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Decisions by the Fisheries Commission
on the Conservation and Enforcement
Measures in the Regulatory Area

- I. To amend: Part I - Management, Other Measures, item E
to read: Cod in Div. 3L

Noting differences that have been expressed on the subject of 2J3KL cod by Contracting Parties,

Noting the need to avoid prejudice to the legal position of any Contracting Party on this subject,

Noting the current moratorium that is being applied by Canada to the fishing of this stock,

Noting the available scientific advice,

Directed fisheries for this cod in Division 3L in the Regulatory Area shall not be permitted in 1995.

- II. To amend: Part I, - Management, Other Measures, items F & G
to read: Shrimp in Div. 3M and 3LNO

F. Vessels fishing for shrimp in Division 3M in 1995 shall use nets with a minimum mesh size of 40 mm.

Vessels fishing for shrimp in Division 3M in 1995 shall use sorting grids or grates with maximum spacing between the bars of 22 mm.

In the event that total by-catches of all regulated groundfish species in any haul exceed 5 percent by weight, vessels shall immediately change fishing area (minimum of 5 nautical miles) in order to seek to avoid further by-catches of regulated groundfish.

A Contracting Party shall ensure that its vessels fishing shrimp in Division 3M in 1995 are included in its implementation of the pilot project for a NAFO observer scheme, as outlined in Part VI of the Conservation and Enforcement Measures. A Contracting Party shall further deploy observers so as to ensure that a minimum of 10 percent of the Contracting Party's total estimated fishing days on ground for shrimp in Division 3M in 1995 are subject to observation.

G. Due to biological considerations, all Contracting Parties shall ensure that their vessels shall not conduct a directed fishery for shrimp in division 3LNO in 1995.

- III. To amend: Part VI-Pilot Project for a NAFO Observer Scheme
to modify: The Pilot Project shall be extended to 31 December 1995 and all dates in Part VI be modified accordingly.