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## **Recommendations from the WG-BDS**

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 via WebEx on 30 April 2020 (<u>COM Doc.</u> <u>20-04</u>) and agreed on the following recommendations:

## The WG-BDS agreed that:

- 1. The Secretariat conducts complementary analysis of the haul by haul data in accordance to the further guidance from the working group and in further support of Tasks 2.1 and 2.2 of the *NAFO Action Plan in the Management and Minimization of Bycatch and Discards*
- 2. The Commission includes in its SC request for advice at the 2020 Annual meeting, the tasks outlined in Tasks 3.1 and 3.2 of the NAFO Action Plan in the Management and Minimization of Bycatch and Discards (COM Doc. 17-26).