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**Proposal to amend the NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures
Regarding Incidental Catch Limits**

Proposal:

Amend the NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures to add the following paragraph (f) to Part I A 5 Incidental Catch Limits

- (f) To avoid excessive incidental catch the following fishing strategy shall be implemented;
- (i) If the amount of incidental catch of any one species listed in Schedule I for which no quota has been allocated in that division to that Contracting Party, in any one haul exceeds 10% of the total catch of the other species in that haul, the vessel shall immediately change fishing area to reduce the incidental catch. The vessel must move a minimum 5 nautical miles from any position of the previous haul.
 - (ii) In cases where a ban on fishing is in force for any particular species or an "Others" quota for any species has been fully utilized, and the amount of incidental catch of this species in any one haul exceeds 5% of the total catch of other species in that haul, the vessel shall immediately change fishing area to reduce the incidental catch. The vessel must move a minimum 5 nautical miles from any position of the previous haul.
 - (iii) If any future haul exceeds the permitted incidental catch limit outlined in (i) or (ii) above, whichever is applicable, the vessel shall again immediately change fishing area to reduce the incidental catch. The vessel must move a minimum 5 nautical miles from any position of the previous hauls and shall not return to the area for at least 48 hours.