allowing directed fishing, as there has been continuous increase of biomass over 5 years and the stock has very low probability of being below b_{lim} .

Therefore, the fishery should be re-opened in accordance with the effort allocation key of 2009; Annex I.B shall apply.

However, as the biomass is just recovering, the EU recommends, as an interim measure for 2020, the reduction of fishing effort to 25% of 2009 levels.

	Fishing days in 2009	1/4 of fishing days in 2009
Canada	456	114
Cuba	100	25
Denmark		
Faroe Islands	1606	<u>402</u>
Greenland	515	129
European Union	3293 ¹	823 ¹
France (in respect of St Pierre et Miquelon)	100	25
Iceland	n/a	n/a
Japan	100	25
Korea	100	25
Norway	1985	496
Russia	2100	525
Ukraine	100	25
USA	100	25
Total	10 555	<u>2 640</u>

¹ Including fishing entitlements transferred from Poland (25 fishing days), Estonia (416 fishing days), Latvia (123 fishing days) and Lithuania (145 fishing days) following their accession to the European Union.



If that interim measure is accepted, application of CEM Article 9.2 should be suspended for next year. The relevant footnote should be inserted into the CEM.

The footnote shall be inserted into the Annex I.B CEM table with the following text:

"In derogation of CEM Article 5.11 and CEM Article 9.4, the European Union will transfer 25 fishing days of its fishing days allocation for 2020 to France, in respect of St Pierre et Miquelon; Norway will transfer 25 fishing days of its fishing days allocation for 2020 to Ukraine; and the Russian Federation will transfer 25 fishing days of its fishing days allocation for 2020 to Cuba. The above transfers are without prejudice to the effort allocation key, and are only for the year 2020 only. The 2020 catches under this interim regime will not create any catch history."

As this is an interim solution only for 2020, the European Union proposes that the Commission adopts at this meeting a mandate for the intersessional work that shall discuss a new fishing regime of Shrimp 3M stock, taking a broader view into other management options than fishing effort, such as quotas, periods, technical measures, reporting. The mandate would be to present the outcome of this inter-sessional work at the 2020 Annual Meeting. The Contracting Parties will need to submit their proposals at least one month before the intersessional meeting that will take place during late Spring 2020.

In order to facilitate the intersession works on possible fisheries management options for Shrimp 3M, the EU would like the Commission to ask the Scientific Council to advise on the possible sustainable management methods for this stock, including where possible quota, fishing effort, periods, reporting or other technical measures. The advice should be available before the end of 2019.

In addition, the Commission should propose that, if in 2020 based on available data total catch exceeds the level of maximum catch recommended by the Scientific Council (5,448 t), then the Commission shall at the 2020 Annual Meeting review the relevant management measures in place for Shrimp 3M, in order to develop additional appropriate measures, to ensure that total catches do not exceed the scientific advice.

The Commission also asks the Secretariat to make available on their website weekly information on used fishing days and catch uptake.