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[Adopted]**43rd ANNUAL MEETING OF NAFO - SEPTEMBER 2021****Bycatch limits for the "Others" quota – NAFO CEM Article 6.3.e****Background**

Article 6.2(c) of the NAFO Control and Enforcement Measures (CEM) includes within the definition of bycatch the species listed in Annex I.A where the "Others" quota for a particular stock has been fully utilized.

Article 6.3(c) requires each Contracting Party to ensure that its vessels limit the bycatch for stocks listed in Annex I.A where not specific quota has been allocated to the flag Contracting Party, to a maxima of 2500 kg or 10%, whichever the greater.

In accordance with Article 6.3(e) the bycatch limit of the "Others" quota is 1250 kg or 5%, whichever the greater, when the "Others" quota opened for that stock has been fully utilized.

The application of Article 6.3(e) has been that only the vessels of the Contracting Party notifying the use of the "Others" quota for directed fishery need to reduce the bycatch limit to 1250 kg or 5% once the "Others" quota has been fully utilized; while the vessels of other Contracting Parties without a quota for that stock remain subject to the limit of 2500 kg or 10% under Article 6.2(c).

In order to clarify this application, it is proposed to amend the wording in Article 6.3(e).

Proposal

In CEM Article 6.3(e), to amend the text as follows:

Limits for Species Listed in Annex I.A Retained on Board as Bycatch

3. *Each Contracting Party shall ensure that its vessels, including vessels chartered in accordance with Article 26, shall limit the retention of on board species classified as bycatch to the maxima specified below:*

[...]

*(e) when the "Others" quota opened for that stock has been fully utilized: 1250 kg or 5%, whichever is the greater, for ~~all the vessels of each~~ **those Contracting Parties** that notified the use of the "Others" quota in accordance with Article 5;*

