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White Hake in Divisions 3NO

Recalling that white hake came under quota regulation when NAFO, at its Annual Meeting in 2004, set a Total Allowable Catch (TAC) of 8,500 metric tons for 2005-2007 in Div. 3NO;

Noting that NAFO agreed to a directional reduction in the TAC for white hake in Divisions 3NO to a level of 6,000 metric tons in 2009, which was further reduced to 5,000 metric tons at the 2011 NAFO Annual Meeting;

Observing that current catches of white hake are well below recent quotas (129 metric tons in 2011) and subject to high variability with occasional spikes in the availability of fish in this fishery;

Resolve to adopt a TAC for 3NO white hake at 1,000 metric tons for 2013 consistent with the most recent advice provided by the Scientific Council to maintain catch at current levels.

Should a Contracting Party experience higher than normal catches per unit of effort (CPUE) and conclude that a shift to high availability levels of white hake during the fishing season - such as what apparently was the case in 2002 and 2003 - is taking place, then that Contracting Party shall notify the Executive Secretary. Upon this notification, the TAC is increased to 5,000 metric tons. The Executive Secretary shall notify all Contracting Parties of the increased TAC.

Within one month that Contracting Party shall submit a summary of evidence for its conclusion (higher than normal CPUE and any other additional relevant information). On this basis, a mail vote will be submitted to the Fisheries Commission as to whether an exceptional increase in the availability of fish occurs.

In case of a positive vote, the TAC is confirmed to be 5,000 metric tons. In case of a negative vote, the TAC is 1,000 metric tons and catches between the notification of high availability and the notification to Contracting Parties of the result of the vote will not be accounted for the catch limitation provided in Article 5 of the NCEM.