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Shrimp Fishery in Division 3L

Addition to the Conservation and Enforcement Measures:

J. Other Measures – Management Measures for Shrimp in Division 3L

Note: The following measures apply in Division 3L except that portion of Division 3L adjacent to 3M and defined in PART I-F-1 e) of the NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures.

1. The total allowable catch (TAC) of shrimp in Division 3L for 2000 and 2001 shall be set at 6,000t each year. Contracting Parties shall not conduct exploratory or research fisheries that take catch beyond that allocated to the Contracting Party.
2. 5,000t of the TAC shall be allocated to Canada to be fished within the Canadian zone and 1,000t shall be allocated within the NAFO Regulatory Area between all other Contracting Parties.
3. As a preliminary measure, the quota in the NAFO Regulatory Area shall be divided equally among all other Contracting Parties.
4. All fishing shall take place in depths greater than 200 meters. The NAFO Regulatory Area fishery shall be restricted to an area east of a line bound by the following co-ordinates: 46°00'N/47° 53'W, 46° 40'N/47° 20'W, 47° 19'N/47° 43'W.
5. Vessels fishing for shrimp in Division 3L in 2000 and 2001 shall use nets with a minimum mesh size of 40 mm.
6. Vessels fishing for shrimp in Division 3L in 2000 and 2001 shall use sorting grids or grates with a maximum bar spacing of 22 mm and the nets shall be equipped with toggle chains of a minimum 72 cm in length.

7. In the event that total by-catches of all regulated groundfish species in any haul exceed 2.5 percent by weight of the catch of shrimp, the vessel shall immediately change fishing area (minimum of 5 nautical miles) in order to seek to avoid further by-catches of regulated groundfish.
8. Every vessel fishing shrimp in Division 3L in the NAFO Regulatory Area are required to carry observers at all times while fishing.
9. In the NAFO Regulatory Area, each Contracting Party shall limit in 2000 and 2001 the number of vessels fishing for shrimp in Division 3L at any time to one vessel.
10. For vessels that fish shrimp in Division 3L each entry and exit from Division 3L shall require 24-hour prior notification to the Executive Secretary. All shrimp on board shall be reported to the Executive Secretary on entry and exit.
11. To minimize gear conflicts with other fisheries during the conduct of the 3L shrimp fishery in the NRA, shrimp fishing shall be permitted during the following periods: January 1 – March 31, July 1 – September 14, December 1 – December 31.
12. All shrimp harvested in Division 3L shall be packaged and labeled as harvested in this Division.
13. These management measures will be reviewed at the 2001 Annual Meeting.