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**Follow-up by the Working Group of Fishery Managers and Scientists
(Proposal by Canada, EU and Norway)**

In 2006, the United National General Assembly (UNGA) in its Sustainable Fisheries Resolution 61/105 called for States and Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs) to adopt conservation and management measures in order to prevent significant adverse impacts on vulnerable marine ecosystems.

Mindful of the work of the FAO in facilitating the development of international guidelines for the management of deep-sea fisheries operating in the high seas that call for mapping of existing bottom fisheries;

Noting the NCEM of 2008 that called for Contracting Parties to submit comprehensive maps of existing fishing areas to the Executive Secretary for the purpose of producing a map illustrating the combined bottom fishing areas within the NRA (Chapter 1bis, Article 2bis); and

Recognizing the very significant work of the NAFO Secretariat in processing the submissions of the Contracting Parties and preparing a footprint map for review by the Scientific Council pursuant to the above.

Proposal

It is proposed that, prior to the 2010 NAFO Annual meeting, the Working Group of Fisheries Managers and Scientists (WGFMS) undertake and report back to Fisheries Commission on the following:

1. Further review of data collection in exploratory and existing fishing areas;
2. Further examination of the delineation of the Fishing Footprint based on the work undertaken by the NAFO Executive Secretariat and tabled in FC Working Paper 09/01 (Revised);
3. Review and update Chapter Ibis to reflect the work that has now been completed; and
4. Further review of fishery assessment guidelines.