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Proposal for a Reassessment of the Impacts of NAFO Managed Fisheries on Known or Likely Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems

Whereas assessments of the impacts of NAFO managed fisheries on known or likely vulnerable marine ecosystems were carried out by the deadline agreed to in United Nations General Assembly Resolution 61-105;

Whereas Article 4bis, paragraphs 2i, 2iii, and 5 of Chapter 1bis outline the assessment of such fishery impacts and the circumstances that would warrant reassessments;

Whereas the Scientific Council has provided in 2011 some information on the timing and frequency of reassessments;

The Fisheries Commission resolves that:

- 1) In accordance with Article 4bis 5, the Scientific Council, in collaboration with the Working Group of Fishery Managers and Scientist on Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems (WGFMS-VME), will conduct a reassessment of NAFO bottom fisheries by 2016 and every five years thereafter;
- 2) In accordance with Article 4bis 2iii, the reassessment will include advice from the Scientific Council whether bottom fisheries would have significant adverse impacts on vulnerable marine ecosystems;
- 3) In accordance with Article 4bis 3, the WGFMS-VME will examine the advice on the reassessments and make recommendations to the Fisheries Commission, in accordance with its mandate; and
- 4) The Scientific Council be requested to develop a workplan for completing the initial reassessment and identifying the resources and information needed to do so.