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**Proposal from Denmark in respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland  
Amendment to time restrictions for 3L shrimp fishery (CEM Art. 12.1)  
(Adopted)**

Introduction

Without prejudice to the objection to the Division of shrimp in NAFO 3L lodged by Denmark in respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland in accordance with Article XII of the NAFO Convention, the following amendment to the time restrictions in Division 3L is proposed. In this connection it should be noted that, since objecting to the division of the TAC for 3L shrimp, which DFG considers to be a temporary measure not an allocation as is otherwise NAFO practice, DFG has nevertheless refrained from objecting to the restrictions on time and number of vessels in 3L which are provided for in the Conservation and Enforcement Measures.

Explanatory remarks

It has now been several years since the existing time restrictions for 3L, specifically Article 12, paragraphs 1) and 2) of the Conservation and Enforcement Measures, were adopted by the Fisheries Commission (1999). In the meantime the fishery has developed and the agreed TAC for this fishery has increased from 6000 t in 2000, to 13,000 t in 2003, to the present 22,000 t for 2006. The scientific, conservation and management basis of current time restrictions is unclear.

Given that NAFO's stated management objective for the shrimp fishery in this area is to provide for its gradual development, it would be consistent with these objectives to relax the associated time restrictions in line with developments. This would allow the fisheries sectors of all Parties with a real interest in this resource greater flexibility in the planning of their activities throughout the year.

Under existing CEM restrictions, Division 3L is closed to shrimp fishery from 1 April to 30 June and again from 15 September to 1 December, a total of 5 ½ months. The proposal from DFG would extend the period in which 3L is open by 2½ months (ie the period from 16 September to 30 November), thus allowing better fishing opportunities in the fall/spring period of the year, when the quality of the resource in the area is better than in the summer period.

**Proposal for amendment of Conservation and Enforcement Measures:**

Article 12:

1.           3L           Fishing is prohibited:           1 April - 30 June