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Management Measures for Shrimp in Div. 3M in 1998

NAFO CONSERVATION AND ENFORCEMENT MEASURES

REPLACE PART I.F with the following:

F. Other Measures - Management Measures for Shrimp in Div. 3M

1. Vessels fishing for shrimps in Division 3M in 1998 shall use nets with a minimum mesh size of 40 mm.
2. Vessels fishing for shrimp in Division 3M in 1998 shall use sorting grids or grates maximum spacing between the bars of 22 mm.
3. In the event that total by-catches of all regulated groundfish species in any haul exceed 5 percent by weight, vessel shall immediately change fishing area (minimum of 5 nautical miles) in order to seek to avoid further by-catches of regulated groundfish.
4. Each Contracting Party shall limit in 1998 the number of vessels fishing for shrimp in Div. 3M to the number that have participated in this fishery in the period from 1 January 1993 to 31 August 1995.

Each Contracting Party shall, in 1998, limit the number of fishing days by its vessels fishing for shrimp in Div. 3M to 90% of the maximum number of fishing days observed for their vessels in one of the years 1993, 1994 or 1995 (until 31 August 1995). However, for Contracting Parties with a track record, a minimum level of 400 fishing days is permitted.

Contracting Parties with no track record in the shrimp fishery may, in 1998, fish for shrimp with one vessel in 100 fishing days, and Contracting Parties with a smaller track record may in 1998 fish an equal number of days.

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Each Contracting Party shall communicate the number of fishing days to the Executive Secretary before 1 November 1997 that are available to that Contracting Party for 1998. The number of days shall be counted from the hail reports of vessels fishing for shrimp in Div. 3M and shall include the days of entry and exit from the Regulatory Area. In the case where vessels fishing for shrimp and other species on the same trip the number of days shall be counted from the day the vessel entered the shrimp fishery to the day the vessel ceased that fishery.

The Executive Secretary shall scrutinize the communications from the Contracting Parties, work with the relevant Contracting Parties if discrepancies are revealed, and by 1 December 1997 notify the number of vessels and fishing days applicable to all Contracting Parties.

Each Contracting Party shall in 1998 closely monitor its vessels fishing for shrimp and close the fishery when the number of fishing days available to that Party is exhausted.

The number of fishing days shall be counted from the hail reports of vessel fishing for shrimp and shall include the days of entry or moves into Div. 3M and the days of moves or exit from Div. 3M.

In the case where a vessel is fishing for shrimp and other species on the same trip, the change of fishery shall be hailed and the number of fishing days counted accordingly.

Fishing days are not transferable between Contracting Parties.