# PART D

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#### AGENDA I

### SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL MEETING, 6-20 JUNE 2002

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    - New proposals
- c) Reporting of catch statistics in Scientific Council Summary Sheets
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    - i) Report on activities in 2001/2002
    - ii) Report by National Representatives on commercial sampling conducted
    - iii) Report on data availability for stock assessments (by Designated Experts)
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- 5. NAFO Observer Protocol
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      - Cod (Div. 3NO (monitor); Div. 3M)
      - Redfish (Div. 3LN (monitor); Div. 3M)
      - American plaice (Div. 3LNO; Div. 3M)
      - Witch flounder (Div. 2J and 3KL (monitor, see also Annex 1, Item 7); Div. 3NO)

- Yellowtail flounder (Div. 3LNO)
- Northern shortfin squid (Subareas 3 and 4) (see also Annex 1, Item 6)
- Greenland halibut (Subareas 2 and 3)
- Capelin (Div. 3NO)
- b) Analyses pertaining to other Fisheries Commission requests (Annex 1)
  - Pelagic S. mentella (redfish) (Subareas 1-3) (Item 8)
- c) Stocks within the 200-mile fishery zone in Subareas 0 to 4, as requested by Canada (Annex 2)
  - Greenland halibut in Subareas 0-3 (Item 1)
  - Cod in Div. 2J and 3KL (Item 3)
  - Redfish in Div. 3O (Item 4)
- d) Stocks within the 200-mile fishery zone in Subarea 1 and at East Greenland as requested by Denmark (Greenland) (Annex 3) (Northern shrimp in Denmark Strait and off East Greenland will be undertaken during Scientific Council Meeting, 6-13 November 2002):
  - Roundnose grenadier in Subareas 0 and 1 (3 year) (Item 2)
  - Demersal redfish and other finfish in Subarea 1 (monitor) (Item 1)
  - Distribution of Greenland halibut biomass between Subarea 0 and Subarea 1 (Item 3)
  - Greenland halibut in Div. 1A inshore (Item 3)
- e) Stocks overlapping the fishery zones in Subareas 0 and 1, as requested by Canada and by Denmark (Greenland) (Annexes 2 and 3) (Northern shrimp in Subareas 0 and 1 will be undertaken during Scientific Council Meeting, 6-13 November 2002):
  - Greenland halibut (Subareas 0 and 1) (Annex 2, Item 1; Annex 3, Item 3)

#### 4. Other Matters

- a) New Designated Experts
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- VII. Management Advice and Responses to Special Requests
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    - a) Request for advice on TACs and other management measures for year 2003
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      - iii) Greenland halibut in Subareas 2 and 3
      - iv) Capelin in Div. 3NO
    - b) Request for advice on TACs and other management measures for the years 2003 and 2004
      - i) Cod in Div. 3M
      - ii) American plaice in Div. 3M
      - iii) Witch flounder in Div. 3NO
      - iv) Yellowtail flounder in Div. 3LNO
      - v) Northern shortfin squid in Subareas 3 and 4 (see also Item 6)
    - c) Special requests for management advice (see Items 4-9)
      - Formulation of advice under the precautionary approach (Items 4 and 5) (note: Working Group of (FC/SC) Technical Experts on Precautionary Approach Meeting, Dartmouth, 20-21 June 2002)
      - ii) Relationship of witch flounder in Div. 2J and 3KL to Div. 3M (Item 7)
      - iii) Distribution of shrimp in Div. 3M (see also Item 3g)
      - iv) Pelagic *S. mentella* (redfish) in Subareas 1-3 and adjacent ICES area (Item 8) (note: *Ad hoc* Working Group on Management of Oceanic Redfish Meeting, Dartmouth, 24-26 June 2002)
      - v) Distribution of shrimp in Div. 3LNO (Item 9)

- d) Monitoring of stocks for which multi-year advice was provided in 2001
  - i) Cod in Div. 3NO
  - ii) Redfish in Div. 3LN
  - iii) Witch flounder in Div. 2J and 3KL (see also Item 7)

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- a) Request by Canada for advice (Annex 2)
  - i) Greenland halibut in Subareas 0-3 (Item 1)
  - ii) Cod in Div. 2J and 3KL (Item 3)
  - iii) Redfish in Div. 3O (Item 4)
- b) Request by Denmark (Greenland) for advice (Annex 3)
  - i) Multi-year advice for Roundnose grenadier in Subareas 0 and 1 for 2003-2005 (Item 2)
  - ii) Demersal redfish and other finfish in Subarea 1 (monitor) (Item 1)
  - iii) Greenland halibut in Div. 1A inshore (Item 3)
- c) Request by Canada and Denmark (Greenland) for advice on TACs and other management measures
  - i) Greenland halibut in Subareas 0 and 1

#### VIII. Future Scientific Council Meetings 2002 and 2003

- 1. Scientific Council Meeting and Special Session, September 2002
- 2. Scientific Council Meeting, November 2002 (assessment of shrimp stocks)
- 3. Scientific Council Meeting, June 2003
- 4. Scientific Council Meeting and Special Session, September 2003
- 5. Scientific Council Meeting, November 2003 (assessment of shrimp stocks)

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# ANNEX 1. FISHERIES COMMISSION'S REQUEST FOR SCIENTIFIC ADVICE ON MANAGEMENT IN 2003 OF CERTAIN STOCKS IN SUBAREAS 3 AND 4

1. The Fisheries Commission with the concurrence of the Coastal State as regards the stocks below which occur within its jurisdiction, requests that the Scientific Council, at a meeting in advance of the 2002 Annual Meeting, provide advice on the scientific basis for the management of the following fish and invertebrate stocks or groups of stocks in 2003:

Redfish (Div. 3M) Shrimp (Div. 3M, 3LNO) Greenland halibut (Subarea 2 and Div. 3KLMNO) Capelin (Div. 3NO)

2. The Fisheries Commission with the concurrence of the Coastal State as regards the stocks below which occur within its jurisdiction, requests that the Scientific Council, at a meeting in advance of the 2002 Annual Meeting, provide advice on the scientific basis for the management of the following fish stocks on an alternating year basis:

Cod (Div. 3NO; Div. 3M) Redfish (Div. 3LN) Yellowtail flounder (Div. 3LNO) American plaice (Div. 3LNO; Div. 3M) Witch flounder (Div. 2J3KL; Div. 3NO) Squid (Subareas 3 and 4)

- In 2001, advice was provided for 2002 and 2003 for cod in 3NO, witch flounder in 2J3KL and redfish in 3LN. These stocks will next be assessed in 2003.
- In 2001, advice was provided for 2002 and 2003 for American plaice in 3LNO. The Fisheries Commission with the concurrence of the Coastal State, requests Scientific Council in advance of the 2002 Annual Meeting, to conduct a full analytical assessment of American plaice in Div. 3LNO and to review its advice for 2003. Scientific Council is further requested to analyse and comment on the precision of the estimates of the recent increase in fishing mortality. The next assessment will then take place in 2003 as per the alternate year schedule.
- In 2002, advice will be provided for 2003 and 2004 for cod in 3M, American plaice in 3M, yellowtail flounder in 3LNO, witch flounder in 3NO and squid in SA 3 & 4. These stocks will next be assessed in 2004.

The Fisheries Commission requests the Scientific Council to continue to monitor the status of all these stocks annually and, should a significant change be observed in stock status (e.g. from surveys) or in by-catches in other fisheries, provide updated advice as appropriate.

- 3. The Commission and the Coastal State request the Scientific Council to consider the following in assessing and projecting future stock levels for those stocks listed above:
  - a) The preferred tool for the presentation of a synthetic view of the past dynamics of an exploited stock and its future development is a stock assessment model, whether age-based or age-aggregated.
  - b) For those stocks subject to analytical-type assessments, the status of the stocks should be reviewed and management options evaluated in terms of their implications for fishable stock size in both the short and long term. As general reference points, the implications of fishing at F<sub>0.1</sub> and F<sub>2001</sub> in 2003 and subsequent years should be evaluated. The present stock size and spawning stock size should be described in relation to those observed historically and those expected in the longer term under this range of options.
  - c) For those stocks subject to general production-type assessments, the time series of data should be updated, the status of the stock should be reviewed and management options evaluated in the way described above to the extent possible. In this case, the general reference points should be the level of fishing effort or fishing mortality (F) which is calculated to be required to take the MSY catch in the long term and two-thirds of that effort level.
  - d) For those resources for which only general biological and/or catch data are available, few standard criteria exist on which to base advice. The stock status should be evaluated in the context of management requirements for long-term sustainability and the advice provided should be consistent with the precautionary approach.
  - e) Spawning stock biomass levels considered necessary for maintenance of sustained recruitment should be recommended for each stock. In those cases where present spawning stock size is a matter of scientific concern in relation to the continuing reproductive potential of the stock, management options should be offered that specifically respond to such concerns.

- f) Information should be provided on stock size, spawning stock sizes, recruitment prospects, fishing mortality, catch rates and TACs implied by these management strategies for the short and the long term in the following format:
  - I. For stocks for which analytical-type assessments are possible, graphs of all of the following for the longest time-period possible:
    - historical yield and fishing mortality;
    - spawning stock biomass and recruitment levels;
    - catch options for the year 2003 and subsequent years over a range of fishing mortality rates (F) at least from  $F_{0.1}$  to  $F_{max}$ ;
    - spawning stock biomass corresponding to each catch option;
    - yield-per-recruit and spawning stock per recruit values for a range of fishing mortalities.
  - II. For stocks for which advice is based on general production models, the relevant graph of production as a function of fishing mortality rate or fishing effort. Age-aggregated assessments should also provide graphs of all of the following for the longest time-period possible:
    - exploitable biomass (both absolute and relative to  $B_{MSY}$ )
    - yield/biomass ratio as proxy for fishing mortality (both absolute and relative to F<sub>MSY</sub>)
    - estimates of recruitment from surveys, if available.
  - III. Where analytical methods are not attempted, the following graphs should be presented, for one or several surveys, for the longest time-period possible:
    - time trends of survey abundance estimates, over:
    - an age or size range chosen to represent the spawning stock (SSB)
    - an age or size-range chosen to represent the fishable stock biomass
    - recruitment proxy or index for an age or size-range chosen to represent the recruiting population.
    - fishing mortality proxy, such as the ratio of reported commercial catches to a measure of the fishable stock.

For age-structured assessments, yield-per-recruit graphs and associated estimates of yield-per-recruit based reference points should be provided. In particular, the three reference points, actual F,  $F_{0.1}$  and  $F_{max}$  should be shown.

- g) For shrimp in Div. 3M, including the area in footnote 1 of Part I, G of the Conservation and Enforcement Measures (the 3L 'box'), Scientific Council is requested, in advance of the annual NAFO Meeting of September 2002, to provide information on the monthly distribution of shrimp by size as taken in the commercial fishery and to comment on these distributions in relation to the closed area of Div. 3M as defined by co-ordinates in footnote 2 of Part I, G of the Conservation and Enforcement Measures and the consequences to the stock of the following scenarios: a) closure of the area during June 1 through December 31, and b) no closure at any time.
- 4. Noting the progress made by the Scientific Council on the development of a framework for implementation of the Precautionary Approach, the Fisheries Commission requests that the Scientific Council provide the following information for the 2002 Annual Meeting of the Fisheries Commission for stocks under its responsibility requiring advice for 2003, or 2003 and 2004:
  - the limit and target precautionary reference points described in Annex II of the UN Fisheries Agreement indicating areas of uncertainty (when precautionary reference points cannot be determined directly, proxies should be provided);
  - b) information including medium term considerations and associated risk or probabilities which will assist the Commission to develop the management strategies described in paragraphs 4 and 5 of Annex II in the Agreement;
  - c) information on the research and monitoring required to evaluate and refine the reference points described in paragraphs 1 and 3 of Annex II of the Agreement; these research requirements should be set out in the order of priority considered appropriate by the Scientific Council;
  - d) any other aspect of Article 6 and Annex II of the Agreement which the Scientific Council considers useful for implementation of the Agreement's provisions regarding the precautionary approach to capture fisheries;
  - e) propose criteria and harvest strategies for re-opening of fisheries and for new and developing fisheries; and
  - to work toward the harmonization of the terminology and application of the precautionary approach within relevant advisory bodies.

- 5. In addition, the following elements should be taken into account by the Scientific Council when considering the precautionary approach:
  - a) Many of the stocks in the NAFO Regulatory Area are well below any appreciable level of B<sub>lim</sub> or B<sub>buf</sub>. For these stocks, the most important task for the Scientific Council is to inform on how to rebuild the stocks. In this context and building on previous work of the Scientific Council in this area, the Scientific Council is requested to evaluate various scenarios corresponding to recovery plans with timeframes of 5 to 10 years, or longer as appropriate. This evaluation should provide the information necessary for the Fisheries Commission to consider the balance between risks and yield levels, including information on the consequences and risks of no action at all.

References to "risk" and to "risk analyses" should refer to estimated probabilities of stock population parameters falling outside biological reference points.

- b) Where reference points are proposed by the Scientific Council as indicators of biological risk, they should be accompanied by a description of the nature of the risk incurred if the reference point is crossed (e.g. short-term risk of recruitment overfishing, loss of long-term yield, etc.)
- c) When a buffer reference point is proposed in order to maintain a low probability that a stock, measured to be at the buffer reference point may actually be at or beyond the limit reference point, the Scientific Council should explain the assumptions made about the uncertainty with which the stock is measured, and also the level of 'low probability' that is used in the calculation.
- d) Wherever possible, short and medium term consequences should be identified for various exploitation rates (including no fishing) in terms of yield, stability in yield from year to year, and the risk or probability of moving the stock beyond  $B_{lim}$  or  $B_{buf}$ . Whenever possible, this information should be cast in terms of risk assessments relating fishing mortality rates to the risks of falling below  $B_{lim}$  and  $B_{buf}$ , as well as of being above  $F_{lim}$  and  $F_{buf}$ , the risks of stock collapse and recruitment overfishing, as well as the risks of growth overfishing and the consequences in terms of both short and long term yields.
- e) When providing risk estimates, it is very important that the **time horizon** be clearly spelled out. By way of consequence, risks should be expressed in timeframes of 5, 10 and 15 years (or more), or in terms of other appropriate year ranges depending on stock specific dynamics. Furthermore, in order to provide the Fisheries Commission with the information necessary to consider the balance between risks and yield levels, each harvesting strategy or risk scenario should include, for the selected year ranges, the risks and yields associated with various harvesting options in relation to  $B_{lim}$  ( $B_{buf}$ ) and  $B_{target}$  and  $F_{lim}$  ( $F_{buf}$ ) and  $F_{target}$ .
- 6. For squid *(Illex)* in Subareas 3 and 4, the Scientific Council is encouraged to further analyze available data toward developing possible indicators that could be used under an in-season management regime.
- 7. The Fisheries Commission, with the concurrence of the Coastal State, requests that the Scientific Council comment on the possible relationship of witch flounder in 2J3KL to that reported as caught in Div. 3M based on examination of all survey and biological data available.
- 8. Regarding pelagic *S. mentella* redfish in NAFO Subareas 1-3, the Scientific Council is requested to review the most recent information on the distribution of this resource, as well as on the affinity of this stock to the pelagic redfish resource found in the ICES Sub-area XII, parts of SA Va and XIV and to the shelf stocks of redfish found in ICES Sub-areas V, VI and XIV, and NAFO Subareas 1-3.
- 9. With regard to shrimp in Divisions 3LNO, the Fisheries Commission, with the concurrence of the Coastal State, requests that the Scientific Council, in advance of the September 2002 Annual Meeting, provide information on the geographical distribution of this resource including the relative and seasonal distribution inside and outside the NAFO Regulatory Area by both Division and age group. With reference to the proposed closed area in the region of the South East Shoal in Div. 3N as referenced in FC Working Paper 02/10, Scientific Council is further requested to provide information on the abundance and distribution of shrimp in the area proposed for closure.

# ANNEX 2. CANADIAN REQUEST FOR SCIENTIFIC ADVICE ON MANAGEMENT IN 2003 OF CERTAIN STOCKS IN SUBAREAS 0 TO 4

1. Canada requests that the Scientific Council, at its meeting in advance of the 2002 Annual Meeting of NAFO, subject to the concurrence of Denmark (on behalf of Greenland), provide advice on the scientific basis for management in 2003 of the following stocks:

Shrimp (Subareas 0 and 1) Greenland halibut (Subareas 0 and 1)

The Scientific Council has noted previously that there is no biological basis for conducting separate assessments for Greenland halibut throughout Subareas 0-3, but has advised that separate TACs be maintained for different areas of the distribution of Greenland halibut. The Council is asked therefore, subject to the concurrence of Denmark (on behalf of Greenland) as regards Subarea 1, to provide an overall assessment of status and trends in the total stock throughout its range and comment on its management in Subareas 0+1 for 2003. In particular, the Council is asked to advise on appropriate TAC levels separately for Division 0B+1B-F (offshore), for SA 2+Division 3K and for Divisions 3LMNO, and to make recommendations on the distribution of fishing effort within each of these three geographic areas.

Given that Greenland halibut in the offshore area of Division 0A+1A is currently being managed separately from the remainder of SA 0+1, the Scientific Council is requested to:

- a) provide an assessment of the status of the Greenland halibut stock component in Division 0A+1A;
- b) advise on an appropriate TAC level for 2003 for Greenland halibut in the offshore area of Division 0A+1A and any other management measures the Scientific Council deems appropriate to ensure the sustainability of the resource;
- c) comment on the relationship between Greenland halibut in the offshore area of Division 0A+1A and the remainder of SA 0+1 as well as the potential impact of any fishery in Division 0A+1A on stock development throughout SA 0+1; and
- d) outline the elements of a scientific program necessary to provide a detailed response to "c" above and the timeframe if such a program were implemented.

With respect to shrimp, it is recognized that the Council may, at its discretion, delay providing advice until later in the year, taking into account data availability, predictive capability, and the logistics of additional meetings.

- 2. Canada requests the Scientific Council to consider the following options in assessing and projecting future stock levels for Shrimp and Greenland halibut in Subareas 0 and 1:
  - a) For those stocks subject to analytical-type assessments, the status of the stock should be reviewed and management options evaluated in terms of their implications for fishable stock size in both the short- and long-term. The implications of no fishing as well as fishing at F<sub>0.1</sub> and F<sub>2001</sub> in 2003 and subsequent years should be evaluated in relation to precautionary reference points of both fishing mortality and spawning stock biomass. The present stock size and spawning stock size should be described in relation to those observed historically and those to be expected in the longer term under this range of fishing mortalities, and any other options Scientific Council feels worthy of consideration under a precautionary framework.

Opinions of the Scientific Council should be expressed in regard to stock size, spawning stock sizes, recruitment prospects, catch rates and catches implied by these management strategies for the short- and long-term. Values of F corresponding to the reference points should be given. Uncertainties in the assessment should be evaluated and presented in the form of risk analyses related to  $B_{lim}(B_{buf})$  and  $B_{target}$  and  $F_{lim}(F_{buf})$  and  $F_{target}$ .

- b) For those stocks subject to general production-type assessments, the time series of data should be updated, the status of the stock should be reviewed and management options evaluated in the way described above to the extent possible. Management options should be within the precautionary framework.
- c) For those resources for which only general biological and/or catch data are available, few standard criteria exist on which to base advice. The stock status should be evaluated in the context of management requirements for long-term sustainability and management options evaluated in the way described above to the extent possible. Management options should be within the precautionary framework.

- d) Presentation of the results should include the following:
  - I. For stocks for which analytical-type assessments are possible:
    - A graph of historical yield and fishing mortality for the longest time period possible;
    - A graph of spawning stock biomass and recruitment levels for the longest time period possible;
    - Graphs and tables of catch options for the year 2003 and subsequent years over a range of fishing mortality rates (F) at least from F = 0 to F<sub>0.1</sub> including risk analyses;
    - Graphs and tables showing spawning stock biomass corresponding to each catch option including risk analyses:
    - Graphs showing the yield-per-recruit and spawning stock per recruit values for a range of fishing mortalities.
  - II. For stocks for which advice is based on general production models, the relevant graph of production on fishing mortality rate or fishing effort.

In all cases, the reference points, F = 0, actual F, and  $F_{0.1}$  should be shown.

- 3. For the cod stock in Divisions 2J+3KL, the Scientific Council is requested to report on recent trends in the total and spawning biomass based on the most recent stock status update.
- 4. With respect to redfish stock in Division 3O, the Scientific Council is requested provide the following:
  - a) Information on the fishing mortality on redfish in Division 3O in recent years, as well as information on by-catches of other groundfish in the 3O redfish fishery;
  - b) Information on abundance indices and the distribution of the stock in relation to groundfish resources, particularly for the stocks which are under moratorium;
  - Information on the distribution of redfish in Division 3O, as well as a description of the relative distribution inside and outside the NAFO Regulatory Area;
  - d) Advice on reference points and conservation measures that would allow for exploitation of this resource in a precautionary manner;
  - e) Information on annual yield potential for this stock in the context of (d) above;
  - f) Identification and delineation of fishery areas and exclusion zones where fishing would not be permitted, with the aim of reducing the impact on the groundfish stocks which are under moratorium, particularly juveniles;
  - g) Determination of the appropriate level of research that would be required to monitor the status of this resource on an ongoing basis with the aim of providing catch options that could be used in the context of management by Total Allowable Catch (TAC); and
  - h) Information on the size composition in the current catches and comment on these sizes in relation to the size at sexual maturity.

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# ANNEX 3. DENMARK (GREENLAND) REQUEST FOR SCIENTIFIC ADVICE ON MANAGEMENT IN 2003 OF CERTAIN STOCKS IN SUBAREAS 0 AND 1

- 1. In the Scientific Council report of 2001 scientific advice on management of redfish (*Sebastes* spp.) and other finfish in Subarea 1 was given for 2002 and 2003. Denmark on behalf of Greenland, requests the Scientific Council to continue to monitor the status of these stocks annually and, should significant change in stock status be observed (e.g. from surveys), the Scientific Council is requested to provide updated advice as appropriate.
- 2. Advice for Roundnose grenadier in Subareas 0+1 was in 1999 given as a 3-year advice (for 2000, 2001 and 2002). Denmark, on behalf of Greenland, requests the Scientific Council in advance of the 2002 Annual Meeting, provide advice on the scientific basis for the management of Roundnose grenadier in Subarea 1 for 2003, 2004 and 2005.
- 3. Subject to the concurrence of Canada, the Scientific Council is also requested to provide advice on the scientific basis for the management of Greenland halibut overlapping Subareas 0 and 1.

In its 1993 report, the Scientific Council noted that the offshore component of Greenland halibut was distributed equally between Subareas 0 and 1. The Council is asked to update the information on the distribution of Greenland halibut and provide advice on allocation of TACs to Subarea 0 and Subarea 1 offshore.

Further, for Subarea 1 inshore, the Council is asked to provide advice on allocation of TACs distributed in areas of Ilulissat, Uummannaq and Upernavik, respectively.

4. Denmark, on behalf of Greenland, further requests the Scientific Council of NAFO before December 2002 to provide advice on the scientific basis for management of Northern shrimp (*Pandalus borealis*) in Subareas 0 and 1 in 2003 and as many years forward as data allow.

Further, the Council is requested to advice, in co-operation with ICES, on the scientific basis for management of Northern shrimp (*Pandalus borealis*) in the Denmark Strait and adjacent areas east of southern Greenland in 2003, and as many years forward as data allow.

On behalf of The Ministry for Fisheries, Hunting & Settlements Sincerely Gedion Jeremiassen Director

### **AGENDA II**

#### SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING, 16-20 SEPTEMBER 2002

- I. Opening (Chair: R.K. Mayo)
  - 1. Appointment of rapporteur
  - 2. Adoption of agenda
  - 3. Attendance of observers
  - 4. Plan of work (Annex 1)
- II. Review of Scientific Council Recommendations from June 2002
- III. Fisheries Science (STACFIS Chair: D.E. Stansbury)
  - 1. Opening
  - 2. Nomination of Designated Experts
  - 3. STACFIS Working Procedures
  - 4. Other Matters
    - a) Review of SCR and SCS documents (if necessary)
    - b) Other business
- IV. Research Coordination (STACREC Chair: M.J. Morgan)
  - 1. Opening
  - 2. Fisheries Statistics
    - a) Progress reports on Secretariat activities
      - i) Acquisition of STATLANT 21 data
      - ii) Publication of statistical information
  - 3. Review of FAO Fisheries Global Information System (FIGIS)
  - 4. NAFO Observer Program Protocols
  - 5. Fleet Based Approaches to Data Collection
  - 6. Review of Survey Activities in 2003 and 2004
  - 7. Other Matters
    - a) Review of SCR and SCS documents (if necessary)
    - b) Other business
- V. Publications (STACPUB Chair: M. Stein)
  - 1. Opening
  - 2. Review of recommendations from June 2002
  - 3. Review of Scientific Publications
    - a) Papers from June 2002 meeting
    - b) Status of the 2001 "Deep Sea Fisheries" Symposium proceedings
    - c) Information from the 2002 Elas mobranch Symposium
    - d) Status of invitational papers (Journal/Studies)
    - e) Other reviews
  - 4. Consideration of NAFO Website
    - a) Status of implementation of Journal and Scientific Council Studies on website
    - b) "Restricted site" for Scientific Council

- 5. Editorial Matters Regarding Scientific Publications
- 6. Other Matters

# VI. Response to Special Requests from Fisheries Commission

Distribution of shrimp in Div. 3M (note: Scientific Council at its 6-20 June 2002 Meeting deferred this item) \*

### VII. Review of Future Meeting Arrangements

- 1. Scientific Council Meeting on shrimp, November 2002
- 2. Scientific Council Meeting, June 2003
- 3. Precautionary Approach Workshop, Spring 2003
- 4. Special Session and Annual Meeting, September 2003
- 5. Scientific Council Meeting on shrimp, November 2003
- 6. Scientific Council Meeting, June 2004

#### VIII. Future Special Sessions

- 1. Progress Report on Geostatistics Workshop, September 2003
- 2. Proposal for Special Session 2004

# IX. NAFO Working Groups or Workshops

- 1. Update on activities of NAFO WG on Reproductive Potential
- 2. Precautionary Approach Workshop, 2003
  - List of stocks to be examined
  - Development of Terms of Reference
  - Meeting Venue and Dates

### X. Scientific Council Working Procedures and Protocol

- 1. Timetable and frequency of assessments:
  - Capelin in Div. 3NO
  - Roundnose grenadier in Subareas 2 and 3

# XI. Other Matters

- 1. Consideration of MoU with ICES
- 2. Participation at ICES Precautionary Approach Meetings
- 3. Other business

#### XII. Adoption of Reports

- 1. Consideration of Report of the Symposium on Elasmobranch Fisheries, 11-13 September 2002
- 2. Committee Reports STACFIS, STACREC, STACPUB
- 3. Report of Scientific Council

#### XIII. Adjournment

\* The Fisheries Commission (SCS Doc. 02/1) requested the Scientific Council to provide advice on the scientific basis for management in 2003 of Shrimp in Div. 3M, and additionally,

(Item 3g): "For shrimp in Div. 3M, including the area in footnote 1 of Part I, G of the Conservation and Enforcement Measures (the 3L 'box'), Scientific Council is requested, in advance of the annual NAFO Meeting of September 2002, to provide information on the monthly distribution of shrimp by size as taken in the commercial fishery and to comment on these distributions in relation to the closed area of Div. 3M as defined by co-ordinates in footnote 2 of Part I, G of the Conservation and Enforcement Measures and the consequences to the stock of the following scenarios: a) closure of the area during June 1 through December 31, and b) no closure at any time."

### AGENDA III

### SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL MEETING, 6-13 NOVEMBER 2002

- I. Opening (Chair: R. K. Mayo)
  - 1. Appointment of rapporteur
  - 2. Adoption of agenda
  - 3. Plan of work
- II. Fisheries Science (STACFIS Chair: D. Stansbury)
  - 1. Review of Recommendations in 2001 and 2002
  - 2. General environmental review
  - 3. Stock assessments (Annexes 1, 2 and 3)
    - Northern shrimp (Div. 3M)
    - Northern shrimp (Div. 3LNO)
    - Northern shrimp (Subareas 0 and 1)
    - Northern shrimp (in Denmark Strait and off East Greenland)
  - 4. Other business
- III. Formulation of Advice (see Annexes 1, 2 and 3)
  - 1. Advice for Northern shrimp
    - Northern shrimp (Div. 3M)
    - Northern shrimp (Div. 3LNO)
    - Northern shrimp (Subareas 0 and 1)
    - Northern shrimp (in Denmark Strait and off East Greenland)
  - 2. Formulation of advice under a Precautionary Approach framework
  - 3. Timing Issues Relative to Advice for Div. 3M and Div. 3LNO shrimp stocks
- IV. Other Matters
  - 1. Coordination with ICES Working Groups on shrimp stock assessments
  - 2. Scientific Council Meeting on Northern shrimp, November 2003
  - 3. Scientific Council Meeting on Northern shrimp, November 2004
- V. Adoption of Reports
- VI. Adjournment

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#### LIST OF RECOMMENDATIONS IN 2002

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All recommendations listed here were **adopted** by the Scientific Council and are presented as they appear in this publication under the relevant sections and pages mentioned.

# Scientific Council Meeting, 6-20 June 2002

#### SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL

**NOTE**: All 620 June 2002 recommendations pertaining to the work of the Scientific Council, except those related to stocks under STACFIS, were listed in Part A, Sections III, IV and V. These and other recommendations pertaining to all Constituent Bodies of NAFO are presented below under the relevant section and subject headings.

### XI. REVIEW OF SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL WORKING PROCEDURES/PROTOCOL

- 1. Implementation of Precautionary Approach
  - b) Further Development of PA Methodology (page 49)
    - in preparation for a Precautionary Approach Workshop in 2003, each Designated Expert is requested to identify data requirements and specific approaches for their stock and present the information for further discussion at the September 2002 Scientific Council Meeting.
    - \$5 000 be requested to fund travel costs for 2 invited experts to participate in a 2003 Workshop.

#### XII. OTHER MATTERS

- 3. Participation in FAO Committee on Fisheries (COFI) (Page 51)
  - the Assistant Executive Secretary attend the Twenty-fifth Session of the Committee on Fisheries (COFI) to be held in Rome, Italy during 24-28 February 2003, and the meeting of the Regional Fishery Bodies to be held immediately after the COFI Meeting.
- 4. **Report on NAFO Intersessional Meetings** (page 51)
  - Fisheries Commission and General Council take the necessary steps to ensure that Contracting Parties adhere to the protocols for collecting data for scientific purposes as adopted by the Fisheries Commission, and that provisions be made to allow the Secretariat to develop a database to facilitate access and analysis of these data by Scientific Council.

# 6. Other Business

- b) Multi-species Fisheries Considerations (page 52)
  - the issue of fleet-based approaches to data collection and collation be included as an agenda item for discussion by Scientific Council during the September 2002 Meeting, and that during the summer, representatives of Contracting Parties should consider what analyses may be required and prepare any documentation considered appropriate to aid in the September discussions.

#### FISHERIES ENVIRONMENT (STACFEN)

### 4. Mini-Symposium on Hydrographic Variability in NAFO Waters, 1991-2000 (page 59)

- the proceedings of the mini-Symposium on "Hydrographic Variability in NAFO Waters for the Decade 1991-2000 in Relation to Past Decades" be published in a special issue of the Journal of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Science.

# 6. Long-term Environmental Indicators

#### b) Formulation of Recommendations Based on Environmental Conditions (page 64)

- further studies be conducted attempting to link climate and fisheries and to bring forward such studies for review at STACFEN.
- the STACFEN Chair, or designate, be included in the presentation of scientific advice from the Scientific Council to the Fisheries Commission at its September 2002 meeting, and further that such presentations be made every 5 years or more frequently if significantly large changes in the environment are observed.

# 9. The Production of a NAFO Annual Ocean Climate Status Summary (page 66)

- an annual climate status report beginning in 2003 to describe environmental conditions during the previous year be produced, that this be compiled prior to the annual June Meeting and posted prominently on the NAFO website.

### PUBLICATIONS (STACPUB)

# 3. Review of Scientific Publications

# b) Review of Mailing Lists and Continuation of Printed Copies (page 72)

the Secretariat provide a copy of the mailing list to each delegation's representatives. Representatives are requested to review the list and provide a list of names that are no longer involved with NAFO and that should be removed from the list.

# 5. Electronic Communications, Including NAFO Website

- a) Public Access Areas of Website (page 72)
  - the Secretariat maintain the restricted website area for specific Scientific Council business, and that the restricted website name be changed on an annual basis in order to maintain restricted access.

# 6. Promotion and Distribution of Scientific Publications

### b) **NAFO Website** (page 72)

- STACFEN's annual climate status summary report on essential climatic conditions in the NAFO Convention Area be published on the website.
- "Informational bulletins" of interest to NAFO Contracting Parties, such as location of mooring of ocean current meters in the Flemish Pass, should also be published on the website.

# 9. Funding of Future NAFO Symposia (page 74)

- Secretariat asks the host country to fund a social event during the Elasmobranch Symposium.

### RESEARCH COORDINATION (STACREC)

# 3. Fishery Statistics

# b) **CWP Sessions 2002/2003**

- ii) CWP 20<sup>th</sup> Session, January 2003 (page 77)
  - the Assistant Executive Secretary attend the CWP 20<sup>th</sup> Session to be held in the Seychelles during 21-24 January 2003.
  - the Rules of Procedure of the Scientific Council be modified to include participation at CWP sessions in the functions of the Vice-Chair who is also the Chair of STACREC and that the Scientific Council Chair address the budgetary aspect of this to the Executive Secretary with respect to the attendance at the 20<sup>th</sup> CWP Session and subsequent sessions.

# c) Reporting of Catch Statistics in Scientific Council Summary Sheets (page 77)

- STACFIS Tables and the Scientific Council Summary Sheets should include both the catch data used by STACFIS in the stock assessments and the officially reported STATLANT 21A data.

# 5. **NAFO Observer Protocol** (page 86 and 87)

- the Conservation and Enforcement Measures Part VI, Program for Observers and Satellite Tracking, be amended to formally incorporate the Scientific Council protocols as specified in NAFO SCS Doc. 00/23 and as adopted by the Fisheries Commission in September 2000. Specifically, that Section 3.d of the Conservation and Enforcement Measures Part VI, Program for Observers and Satellite Tracking be amended to be consistent with the requirements of SCS Doc. 00/23 in that set-by-set information shall be available to any Contracting Party that requests it.
- the development of a training and operation manual for the collection of scientific data in the Observer Program and Satellite Tracking continue, and that the Scientific Council be represented at the September 2002 STACTIC Meeting to further pursue this issue.
- the Observer Program Access database developed by Canada be adapted by the NAFO Secretariat to capture data collected under the NAFO Program for Observers and Satellite Tracking, with highest priority given to inclusion of current data and secondary priority given to capturing the historic data.
- the Secretariat conduct a trial converting 2002 fishery data from the Observer Program to the Access electronic database with a view to establishing a budget for further conversion of observer data.

#### 7. Other Matters

### d) Research Activities (page 90)

- in future years the Secretariat compile the reports of research activities as a working document for the June Meeting, and that it then be presented to STACREC as a SCS document at its September Meeting.

### f) Other Business (page 90)

- Contracting Parties report the catches of wolffish by species, and the STATLANT questionnaires be modified to distinguish between the spotted wolffish (Anarhichas minor), Northern wolffish (A.

denticulatus) and the striped or Atlantic wolffish (A. lupus) and that the Secretariat inform Contracting Parties of this request (including all necessary information) as soon as possible.

#### FISHERIES SCIENCE (STACFIS)

#### A. STOCKS OFF GREENLAND AND IN DAVIS STRAIT

# Greenland Halibut (Reinhardtius hippoglossoides) in Subarea 0 and Division 1A Offshore and Divisions 1B-1F

**Research Recommendations** (page 97)

STACFIS **recommended** that the investigations of the by-catch of Greenland halibut in the shrimp fishery in Subareas 0 and 1 should be continued and the results should be made available before the assessment in 2003.

### Greenland Halibut (Reinhardtius hippoglossoides) in Division 1A Inshore

### **Research Recommendations** (page 103)

Voluntary logbooks were introduced in 1999 but have only covered a small proportion of the landings due to poor return rates. STACFIS therefore **recommended** that *authorities consider means to ensure a higher return rate of logbooks in the Greenland halibut commercial fishery in Div. 1A.* 

STACFIS **recommended** that studies of the longline survey in Div. 1A be continued to investigate if the observed variation in CPUE is caused by natural behaviour of the Greenland halibut or if it is due to survey design.

STACFIS **recommended** that investigations of by-catch of juvenile Greenland halibut in the commercial shrimp fishery in Subareas 0+1 be continued.

STACFIS recommended that the discard rate of 'small Greenland halibut' in Div. 1A be investigated.

### Demersal Redfish (Sebastes spp.) in Subarea 1

# **Research Recommendation** (page 107)

STACFIS **recommended** that studies on maturation and reproduction of demersal redfish in Subarea 1 should be carried out.

#### Other Finfish in Subarea 1

# **Research Recommendations** (page 108)

STACFIS **recommended** that for Subarea 1, the length disaggregated abundance and biomass data for American plaice, Atlantic wolffish, spotted wolffish and thorny skate, derived from the Greenland shrimp/groundfish survey, should be split by recruits and SSB, respectively.

STACFIS **recommended** that the species composition and quantity of other finfish discarded in the shrimp fishery in Subarea 1 be quantified if possible.

# B. STOCKS ON THE FLEMISH CAP

# Redfish (Sebastes mentella and Sebastes fasciatus) in Division 3M

#### Assessment Results (page 122)

STACFIS noted that measures should be taken to reduce significantly the actual proportion of very small

redfish (<12 cm) in the by-catch of the Div. 3M shrimp fishery. In order to assist in developing possible approaches to achieve this, STACFIS **recommended** that *information on the distribution on shrimp and small redfish* (<12 cm) be compiled for review during the June 2003 meeting of Scientific Council.

STACFIS **recommended** that an update of the Div. 3M redfish by-catch information be compiled on a annual basis, including the estimated weights and numbers of redfish caught annually in the Div. 3M shrimp fishery as well as tables showing their size distribution.

### American Plaice (Hippoglossoides platessoides) in Division 3M

**Future Studies** (page 127)

STACFIS **recommended** that for American plaice in Division 3M current initiatives aiming at reconciling age determinations from different age readers be continued.

#### C. STOCKS ON THE GRAND BANK

# Redfish (Sebastes mentella and Sebastes fasciatus) in Divisions 3L and 3N

**Current and Future Studies** (page 134)

STACFIS **recommended** that further studies be carried out to further clarify stock structure of redfish stock of interest to NAFO.

# Yellowtail Flounder (Limanda ferruginea) in Divisions 3L, 3N and 3O

**Research survey data** (page 147)

STACFIS **recommended** that these comparative trials between Canada and EU-Spain be continued and that an analysis of the 2001 and 2002 comparative fishing trials results be presented in June 2003.

**Estimation of Parameters** (page 152)

STACFIS **recommended** that further exploration of the ASPIC model with yellowtail flounder data be conducted for 2003, including sensitivity of the model to various indices and to convergence criteria.

# Capelin (Mallotus villosus) in Divisions 3N and 3O

Research Recommendation (page 161)

STACFIS **recommended** that initial investigations to evaluate the status of capelin in Div. 3NO utilize trawl acoustic surveys to allow comparison with the historical time series.

# D. Widely Distributed Stocks

#### Northern Shortfin Squid (Illex illecebrosus) in Subareas 3 and 4

# **Research Recommendation** (page 179)

For northern shortfin squid in Subareas 3+4, STACFIS **recommended** that survey abundance and biomass indices for Subarea 3 be developed from a subset of strata in the Canadian multi-species bottom trawl survey that occurs during September-December.

### Scientific Council Meeting, 16-20 September 2002

# PUBLICATIONS (STACPUB)

#### 3. Review of Scientific Publications

- b) Status of the 2001 "Deep Sea Fisheries" Symposium Proceedings (page 226)
  - STACPUB noted that nearly half of the manuscripts from the Deep-sea Fisheries Symposium are not ready for publication. STACPUB **recommended** that conveners of the Deep-sea Fisheries Symposium be asked to remind reviewers and authors of manuscripts to complete their work as soon as possible.
- c) Information from the 2002 Elasmobranch Symposium (page 226)
  - STACPUB **recommended** that a summary of the Elasmobranch Symposium and a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the symposium be published on the NAFO website.
- 6. Other Matters (page 227)
  - STACPUB **recommended** that an additional agenda item for the 2003 June Meeting should be introduced to review the current requirement of submitting both research document and a manuscript for publication in Symposium Proceedings.

#### Scientific Council Meeting, 6-13 November 2002

### FISHERIES SCIENCE (STACFIS)

# III. STOCK ASSESSMENTS

- 1. Northern Shrimp (Pandalus borealis) in Division 3M
  - d) Research Recommendations (page 254)

STACIS **recommended** that, for shrimp in Div. 3M:

- work on age structured population models should be continued.
- biological and CPUE data from all fleets fishing for shrimp in the area, be submitted in advance of the 2003 Scientific Council Meeting on shrimp.
- a thorough investigation into the methods used to derive a CPUE index for shrimp be conducted and submitted in advance of the 2003 Scientific Council Meeting on shrimp.

# 2. Northern Shrimp (Pandalus borealis) in Divisions 3L, 3N and 3O

d) Research Recommendations (page 260)

STACFIS recommended that, for shrimp in Div. 3LNO:

- biological and CPUE data from all fleets fishing for shrimp in the area, be submitted in advance of the 2003 Scientific Council Meeting on shrimp.

# 3. Northern Shrimp (Pandalus borealis) in Subareas 0 and 1

### g) Research Recommendations (page 273)

For shrimp in Div. 0A and Subarea 1, STACFIS recommended that:

- sampling of catches by observers essential for assessing stock age, size and sex composition be reestablished.
- annual length-weight relationships be constructed as routine part of survey data analyses.

# 4. Northern Shrimp (Pandalus borealis) in Denmark Strait and off East Greenland

# c) Research Recommendations (page 278)

For shrimp in Denmark Strait and off East Greenland, STACFIS **recommended** that:

- a survey be conducted, to provide fishery independent data of the stock throughout its range.
- sampling of catches by observers essential for assessing stock age, size and sex composition be re-established.