

**44th ANNUAL MEETING OF NAFO - SEPTEMBER 2022****Catch and Effort Limitations – Article 5 of the NAFO CEM****Background**

Article 5.5(i) of the NAFO Control and Enforcement Measures (CEM) establishes that each Contracting Party shall ensure that, after a closure of a fishery, no more fish of the stock concerned is retained on board the vessels entitled to fly its flag.

In the case of 3M redfish, Article 5.5(e) uses a different expression by prescribing the Contracting Party's obligation to "close its direct fisheries" for that stock. While this difference is relevant in the scenario of a 50% quota uptake (Art 5.5(d)), in the case of a 100% uptake the closure is expected to be consistent with Article 5.5(i).

Proposal

To clarify that the fishery closure of 3M redfish following a 100% quota uptake is subject to the prohibition to retain on board catches of this stock, it is proposed to delete the word "directed" in Article 5.5(e):

Article 5 – Catch and Effort Limitations

[...]

5. Each Contracting Party shall:

(e) close its ~~directed redfish~~ fishery ~~for in Division~~ 3M ~~redfish~~ at 24:00 UTC of the day the accumulated reported catch is estimated to reach 100% of the 3M redfish TAC, as notified in accordance with paragraph 15 (e) of this Article;

