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Decision of the Fisheries Commission on  
Items Referred to the Annual Meeting from the  
Special Fisheries Commission Meeting in June 1995  
(re Agenda item 9 and FC Working Paper 95/39)

The Fisheries Commission

Having considered the STACTIC Reports of the Special Meeting, 10-12 May 1995 and the Meeting of 08 June 1995; and

Noting its decisions for 1995 with respect to Greenland halibut in Subareas 2+3.

Noting FC Working Paper 95/16, Revision 1, agreed at its June 1995 Meeting

A. Adopts the following proposals for international measures of control and enforcement:

- Inspections (FC Doc. 95/12))
- Transmission of Information from Inspections (FC Doc. 95/11)
- Reporting of Catch on Board Fishing Vessels Entering and Exiting the Regulatory Area (FC Doc. 95/13)
- Mesh Size (FC Doc. 95/14)
- Port Inspections (FC Doc. 95/15)
- Effort Plans and Catch Reporting (FC Doc. 95/18)
- Infringements (FC Doc. 95/19)
- Follow-Up on Apparent Infringements (FC Doc. 95/16)
- Pilot Project for Observers and Satellite Tracking (FC Doc. 95/17)
- Minimum Fish Size (FC Doc. 95/9)
- Processed Length Equivalents (FC Doc. 95/10)



- F. decides to convene a STACTIC working group sufficiently in advance of the implementation of the Pilot Project with a view to examine the different satellite systems and their compatibility.
- G. decides to convene a Workshop for scientists and fishery managers in connection with the September 1996 Annual NAFO Meeting with a view to address the question of the applicability of discard rules/retention rules in the NRA in accordance with the attached terms of reference (FC Working Paper 95/37).

Attachment  
(FC Working Paper 95/37, Rev.)

**Workshop on the compatibility and applicability of discard/retention rules for conservation and utilization of fishery resources in the Northwest Atlantic.**

A workshop addressing the question of the compatibility and the applicability of discard/retention rules for conservation and utilization of fishery resources in the NCA will be convened immediately before the September 1996 Annual NAFO meeting. The purpose of this Workshop will be discussion among fishery biologists, economists, managers and enforcement specialists of the merits in the medium term of different approaches to discard/retention issues. Furthermore, discussion between biologists, managers and enforcement specialists will encourage dialogue on and increase the understanding of the impact of these different approaches on the conservation and utilization of fishery resources.

**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

- I. Review of current by-catch/juvenile rules in the Northwest Atlantic.
- II. Scope of the problem of by-catches of juveniles, high grading and non-targeted species
  - by-catches of juvenile fish:
    - occurrence of unavoidable catches of undersized fish in different fisheries (target species, area, season);
    - evaluation of potential catches of undersized fish and the impact thereof under different management systems.
  - by-catches of non-targeted fish:
    - existence of unregulated species justifying directed fisheries and impact thereof on regulated species (species, area, season);
    - evaluation of potential catches of non-targeted fish and impact thereof under different management systems.
- III. Applicability and enforceability of discard/retention rules
  - efficiency of different management and enforcement strategies used in the Northwest Atlantic in preventing the catch of juvenile fish and fish in excess of quota;
  - cost/benefit analysis of these strategies.
- IV. Compatibility of different management systems and corresponding enforcement strategies in the Northwest Atlantic.