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(Adopted)**36<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 2014****Reopening of Witch Flounder in Divisions 3NO**

*Recalling* that Witch flounder in Divisions 3NO has been under moratorium to directed fishing since 1995;

*Reaffirming* the commitment by Fisheries Commission and Contracting Parties to develop a rebuilding strategy for this stock as noted in the 2013 Recommendations from the WGFMS-CPRS to the Fisheries Commission (FC Doc 13/29);

*Noting* the 2014 Scientific Council advice which indicates that the biomass of 3NO Witch flounder has increased since 2010 and has been estimated to be at or above Blim since 2011;

*Mindful* that recent catch of this stock have been about 300-400t and that SC has advised that increases from the current level should be gradual; and

*Recalling* the reopening procedures for 3LN redfish and 3M cod, where the allocation scheme was based on the scheme of the Quota Table the year before the moratorium was declared, noting FC WP 07/03.

**It is *recommended* that:**

1. A TAC for 3NO Witch flounder be set at 1 000t\* for 2015 only, and with quotas as in effect in 1994, the year before the moratorium was declared;
2. The WG-RBMS undertake, at its meeting in 2015, to develop a RBMS for this stock; and;
3. Article 6.3 (a) be amended to include 3NO Witch flounder.

Contracting Party	2015 TAC (t)	% of 3NO Witch Flounder TAC
Canada	600	60.00
Russian Federation	257	25.73
European Union	133	13.27
Other	10	1