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Improving the basis for the long-term management of 3M Cod

- The Commission acknowledges that the Management Strategy Evaluation will resume when Scientific Council determines that conditions are such that there is a reasonable probability of success. The Commission supports the continuation of the technical work to solve the challenges posed by the strong variability observed in the stock dynamics and biological parameters.
- The Commission strongly recommends that all relevant Contracting Parties give high priority to dedicated research to improve scientific knowledge on the biological parameters and other aspects relevant to improving understanding of the dynamics of the stock.
- The Commission requests the Scientific Council to provide advice on gear, including sorting grids, area and time-based measures that can be used to protect and improve the productivity of the stock.
- The Commission requests STACTIC to consider the feasibility of introducing a requirement for the use of sorting grids in trawl fishery for 3M cod.

