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**Definition of Mid-water Trawl**

**Background:**

There are several references in the NCEM to the use of mid-water trawl. For clarity, it is necessary to define a mid-water trawl. The following text is proposed for definition of a mid-water trawl.

In accordance with Definition and classification of fishing gear categories *FAO Fisheries Technical Paper ISSN 0429-9345 Rev.222* point 3.2.1. “Mid-water otter trawls are towed by a single boat. The horizontal opening of the net is controlled by otter boards, usually of a hydrodynamic shape, which normally do not touch the ground.

**Proposed Amendment:**

New text of Article 13.2.f):

“ 90 mm for redfish (RED) in the fishery using mid-water trawls in Division 3O and 3M. Within this fishery mid-water trawl means trawl gear that is designed to fish for pelagic species, no portion of which is designed to be or is operated in contact with the bottom at any time. The gear shall not include discs, bobbins or rollers on its footrope or any other attachments designed to make contact with the bottom. The trawl may have chafing gear attached