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(Adopted)**33rd ANNUAL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 2011****Thorny skate in Division 3LNO**

Mindful of the commitment of the EU, US and Canada to take action for the conservation of thorny skate at the 2011 Annual Meeting;

Noting the 2010 advice of the Scientific Council recommending that catches should not exceed 5 000 tons, which was reiterated in 2011;

Noting the current level of catches of around 5 000 tons for 2010 and the current distribution of allocations;

Noting that, in addition, such a reduction is likely to lead to a level of catches under 5 000 tons given the current fishing pattern of the Contracting Parties;

Bearing in mind that the next Scientific Council advice for this stock will be issued in 2012;

It is recommended:

1/ to reduce the TAC for 3LNO thorny skate to 8 500 tons for 2012;

2/ to review this TAC in 2012 in line with the available scientific advice on this stock.

| | Tons | % |
|-----------------|--------------|---------|
| Canada | 1417 | 16,67 % |
| European Union | 5352 | 62,96 % |
| Russia | 1417 | 16,67 % |
| Others | 315 | 3,70 % |
| 2012 TAC | 8 500 | 100 % |