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PROTOCOL

for Determining Productivity of the Short-Finned Squid
Resource in NAFO Subareas 3+4

1. For year 2001, on the basis of scientific advice in the case of low productivity, the TAC will be set at 34,000t.
2. Should a Contracting Party have indication of a shift to high productivity levels, such as high abundance of squid during the 2001 fishing season, then the Contracting Party shall notify the NAFO Secretary, and provide a summary of the evidence signaling a shift in productivity regimes. A rapid mail vote (ten days) will be taken to seek approval of the Fisheries Commission to increase the TAC to 75,000t and will be distributed between the Contracting Parties as for year 1999.
3. This in-season protocol is operational in year 2001 as the Scientific Council seeks to provide advice on the level of TAC in high abundance years and the criteria which could be reliably used to forecast changes in productivity under an annual management regime. This in-season management regime could likely be improved if research could be intensified on various possible indices of productivity. Scientists are encouraged to further analyze available data toward developing other possible indicators that could be used under an in-season management regime for squid. Practical use of such indicators would require that they be available as early in the season as possible.