



41st ANNUAL MEETING OF NAFO - SEPTEMBER 2019

Recommendations from the WG-BDS to forward to the NAFO Commission

The NAFO Commission Ad hoc Working Group to Reflect on the Rules Governing Bycatches, Discards and Selectivity (WG-BDS) in the NAFO Regulatory Area met in July 2019 (COM Doc. 19-05) and agreed on the following recommendations to forward to the NAFO Commission.

To support the continued full implementation of the Action Plan (COM Doc. 17-26), the WG-BDS recommends that:

- 1. That the Secretariat continue its analysis of bycatch and discard information to include all NAFO Annex I.A and Annex 1.B species as well as 3M Witch flounder and 3M Thorny skate.**
- 2. The Commission include in its request for advice at the 2019 Annual meeting, the tasks identified under Section 2.2, particularly on the identification of discard species/stocks listed in Annex I.A and Annex I.B of the NCEM with high survivability rates.**
- 3. The Chair of the WG-BDS continue to coordinate with the Chairs of SC and STACTIC on matters related to the implementation of the Action Plan.**

