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Resolution (1)

Resolution relating to administrative and financial arrangements for NAFO, adopted by the General Council on 9 March 1979.

The General Council,

Noting the need for administrative and financial arrangements for NAFO, and

Having considered the Report of the Working Group on Finance and Administration,

Adopts the following arrangements:

- (1) that the Executive Secretary of ICNAF be appointed with effect from today as the Executive Secretary of NAFO on the understanding that he will continue to act at the same time as Executive Secretary of ICNAF at least until 31 December 1979 and that as Executive Secretary of NAFO he receive no remuneration for 1979;
- (2) that the Executive Secretary be authorized to appoint the staff of the ICNAF Secretariat as staff of NAFO's Secretariat on the understanding that this staff will continue to act at the same time as staff of ICNAF's Secretariat at least until 31 December 1979 and that as NAFO's Secretariat they receive no remuneration for 1979;
- (3) that pending the adoption of financial regulations the Executive Secretary of NAFO be authorized to receive into a NAFO account all contributions in respect of NAFO and to pay any expenses of NAFO including an administrative fee for any services provided to NAFO by the ICNAF Secretariat;
- (4) that all assets and liabilities of ICNAF as of 31 December 1979 shall be assumed by NAFO effective 1 January 1980;
- (5) that the Executive Secretary of NAFO be instructed to prepare and circulate for consideration at the Annual Meeting of NAFO a budget estimate for the financial year 1980;
- (6) that the President of the Organization be requested to approach the Government of Canada for the purpose of appointing the Auditor General of Canada, who is the present auditor for ICNAF, to be the external auditor for NAFO; and
- (7) that the President of the Organization be requested to approach the Government of Canada for the purpose of obtaining the same privileges and immunities as granted to ICNAF for the new Organization (NAFO) in order that NAFO may enjoy the maximum benefits permissible under existing domestic laws and regulations.

Proposed: 9 March 1979 (Proc. March 1979 Meeting, p. 11-12)

In force: 9 March 1979

Resolution (2)

Resolution relating to vessels of non-Member countries operating in the Regulatory Area, adopted by the Fisheries Commission on 7 June 1979.

The Fisheries Commission

Noting that, in 1978 and 1979, vessels flying the flags of Panama, Venezuela, and Mexico have fished in the Regulatory Area,

Noting that Panama, Venezuela, and Mexico are not Members of the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries or the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization, and that the vessels in question have operated outside the conservation regime established by the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries and the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization,

Noting that the fish stocks of the Regulatory Area are, at present, being fully utilized by Members of the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries and the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization,

Noting, in consequence, that fishing by states which are not Members of the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries or the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization represents a serious threat to conservation in the Regulatory Area,

Noting that the vessels in question have links with Members of the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries or the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization and, in particular, that at least some of these vessels are owned either wholly or in part by fishing interests in Member Countries, and that at least some of the catch of these vessels is landed in Member Countries,

Resolves:

- (1) that all Members of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization be called upon to take all practicable steps to prevent arrangements between their nationals and vessels flying the flags of States which are not Members of the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries or the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization, where such arrangements involve fishing by such vessels in the Regulatory Area, and
- (2) that the President of the Organization be requested to inform Mexico, Panama, and Venezuela of the difficulties created by fishing vessels flying their flags with regard to the conservation of the stocks of the Regulatory Area.

Proposed: 7 June 1979 (Proc. June 1979 Meeting, p. 107)

In force: 7 June 1979

Resolution (3)

Resolution concerning the establishment of a Scientific Observer Scheme, adopted by the Fisheries Commission on 7 June 1979.

The Fisheries Commission,

Noting the adoption by the Scientific Council of a report supporting the establishment of an international scientific observer program with respect to fisheries in the Convention Area,

Considering that it would be desirable to improve scientific knowledge of the status of fish stocks in the Regulatory Area, through the establishment of an international scientific observer program,

Hereby Resolves that Parties whose vessels have been conducting fisheries in the Regulatory Area, within the framework established by multilateral fisheries conventions applicable to this Area, be called upon to develop an international scientific observer program, commencing in 1979, on a voluntary basis. The following guidelines are recommended for the establishment of such a program through bilateral discussions:

- (1) Parties interested in participating in this program would develop mutually satisfactory arrangements on a bilateral basis in order to facilitate the implementation of this program.
- (2) At the request of the authorities of a Party participating in this program, in accordance with logistic arrangements made on a bilateral basis, the participating Party to which the request is addressed would arrange to have vessels under its jurisdiction that have been identified in these arrangements, and are operating in the Regulatory Area, accept on board scientific observers designated by the requesting Party.
- (3) Transportation of scientific observers to and from fishing vessels will be the responsibility of the observers' authorities, and may be effected by their inspection vessels designated under the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries or the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization Schemes of Joint International Enforcement, or directly between fishing vessels. Arrangements, including those concerning the transportation and boarding of observers, shall be organized so as to minimize interference with fishing operations, and, for example, in no case shall a fishing vessel be obliged to change its course pursuant to this program. Arrangements will be made for messages to be sent and received on behalf of the observer using the vessel's radio equipment and operator. Any expenses involved in such communication will be borne by the observers' authorities.
- (4) The masters of fishing vessels receiving scientific observers will ensure that such observers are granted full cooperation upon boarding, including accommodation and meals.
- (5) Scientific observers participating in the program will carry insurance satisfactory to the Parties concerned, either at their own expense, or as provided by their own authorities.
- (6) The participating Parties will establish, on a bilateral basis, the terms of reference for the scientific observers placed on board vessels pursuant to bilateral arrangements. The scientific observers will provide to the relevant masters, a copy of such records prepared by the observers, that the masters wish to retain.
- (7) The scientific observers will submit at the first opportunity, through their authorities to the authorities of the relevant fishing vessels, a copy of all scientific data records.

NOTE: The Fisheries Commission requests that the General Council transmit this Resolution to Parties to the International Convention for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries which are not Parties to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries.

Proposed: 7 June 1979 (Proc. June 1979 Meeting, p. 108)

In force: 7 June 1979

Resolution (4)

Resolution concerning modification of the western boundary of Subarea 1 of the Convention Area (amends Annex III of the Convention), adopted by the General Council on 7 June 1979 (to be effective 1 January 1980).

The General Council

Noting the resolution of the Scientific Council of March 1979 concerning the proposed amendment;

Noting that the external limits of the Canadian and Danish fishing zones, respectively, in the area between Canada and Greenland up to 75° North latitude coincide;

Noting that the western boundary of NAFO Subarea 1 approximates to, but does not follow, the coinciding limits in the area;

Noting that the difference between the western boundary of NAFO Subarea 1 and the coinciding limits creates difficulties for the coastal states concerned in the assignment of catches to their respective areas of jurisdiction; and

Acting pursuant to Article XX, paragraph 2 of the Convention, hereby decides that the western boundary of Subarea 1 be modified effective 1 January 1980 to conform to the coinciding limits in the area by amending Annex III to the Convention so that the description of Subarea 0 contained in paragraph 1 (a) and the description of Subarea 1 in paragraph 2 (a) of the Annex read as follows:

1 (a) Subarea 0

That portion of the Convention Area bounded on the south by a line extending due east from a point at 61°00' north latitude and 65°00' west longitude to a point at 61°00' north latitude and 59°00' west longitude, thence in a southeasterly direction along a rhumb line to a point at 60°12' north latitude and 57°13' west longitude; thence bounded on the east by a series of geodisic lines joining the following points:

Point No.	Latitude	Longitude	Point No.	Latitude	Longitude	Point No.	Latitude	Longitude
1	60°12'0	57°13'0	40	67°28'3	57°55'3	79	71°31'8	62°32'0
2	61°00'0	57°13'1	41	67°29'1	57°56'1	80	71°32'9	62°33'5
3	62°00'5	57°21'1	42	67°30'7	57°57'8	81	71°44'7	62°49'6
4	62°02'3	57°21'8	43	67°35'3	58°02'2	82	71°47'3	62°53'1
5	62°03'5	57°22'2	44	67°39'7	58°06'2	83	71°52'9	63°03'9
6	62°11'5	57°25'4	45	67°44'2	58°09'9	84	72°01'7	63°21'1
7	62°47'2	57°41'0	46	67°56'9	58°19'8	85	72°06'4	63°30'9
8	63°22'8	57°57'4	47	68°01'8	58°23'3	86	72°11'0	63°41'0
9	63°28'6	57°59'7	48	68°04'3	58°25'0	87	72°24'8	64°13'2
10	63°35'0	58°02'0	49	68°06'8	58°26'7	88	72°30'5	64°26'1
11	63°37'2	58°01'2	50	68°07'5	58°27'2	89	72°36'3	64°38'8
12	63°44'1	57°58'8	51	68°16'1	58°34'1	90	72°43'7	64°54'3
13	63°50'1	57°57'2	52	68°21'7	58°39'0	91	72°45'7	64°58'4
14	63°52'6	57°56'6	53	68°25'3	58°42'4	92	72°47'7	65°00'9
15	63°57'4	57°53'5	54	68°32'9	59°01'8	93	72°50'8	65°07'6
16	64°04'3	57°49'1	55	68°34'0	59°04'6	94	73°18'5	66°08'3
17	64°12'2	57°48'2	56	68°37'9	59°14'3	95	73°25'9	66°25'3
18	65°06'0	57°44'1	57	68°38'0	59°14'6	96	73°31'1	67°15'1
19	65°08'9	57°43'9	58	68°56'8	60°02'4	97	73°36'5	68°05'5
20	65°11'6	57°44'4	59	69°00'8	60°09'0	98	73°37'9	68°12'3
21	65°14'5	57°45'1	60	69°06'8	60°18'5	99	73°41'7	68°29'4
22	65°18'1	57°45'8	61	69°10'3	60°23'8	100	73°46'1	68°48'5
23	65°23'3	57°44'9	62	69°12'8	60°27'5	101	73°46'7	68°51'1
24	65°34'8	57°42'3	63	69°29'4	60°51'6	102	73°52'3	69°11'3
25	65°37'7	57°41'9	64	69°49'8	60°58'2	103	73°57'6	69°31'5
26	65°50'9	57°40'7	65	69°55'3	60°59'6	104	74°02'2	69°50'3
27	65°51'7	57°40'6	66	69°55'8	61°00'0	105	74°02'6	69°52'0
28	65°57'6	57°40'1	67	70°01'6	61°04'2	106	74°06'1	70°06'6
29	66°03'5	57°39'6	68	70°07'5	61°08'1	107	74°07'5	70°12'5
30	66°12'9	57°38'2	69	70°08'8	61°08'8	108	74°10'0	70°23'1
31	66°18'8	57°37'8	70	70°13'4	61°10'6	109	74°12'5	70°33'7
32	66°24'6	57°37'8	71	70°33'1	61°17'4	110	74°24'0	71°25'7
33	66°30'3	57°38'3	72	70°35'6	61°20'6	111	74°28'6	71°45'8
34	66°36'1	57°39'2	73	70°48'2	61°37'9	112	74°44'2	72°53'0
35	66°37'9	57°39'6	74	70°51'8	61°42'7	113	74°50'6	73°02'8
36	66°41'8	57°40'6	75	71°12'1	62°09'1	114	75°00'0	73°16'3
37	66°49'5	57°43'0	76	71°18'9	62°17'5	115	75°05'	73°30'
38	67°21'6	57°52'7	77	71°25'9	62°25'5			
39	67°27'3	57°54'9	78	71°29'4	62°29'3			

and thence due north to the parallel of 78°10' north latitude; and bounded on the west by a line beginning at 61°00' north latitude and 65°00' west longitude and extending in a northwesterly direction along a rhumb line to the coast of Baffin Island at East Bluff (61°55' north latitude and 66°20' west longitude), and thence in a northerly direction along the coast of Baffin Island, Bylot Island, Devon Island and Ellesmere Island and following the meridian of 80° west longitude in the

waters between those islands to 78°10' north latitude; and bounded on the north by the parallel of 78°10' north latitude.

2 (a) Subarea 1

That portion of the Convention Area lying to the east of Subarea 0 and to the north and east of a rhumb line joining a point at 60°12' north latitude and 57°13' west longitude with a point at 52°15' north latitude and 42°00' west longitude.

Proposed: 7 June 1979 (Proc. June 1979 Meeting, p. 71-72)

In force: 1 January 1980

Resolution (1/81)

Resolution expressing serious concern at the activities of Spanish vessels and inviting Spain to adhere to the Convention, adopted by the Fisheries Commission on 26 June 1981.

Whereas the Fisheries Commission has provided special reservations for Spain in 1981 on the understanding that Spanish vessels would act in conformity with all NAFO conservation and enforcement regulations, and would participate in the NAFO Scientific Observer Scheme;

Whereas NAFO inspectors have reported recurrent violations by Spanish vessels of NAFO regulations by, inter alia, maintaining log records which do not correspond with the amounts of fish on board or refusing to allow full inspections of vessels to compare the amount of fish on board with log records of catches;

Whereas Spain has not implemented the NAFO Scientific Observer Scheme;

Whereas the number of Spanish vessels fishing in NAFO Divisions 3M and 3NO and the catches taken by vessels inspected would suggest that the special reservations allocated to Spain have been exhausted:

THE FISHERIES COMMISSION OF THE NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANIZATION:

CALLS UPON the Government of Spain to ensure that Spanish vessels cease fishing for cod in NAFO Divisions 3M and 3NO immediately;

DRAWS THE ATTENTION of the Government of Spain to the fact that any future allocations for Spain will be dependent upon a formal commitment from Spain to conform with all NAFO conservation and enforcement regulations and to implement the NAFO Scientific Observer Scheme;

INVITES the Government of Spain to take steps to become party to the NAFO Convention as soon as possible in order to participate fully in the conservation and in the rational utilization of the stocks in the NAFO Regulatory Area.

Proposed: 26 June 1981

In force: 26 June 1981

Resolution (1/85)

Resolution concerning reporting on catches and scientific sampling, adopted by the Fisheries Commission on 13 September 1985.

THE FISHERIES COMMISSION calls on all its Members to follow the reporting requirements of NAFO Rules and Regulations (as contained in the provisions concerning management in NAFO document FC 82/IX/13 - Conservation and Enforcement Measures - Part I.C) and comply with the sampling requirements which have been established by the Scientific Council.

Proposed: 13 September 1985

In force: 13 September 1985

Resolution (1/86)

Resolution of the General Council of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization Concerning Modification of Statistical Boundary between Subareas 4 and 5 of the Convention Area. (amends Annex III of the Convention) adopted by the General Council on 12 September 1987(in force 09 October 1987).

5(a) Subarea 4

That portion of the Convention Area lying north of the parallel of 39°00' north latitude, to the west of Subarea 3, and to the east of a line described as follows:

beginning at the terminus of the international boundary between the United States of America and Canada in Grand Manan Channel, at a point at 44°46' 35.346" north latitude; 66°54' 11.253" west longitude; thence due south to the parallel of 43°50' north latitude; thence due west to the meridian of 67°24'27.24" west longitude; thence along a geodetic line in a southwesterly direction to a point at 42°53'14" north latitude and 67°44'35" west longitude; thence along a geodetic line in a southeasterly direction to a point at 42°31'08" north latitude and 67°28'05" west longitude; thence along a geodetic line to a point at 42°20' north latitude and 67°18'13.15" west longitude;

thence due east to a point in 66°00' west longitude; thence along a rhumb line in a southeasterly direction to a point at 42°00' north latitude and 65°40' west longitude and thence due south to the parallel of 39°00' north latitude.

5(b) Subarea 4 is composed of six Divisions:**Division 4R**

That portion of the Subarea lying between the coast of Newfoundland from Cape Bauld to Cape Ray and a line described as follows: beginning at Cape Bauld, thence due north to the parallel of 52°15' north latitude, thence due west to the Labrador coast, thence along the Labrador coast to the terminus of the Labrador-Quebec boundary, thence along a rhumb line in a southwesterly direction to a point at 49°25' north latitude, 60°00' west longitude, thence due south to a point at 47°50' north latitude, 60°00' west longitude, thence along a rhumb line in a southeasterly direction to the point at which the boundary of Subarea 3 intersects the straight line joining Cape North, Nova Scotia with Cape Ray, Newfoundland, thence to Cape Ray, Newfoundland;

Division 4S

That portion of the Subarea lying between the south coast of Quebec from the terminus of the Labrador Quebec boundary to Pte. des Monts and a line described as follows: beginning at Pte. des Monts, thence due east to a point at 49°25' north latitude, 64°40' west longitude, thence along a rhumb line in an east-southeasterly direction to a point at 47°50' north latitude, 60°00' west

longitude, thence due north to a point at 49°25' north latitude, 60°00' west longitude, thence along a rhumb line in a northeasterly direction to the terminus of the Labrador-Quebec boundary;

Division 4T

That portion of the Subarea lying between the coasts of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Quebec from Cape North to Pte. des Monts and a line described as follows: beginning at Pte. des Monts, thence due east to a point at 49°25' north latitude, 64°40' west longitude, thence along a rhumb line in a southeasterly direction to a point at 47°50' north latitude, 60°00' west longitude, thence along a rhumb line in a southerly direction to Cape North, Nova Scotia;

Division 4V

That portion of the Subarea lying between the coast of Nova Scotia between Cape North and Fourchu and a line described as follows: beginning at Fourchu, thence along a rhumb line in an easterly direction to a point at 45°40' north latitude, 60°00' west longitude, thence due south along the meridian of 60°00' west longitude to the parallel of 44°10' north latitude, thence due east to the meridian of 59°00' west longitude, thence due south to the parallel of 39°00' north latitude, thence due east to a point where the boundary between Subareas 3 and 4 meets the parallel of 39°00' north latitude, thence along the boundary between Subareas 3 and 4 and a line continuing in a northwesterly direction to a point at 47°50' north latitude, 60°00' west longitude, and thence along a rhumb line in a southerly direction to Cape North, Nova Scotia;

Division 4V is divided into two Subdivisions:

4Vn – Northern Subdivision – That portion of Division 4V lying north of the parallel of 45°40' north latitude;

4Vs – Southern Subdivision – That portion of Division 4V lying south of the parallel of 45°40' north latitude.

Division 4W

That portion of the Subarea lying between the coast of Nova Scotia from Halifax to Fourchu and a line described as follows: beginning at Fourchu, thence along a rhumb line in an easterly direction to a point at 45°40' north latitude, 60°00' west longitude, thence due south along the meridian of 60°00' west longitude to the parallel of 44°10' north latitude, thence due east to the meridian of 59°00' west longitude, thence due south to the parallel of 39°00' north latitude, thence due west to the meridian of 63°20' west longitude, thence due north to a point on that meridian at 44°20' north latitude, thence along a rhumb line in a northwesterly direction to Halifax, Nova Scotia;

Division 4X

That portion of the Subarea lying between the western boundary of Subarea 4 and the coasts of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia from the terminus of the boundary between New Brunswick and Maine to Halifax, and a line described as follows: beginning at Halifax, thence along a rhumb line in a southeasterly direction to a point at 44°20' north latitude, 63°20' west longitude, thence due south to the parallel of 39°00' north latitude, and thence due west to the meridian of 65°40' west longitude.

6(a) Subarea 5

That portion of the Convention Area lying to the west of the western boundary of Subarea 4, to the north of the parallel of 39°00' north latitude, and to the east of the meridian of 71°40' west longitude.

6(b) Subarea 5 is composed of two Divisions:

Division 5Y

That portion of the Subarea lying between the coasts of Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts from the border between Maine and New Brunswick to 70°00' west longitude on Cape Cod (at approximately 42° north latitude) and a line described as follows: beginning at a point on Cape Cod at 70° west longitude (at approximately 42° north latitude), thence due north to 42°20' north latitude, thence due east to 67°18'13.15" west longitude at the boundary of Subareas 4 and 5, and thence along that boundary to the boundary of Canada and the United States;

Division 5Z

That portion of the Subarea lying to the south and east of Division 5Y.

Division 5Z is divided into two Subdivisions: an eastern Subdivision and a western Subdivision defined as follows:

5Ze – Eastern Subdivision – That portion of Division 5Z lying east of the meridian of 70°00' west longitude;

5Zw – Western Subdivision – That portion of Division 5Z lying west of the meridian of 70°00' west longitude.

Proposed: 12 September 1987

In force: 9 October 1987, by unanimous decision of the General Council and assent from the observer from the U.S.A. on 18 September 1987

Resolution (1/88)

Resolution regarding reporting of provisional monthly catches by species and stock area, adopted by the Fisheries Commission on 10 February 1988.

Whereas in 1982 the Fisheries Commission adopted Conservation and Enforcement Measures;

Whereas Part I, Section C, 3(a) of these Measures requires each Contracting Party to report to the Executive Secretary, within 30 days following the calendar month in which catches are made, provisional monthly catches by species and stock area;

Whereas the implementation of this obligation requires the Contracting Parties to have procedures through which they obtain regular catch reports from their fishing vessels during their fishing operations in the Regulatory Area to ensure proper in-season management of the fishery resources;

Recognizing that for Contracting Parties whose vessels fish in the Regulatory Area in January, the 1st report of the year is required within thirty days of the end of January;

The Contracting Parties represented at the meeting of the Fisheries Commission undertake to take the necessary measures to comply with the reporting requirements of the NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures.

Proposed: 10 February 1988

In force: 10 February 1988

Resolution (2/88)

Resolution determining the date on which the proposal establishing the modified Scheme of Joint International Enforcement to be entitled "Scheme of Joint International Inspection" shall become a measure binding on all Contracting Parties, adopted by the Fisheries Commission on 10 February 1988.

Whereas in Article XVIII of the International Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries the Contracting Parties have agreed to maintain in force and to implement within the Regulatory Area a scheme of joint international enforcement;

Whereas the Fisheries Commission, pursuant to paragraph 5 of Article XI of the Convention, has adopted a proposal for modifications to the Scheme and to Part I of the NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures in accordance with the Annex* to this Resolution;

Whereas the Fisheries Commission has agreed that the modified scheme of joint international enforcement, now to be entitled "Scheme of Joint International Inspection", and the modification to Part I of the NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures, shall come into force only if they are binding in their entirety on all Contracting Parties;

Whereas the proposal adopted by the Fisheries Commission shall now be transmitted by the Executive Secretary to all Contracting Parties pursuant to paragraph 6 of Article XI of the Convention;

The Fisheries Commission hereby resolves, pursuant to paragraph 7 of Article XI of the Convention, that the proposal it has adopted shall become a measure binding on all Contracting Parties ninety days after the date of transmittal specified in the notification of the proposal by the Executive Secretary unless a Contracting Party presents to the Executive Secretary an objection to the proposal pursuant to paragraph 1 of Article XII of the Convention, in which case the proposal shall not become a measure binding on any Contracting Party.

*See NAFO/FC Doc. 88/1

Proposed: 10 February 1988

In force: 10 February 1988

Resolution (3/88)

Resolution urging the Contracting Parties to continue and improve the Annual Scientific Program, requesting the same Contracting Parties and the Executive Secretary to urge non-members of NAFO to cooperate with the program and requesting the Scientific Council to evaluate at the 1989 Annual Meeting the progress of the program, adopted by the Fisheries Commission.

The Fisheries Commission,

Recalling its decision at the Ninth Annual Meeting to establish an Annual Scientific Observer Program in order to improve scientific knowledge on the status of the fish stocks in the Regulatory Area, and its request that the Scientific Council prepare a report for the 1988 Annual Meeting, and,

Noting the response of the Scientific Council, contained in particular in FC Doc. 88/05 but also in SCS Doc. 88/19 and SCS Doc. 88/20,

Accepts the Scientific Council recommendation that existing scientific surveys be continued and that any new research efforts be addressed towards completing scientific objectives currently in place;

Urges those Contracting Parties which have not recently conducted research surveys to resume such work;

Calls upon Contracting Parties to ensure the provision to NAFO of complete and accurate statistical reports regarding catches, discards and directed fishing efforts, so as to rectify the information deficiencies outlined in FC Doc. 88/05;

Calls also upon Contracting Parties to improve and extend biological sampling of stocks in the Regulatory Area by specialized personnel, either unilaterally or through bilateral cooperative program where appropriate, in order to rectify the information deficiencies outlined in FC Doc. 88/05;

Requests the Executive Secretary and Contracting Parties individually to contact non-members of NAFO, whose nationals fish in the Regulatory Area, to request them to provide NAFO with complete and accurate statistical reports and to cooperate fully with the NAFO Scientific Program; and,

Requests the Scientific Council to evaluate the progress of this program in a report at the 1989 Annual Meeting.

Proposed: 15 September 1988

In force: 15 September 1988

Resolution (4/88)

Resolution calling on all Contracting Parties to avoid excessive or inappropriate use of the objection procedure, adopted by the General Council on 16 September 1988.

The General Council,

Recalling the obligations inscribed in the Law of the Sea Convention of 1982, as regards international cooperation to provide for the conservation, and optimum utilization of the living resources of the sea;

Bearing in mind that the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries (NAFO) was born out of a desire to promote the conservation and optimum utilization of the living resources of the Northwest Atlantic area;

Recalling that the Convention provides that the object of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization shall be to contribute through consultation and cooperation to the optimum utilization, rational management and conservation of the living resources of the NAFO Convention Area;

Noting that the Convention provides that the Fisheries Commission shall be responsible for the management and conservation of the fishery resources of the Regulatory Area, and that the Commission exercises this responsibility inter alia, by adopting proposals for the establishment of total allowable catch limits and the allocation to Contracting Parties of quotas in the Regulatory Area;

Noting the annual adoption by the Fisheries Commission of fisheries regulations specifically requiring that the Contracting Parties conduct their fisheries in the Regulatory Area in such a manner that catches shall not exceed the total allowable catch for each stock and the quotas for each stock set out in the annual Fisheries Commission regulations;

Considering that the objection procedure set out in Article XII of the NAFO Convention if applied on a continuing basis by any NAFO member against the regulatory fisheries measures adopted by the Commission, may lead to damage of the living marine resources of the Northwest Atlantic;

Calls on all Contracting Parties to avoid excessive or inappropriate use of the objection procedure against the regulatory measures adopted by the Fisheries Commission.

Proposed: 16 September 1988

In force: 16 September 1988

Resolution (1/89)

Resolution calling on all Contracting Parties for compliance with the NAFO management framework in place since 1979, and compliance with NAFO decisions in order to provide for conservation and maintain the traditional spirit of cooperation and mutual understanding in the Organization, adopted by the General Council on 15 September 1989.

The General Council,

Recalling the obligations inscribed in the Law of the Sea Convention of 1982 as regards international cooperation to provide for the conservation and optimum utilization of the living resources of the sea;

Recalling that the NAFO Convention provides that the object of the Organization shall be to contribute through consultation and cooperation to the optimum utilization, rational management and conservation of the fishery resources of the NAFO Convention Area;

Noting that implementation of the NAFO Convention from the outset has been based on the principles of conformity with scientific advice and relative stability in the proportionate shares of the total catches of NAFO-managed stocks, subject to changes through decisions taken by NAFO;

Noting the commitment of all NAFO Contracting Parties to the principles of conservation and rational management of living marine resources;

Calls for compliance with the NAFO management framework in place since 1979, and compliance with NAFO decisions in order to provide for conservation and maintain the traditional spirit of cooperation and mutual understanding in the Organization.

Proposed: 15 September 1989

In force: 15 September 1989

Resolution (1/90)

NAFO/GC Doc. 90/8 and 90/10

Resolution on non-NAFO fishing activities, adopted by the General Council on 14 September 1990.

Recalling Article 116 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea stating that the right of all States for their nationals to engage in fishing on the high seas is subject to certain conditions:

Recalling Article 117 of that Convention requiring States to take or cooperate with other States in taking such measures for their respective nationals as may be necessary for the conservation of the living resources of the high seas, and Article 118 which provides that States shall cooperate with each other in the conservation and management of living resources in the areas of high seas;

Recalling Article 63.2 of that Convention providing that where the same stock or stocks of associated species occur both within the exclusive economic zone and in an area beyond and adjacent to the zone, the coastal State and the States fishing for such stocks in the adjacent area shall seek, either directly or through appropriate subregional or regional organizations, to agree upon the measures necessary for the conservation of these stocks in the adjacent area;

Recalling that according to Article 119.2 of that Convention available scientific information, catch and fishing effort statistics, and other data relevant to the conservation of fish stocks shall be contributed and exchanged on a regular basis through competent international organizations, whether subregional, regional or global, where appropriate and with participation by all States concerned;

Considering that the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization is the competent regional fisheries organization for the conservation and rational management of fish resources in the NAFO Regulatory Area;

Recalling Article XIX of the NAFO Convention in which the Contracting Parties agree to invite the attention of any State not a Party to the Convention to matters relating to fishing activities in the Regulatory Area of the nationals or vessels of that State which appear to affect adversely the attainment of the objectives of the Convention;

Recalling the resolution adopted by the Fisheries Commission of NAFO on June 7, 1979 calling on all Contracting Parties to take all practicable steps to prevent arrangements between their nationals and vessels flying the flags of States which are not members of NAFO, where such arrangements involve fishing in the Regulatory Area;

Noting that an increasing number of vessels of States not party to the Convention have been fishing in the Regulatory Area, representing a serious threat to the conservation and rational management of stocks;

Noting further that at least some of the catch of these vessels is landed or sold in States being Contracting Parties;

Declares that all members of the international community whose nationals carry out fishing activities in the NAFO Regulatory Area should ensure that such activities do not have an adverse impact on the stocks or NAFO's ability to ensure conservation; and

resolves that:

- (1) All Contracting Parties should communicate through diplomatic channels with non-Contracting Parties whose vessels fish in the NAFO Regulatory Area to request that they take all necessary measures to prevent any fishing contrary to NAFO conservation measures;
- (2) The Executive Secretary of NAFO draw to the attention of the non-Contracting Parties involved the activities of their vessels in the Regulatory Area, and the negative impact of such fishing on the conservation of fish stocks in the Regulatory Area;
- (3) The Executive Secretary and Contracting Parties individually contact non-Contracting Parties, whose vessels fish in the Regulatory Area, to request them to provide NAFO with complete and accurate statistical reports on their catches in the NAFO Regulatory Area to the end of 1990;
- (4) All Contracting Parties should take effective measures to reduce the benefits of any fishing activities undertaken by vessels from non-Contracting Parties in the NAFO Regulatory Area where such fisheries take place contrary to NAFO conservation measures, with the aim of causing them to withdraw from such activities;
- (5) In full respect of the international obligations of Contracting Parties, further measures should be developed for consideration by the General Council at its 1991 annual meeting, including the possibility of introducing a system under which all Contracting Parties would require that all fish and fish products of a species managed by NAFO, imported from non-Contracting Parties whose vessels fish in the NAFO Regulatory Area, be accompanied by a certificate indicating harvest origin outside that Area.

Proposed: 14 September 1990

In force: 14 September 1990

Resolution (1/93)

NAFO/GC Doc. 93/5

Resolution on the report of the Standing Committee on Fishing Activities of Non-Contracting Parties in the Regulatory Area (STACFAC), adopted by the General Council on 10 September 1994.

The General Council,

- **Recalling** the Resolution on Non-NAFO Fishing activities adopted by the General Council at the 12th Annual Meeting of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization, resolving i.a. that
 - in full respect of the international obligations of Contracting Parties, further measures should be developed for consideration by the General Council at its 1991 annual meeting;
- **Recalling** the Terms of Reference for the Standing Committee, established by the General Council, resolving i.a. that the Committee will
 - obtain and compile all available information on the fishing activities of non-Contracting Parties in the Regulatory Area, including details on the type, flag and name of vessels and reported or estimated catches by species and area;
 - obtain and compile all available information on landings, and transshipments of fish caught in the Regulatory Area by non-Contracting Parties, including details on the name and flag of the vessels; the quantities by species landed, transshipped; and the countries and ports through which the product was shipped;
 - examine and assess all such options open to NAFO Contracting Parties including measures to monitor landings of fish caught by non-Contracting Party vessels in the Regulatory Area;
- **Recalling** that with respect to the relevant provision of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, available catch and fishing effort statistics, and other data relevant to the conservation of fish stocks shall be contributed by flag states and exchanged on a regular basis through competent international organizations, whether subregional, regional or global, where appropriate and with participation of all States concerned;
- **Considering** that the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization is the competent regional fisheries organization for the conservation and rational management of fish resources in the NAFO Regulatory Area,
- **Considering** the need for all states exploiting these living marine resources to cooperate fully in conservation and management,
- **Recalling** that in conformity with Article XIX of the Convention States party to the NAFO Convention have drawn the attention of states not party to the NAFO Convention of their fishing activities undermining the effectiveness of NAFO conservation and management measures and

that some of these states have withdrawn their vessels from the NAFO Regulatory Area, while vessels from other such States remain,

- **Bearing in mind** the statistical reports on catches of fish stocks in the NAFO Regulatory Area which are currently provided to NAFO by the Contracting Parties,
- **Considering** that certain states not party to the NAFO Convention have not provided statistical reports on catches by their vessels in the Regulatory Area,
- Having regard also to the adverse implications of high levels of unreported catches by non-Contracting Parties for the assessment of management advice and the critical state of many of the NAFO-regulated stocks, especially bearing in mind the substantial proportion of the total catches taken by vessels of states not party to the NAFO Convention,
- **Considering** the desirability of providing administrative arrangements to facilitate in an interim period the gathering of statistical information on landings by vessels flying the flag of these states and therefore Contracting Parties undertake to collect landing declarations,
- **Recalling** the GATT principles of non-discrimination, transparency and proportionality,

herewith, therefore, the General Council **adopts**, in principle, the proposed landing declaration scheme and notes the proposed means of implementation (Addendum) which will also take into account specific national legislation of the Contracting Parties to NAFO and the precise assistance required by the non-Contracting Parties.

The General Council **requests** that STACFAC review and monitor the implementation of this programme and if appropriate consider further means to achieve the withdrawal of all Non-Contracting Party vessels from the NAFO Regulatory Area at the earliest possible date.

The General Council **decided** to make further diplomatic demarches to Non-Contracting Parties urging them to withdraw their vessels from the NAFO Regulatory Area and to this end the General Council authorizes Canada, the EC, Japan and Russia to represent NAFO in a coordinated delegation, which where possible should include senior fisheries officials, to visit the capitals of the non-Contracting Parties concerned. This joint demarche should take place as soon as possible in order to effect the withdrawal of these vessels before the beginning of the 1994 fishing season.

Addendum

(Resolution 1/93 of the General Council)

Implementation of the Landing Declaration Scheme

1. The Landing Declaration is an interim measure pending withdrawal of non-Contracting Party vessels, designed to help non-Contracting Parties collect statistics of catches by their vessels in the NAFO Regulatory Area.
2. The Landing Declaration records catches of NAFO-regulated groundfish in the NAFO Regulatory Area and, when a non-Contracting Party vessel lands such species into a Contracting Party port, records whether and what quantity was caught in the NAFO Regulatory Area. The Landing Declarations are collected by the Contracting Party authorities on behalf of the non-Contracting Party in accordance with international obligations on the collection of statistics. In the event of non-delivery of a Landing Declaration, the non-Contracting Party is informed of such non-delivery and of the quantities of groundfish products landed by the vessel.
3. The Landing Declaration records the weight of each product landed as in the example attached. One copy is forwarded to the non-Contracting Party and one to the NAFO Secretariat. The main

additional information provided by the Declaration is the area of harvest (NAFO Regulatory Area or not).

4. The non-Contracting Party is periodically informed of the results of NAFO surveillance of its vessels. If it appears that a vessel has been fishing in the Regulatory Area but has recorded its landings into a Contracting Party as not having originated in the Regulatory Area, the non-Contracting Party is informed of the apparent discrepancy with a view to investigation by the non-Contracting Party.
5. Landing Declaration forms are in principle made available to vessels by the non-Contracting Party but are freely available at Contracting Party ports.

Landing Declaration/Declaration de Debarquement (1)		
1. Exporter (Name, full address, country) Exportateur (Nom, adresse complète, pays)	2. Number 000 Numéro	
	DECLARATION IN REGARD TO	
	Atlantic Cod (Gadus Morhua) Atlantic Redfish (sebastes spp) American Plaice (Hippoglossoides platessoides) Yellowtail Flounder (Limanda Ferruginea) Witch Flounder (Glyptocephalus cynoglossus) (2)	
	3. Consignee (Name, full address, country) Destinataire (Nom, adresse complète, pays)	
Issued with a view to obtaining statistical information on harvest origin (1)		
DECLARATION CONCERNANT		
Morue (Atlantique) (Gadus Morhua) Sébaste (Atlantique Nord) (Sebastes spp) Plie canadienne (Hippoglossoides platessoides) Limande à quene jaune (Limanda ferruginea) Plie grise (Glyptocephalus cynoglossus) (2)		
Délivrée en vue de l'obtention d'information statistique concernant l'origine de pêche (1)		
	4. Country of origin Pays d'origine	5. Country of destination Pays de destination
6. Place and date of catch/shipment/transshipment/ - name and flag of catch-/transport vessel(s) lieu et date de pêche/d'embarquement/-de transbordement/ - nom et pavillon du (des) navire(s) de pêche/de transport		
7. Marks and numbers-Number and kind of packages-DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF GOODS (3) Marques et numéros-nombre et nature des colis-DESIGNATION DETAILIEE DES MARCHANDISES (3) Total From NAFO Reg.Area		8. Quantity in tonnes Quantité en tonnes
9. DECLARATION BY THE CAPTAIN		
I, the undersigned, declare that in accordance with the entries in the logbook the consignment described above contains Atlantic Cod (Gadus Morhua), Atlantic Redfish (Sebastes spp), American Plaice (Hippoglossoides Platessoides), Yellowtail Floudner (Limanda Ferruginea), Witch Flounder (Glyptocephalus cynoglossus) from the stocks of the North-West Atlantic Ocean fished in the Regulatory Area of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization - NAFO. (2)		
DECLARATION DU CAPITAINE	Yes	No

10. CAPTAIN (Name, full address, country) CAPITAINE (Nom, adresse complète, pays)	At/A..... on le..... (Signature)
<p>(1) This Landing Declaration for statistical purposes has to be presented to the competent authorities upon landing Cette Declaration Débarquement pour de statistique doit atre présentée aux autorité compétentes lors du débarquement</p> <p>(2) Delete as appropriate Biffer la mention inutile</p> <p>(3) - Fresh/Frozen (Harmonized System 0302-0303) Frais/Congelé (Système harmonisé 0302-0303) - Filets/Filets - Meat/chair - Salted/Salé</p>	

Proposed: 10 September 1993

In force: 10 September 1993

Resolution (1/94)

NAFO/GC Doc. 94/8

Resolution on report by the Standing Committee on Fishing Activities of Non-Contracting Parties in the Regulatory Area (STACFAC), adopted by the General Council on 23 September 1994.

To the Parties whose vessels have been observed fishing in the NAFO Regulatory Area over the past year.

NAFO calls upon all its Contracting Parties and upon all those Non-Contracting Parties whose vessels have been observed fishing in the NAFO Regulatory Area over the past year to deposit as soon as possible their instruments of acceptance to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization's "Agreement to Promote Compliance with International Conservation and Management Measures by Fishing Vessels on the High Seas" and pending the entry into force of that Agreement, to apply its provisions to the area of High Seas known as the NAFO Regulatory Area with immediate effect.

Proposed: 23 September 1994

In force: 23 September 1994

Resolution (1/95)

Resolution that Subareas 2 and 3 shall, as regards of the management of Greenland halibut, be geographically divided in two (2) parts, adopted by the Fisheries Commission on 9 June 1995.

THE FISHERIES COMMISSION

Having considered the joint proposal by Canada and the European Community to NAFO for 1995 that:

- (a) The 27,000t TAC for 2+3 Greenland halibut be divided as follows:
 - 2+3K (Canadian 200 mile zone) 7,000 tonnes
 - 3LMNO 20,000 tonnes
- (b) The 7,000t allocation for 2+3K (within Canadian 200 mile zone) for Greenland halibut be allocated to Canada;

Recalling Scientific Council reports which have cautioned about concentrating fishing effort on one part of the stock;

Noting that the catches of Greenland halibut in the NAFO Regulatory Area will take place entirely in 3LMNO;

Noting that Canada will limit its catch in 2+3K to 7,000t and in 3LMNO to 3,000t;

HAS AGREED to implement its decisions for 1995 with respect to 2+3 Greenland halibut by specifying that:

- (a) Sub-area 2+3 shall, as regards the management of Greenland halibut, be geographically divided as follows:
 - 2+3K
 - 3LMNO
- (b) The TAC for 3LMNO shall be 20,000t.

Proposed: 9 June 1995

In force: 9 June 1995

Resolution (1/97)

NAFO/GC Doc. 97/7

Resolution relating to the non-participation of Bulgaria and Romania in NAFO, adopted by the General Council on 19 September 1997.

The General Council

Recalling that the NAFO Convention provides that the object of the Organization shall be to contribute through consultation and co-operation to the optimum utilization, rational management and conservation of the fishery resources of the NAFO Convention Area;

Noting its concern about the long-standing non-participation of Bulgaria and Romania in NAFO, particularly the non-payment of their respective contributions;

Considering that such long-standing non-participation in NAFO and non-payment of their respective contributions disrupt the normal functioning of the Organization; and

Recalling that the Chairman of the General Council and the Executive Secretary have, on numerous occasions, written to Bulgaria and Romania expressing the Organization's concerns and asking for indications as to their intent concerning future participation in NAFO, with no response,

resolves that:

- (1) Each Contracting Party, and in particular the NAFO Convention depositary state, shall communicate through the appropriate diplomatic channels with Bulgaria and Romania;
 - (a) to convey the concerns over their non-participation in NAFO and the non-payment of their contributions to NAFO; and
 - (b) to urge them either to meet their obligations under the Convention or to exercise their rights under Article XXIV thereof, the latter in effect resulting in the suspension of the debt accumulated from the non-payment of contributions.
- (2) Each Contracting Party shall report to the General Council, at its next annual meeting, on the results of its diplomatic communications effected pursuant to paragraph 1 above.

Proposed: 19 September 1997

In force: 19 September 1997

Resolution (1/99)

NAFO/GC Doc. 99/8

Resolution to guide the expectations of future new members with regard to fishing opportunities in the NAFO Regulatory Area, adopted by the General Council on 17 September 1999.

The Contracting Parties,

NOTING that in accordance with relevant principles of international law, the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO) is the competent regional fishery management organization, and in accordance with the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries (hereafter, the "Convention"), it has implemented conservation and management measures for particular stocks in the Convention Area;

NOTING Article XI(4) of the Convention;

NOTING Article 11 of the UN Agreement for the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks; and

DESIRING to guide the expectations of future new members with regard to fishing opportunities in the NAFO Regulatory Area;

HAVE AGREED to the following guidance:

- (1) NAFO is an open organization. Non-members may join the Organization by depositing an instrument of accession in accordance with Article XXII of the Convention. In accordance with Article IV of the Convention, all Contracting Parties are members of the General Council.
- (2) Should any new member of NAFO obtain membership in the Fisheries Commission, in accordance with Article XIII(1) of the Convention, such new members should be aware that presently and for the foreseeable future, stocks managed by NAFO are fully allocated, and fishing opportunities for new members are likely to be limited, for instance, to new fisheries (stocks not currently allocated by TAC/quota or effort control), and the "Others" category under the NAFO Quota Allocation Table.

Proposed: 17 September 1999

In force: 17 September 1999

Resolution (2/99)
NAFO/FC Doc. 99/13

Resolution to guide implementation of the Precautionary Approach within NAFO, adopted by the Fisheries Commission on 17 September 1999.

The Fisheries Commission,

NOTING that considerable work and progress have occurred toward implementation of the precautionary approach within the NAFO context;

NOTING Article 6 and Annex II of the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea Relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks;

NOTING the provisions of Article 7.5 of the FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries;

NOTING the Roles and Responsibilities of Scientists and Managers outlined in Annex 3 to the Report of the Working Group on Precautionary Approach (NAFO/FC Doc. 98/2);

DESIRING to further harmonize terminology and application of the precautionary approach within relevant fisheries organizations;

FURTHER DESIRING to be precautionary in its management of stocks within the NAFO Regulatory Area;

RESOLVES to apply a precautionary approach widely for stocks under NAFO purview and to achieve this goal agree:

1. To determine precautionary reference points for stocks where sufficient information exists.
2. For all other stocks, to determine provisional precautionary reference point, whenever possible, and a precautionary approach otherwise.
3. To provide mechanisms to fill in data gaps.
4. To implement precautionary management strategies (harvest control rules), consistent with 1. and 2. above.
5. To consider additional supportive management measures to complement the application of the precautionary approach.
6. To define and adopt precautionary strategies for the re-opening of fisheries and for new and developing fisheries.
7. To harmonize terminology and concepts for the application of the precautionary approach within relevant fisheries organizations.

Proposed: 17 September 1999

In force: 17 September 1999

Resolution (1/06)

NAFO/FC Doc. 06/7

Resolution to reduce Sea Turtle mortality in NAFO fishing operations, adopted by the Fisheries Commission of NAFO on 22 September 2006.

Recognizing the cultural and ecological significance of sea turtles in the Northwest Atlantic Ocean ;

Recognizing that the FAO Committee on Fisheries (COFI) endorsed “Guidelines to Reduce Sea Turtle Mortality in Fishing Operations” at its Twenty-sixth Session, held in March 2005, and that these guidelines are directed towards members and non-members of FAO, fishing entities, subregional, regional and global organizations, whether governmental or non-governmental concerned with fisheries management and sustainable use of aquatic ecosystems;

Further recognizing that implementation of these guidelines should be consistent with the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries as well as with the Reykjavik Declaration on Responsible Fisheries in the Marine Ecosystem with regard to ecosystem considerations and based on the use of the best available science;

Taking into account the importance placed by the guidelines on research, monitoring, the sharing of information, and public education on sea turtles;

The Contracting Parties of NAFO resolve as follows:

1. NAFO Contracting Parties (CPs) should, as appropriate, individually and collectively implement the FAO “Guidelines to Reduce Sea Turtle Mortality in Fishing Operations” (the Guidelines) to reduce the incidental catch of sea turtles and ensure the safe handling of all turtles that are captured.
2. NAFO CPs should continue to enhance the implementation of their existing turtle mitigation measures using best available scientific information on mitigation techniques.
3. NAFO should encourage CPs to collect, and provide to the NAFO Secretariat, all available information on interactions with sea turtles in fisheries managed by NAFO in the NAFO Convention Area and urges them to foster collaboration with other CPs in the exchange of information in this area.
4. NAFO should cooperate with other regional, subregional and global organizations to share data on sea turtle bycatch and to develop and apply compatible bycatch reduction measures as appropriate.
5. Beginning in 2007, CPs should provide to the NAFO Secretariat a detailing of sea turtle fishery interaction data (e.g., species identification, fate and condition at release, relevant biological information and gear configuration), including data collected by their respective national observer programs, in fisheries managed by NAFO in the NAFO Convention Area and any sea turtle-specific training provided to these observers. This information will be compiled by the NAFO Secretariat and reported to the Scientific Council and to the Fisheries Commission.
6. The Fisheries Commission should monitor the progress of CPs in applying this resolution and develop relevant strategies for the further consideration of the Commission in 2008. Information produced as a result of this resolution will be provided by the NAFO Secretariat to the FAO.

Proposed: 22 September 2006

In force: 22 September 2006

Resolution (1/08)

NAFO/GC Doc. 08/3

Resolution on the interpretation and implementation of the Convention on the Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, adopted by the General Council on 26 September 2008.

The Contracting Parties to the Convention on the Future Multilateral Cooperation in Northwest Atlantic Fisheries (hereinafter referred to as the Convention),

Recognizing the relevant provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982; the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, 1995; the Agreement to Promote Compliance with International Conservation and Management Measures by Fishing Vessels on the High Seas, 1993, and

Taking into account the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries adopted by the 28th Session of the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in October 1995,

Desiring to promote the long-term conservation and optimum utilization of the fishery resources of the Northwest Atlantic Area,

Recognizing the economic and social benefits from the sustainable use of fishery resources,

Noting the amendments to the Convention adopted at the 29th annual meeting of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO),

Declare that in giving effect to the objective of the Convention, Contracting Parties individually and collectively, intend to:

- (a) adopt measures based on the best scientific evidence available to ensure that fishery resources are maintained at or restored to levels capable of producing maximum sustainable yield;
- (b) apply the precautionary approach in accordance with Article 6 of the 1995 Agreement;
- (c) take due account of the impact of fisheries on other species and marine ecosystems, and in doing so adopt measures to minimize harmful impacts on living marine resources and marine ecosystems;
- (d) take due account of the need to preserve marine biological diversity;
- (e) prevent or eliminate overfishing and excess fishing capacity, and ensure that levels of fishing effort do not exceed those commensurate with the sustainable use of the fishery resources;
- (f) ensure that complete and accurate data concerning fishing activities within the Regulatory Area are collected and shared among them in a timely manner;
- (g) ensure effective compliance with management measures and that sanctions for any infringements are adequate in severity; and
- (h) adopt measures to prevent, deter and eliminate IUU fishing activities.

Proposed: 26 September 2008

In force: 26 September 2008

Resolution (1/12)
NAFO/FC Doc. 12/29

Resolution on the protection of Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems from activities other than fishing, adopted by the Fisheries Commission of NAFO on 21 September 2012.

NAFO Contracting Parties:

Following the identification by NAFO of concentrations of Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems in the NAFO Regulatory Area and their subsequent closure to bottom fishing activities, as outlined in Article 16.5 of NAFO CEM;

Noting that these area closures could be affected by human activities other than fishing, which could jeopardise the effect of these closures;

Bearing in mind the recommendation of the NAFO Performance Review Panel to consider whether activities other than fishing may impact stocks and fisheries as well as the biodiversity in the NAFO Regulatory Area;

Resolve to urge other international organisations dealing with at sea human activities and maritime affairs other than fishing to consider, in accordance with their mandate, taking mitigation measures in areas beyond national jurisdiction to reduce the risk of negative impacts of these activities in the closed areas.

Proposed: 21 September 2012

In force: 21 September 2012

Resolution (1/17)

NAFO/COM Doc. 17-28

Resolution on communicating measures taken to protect Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems in the NAFO area to other national authorities regulating industries other than fishing, adopted by the Commission of NAFO on 22 September 2017

NAFO Contracting Parties:

Following the identification by NAFO of concentrations of VMES in the NAFO Regulatory Area and their subsequent closure to bottom fishing activities, as outlined in article 17 of NAFO CEM;

Noting that these VMES could be affected by human activities other than fishing, which could undermine the effect of these closures;

Welcoming efforts in support of information sharing related to the various activities that may affect Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems (VME);

Commit to ensure that once a decision to close an area has been taken by the Commission, it is communicated, together with its scientific rationale, to all known relevant authorities of the Contracting Parties regulating industries active in the area of the closure, other than fisheries, with a view to ensuring the effectiveness of the conservation efforts in the area.

Proposed: 22 September 2017

In force: 22 September 2017