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Denmark (Greenland) Request for Scientific Advice on
Management of Certain Stocks in 1995

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1. Denmark, on behalf of Greenland, requests the Scientific Council of NAFO in advance of the 1994 Annual Meeting, provide advice on the scientific basis for management of the following stocks in Subarea 1 in 1995 and as many years forward as data allow:

- i) Redfish (by species, if possible)
- ii) Any other stock of invertebrates and finfish of commercial interest, for which data allow a status report

It is also suggested that, subject to the concurrence of Canada, advice be given for the following stocks overlapping Subareas 0 and 1:

- i) Greenland halibut
- ii) Roundnose grenadier
- iii) Northern shrimp (*Pandalus borealis*)

Further, in cooperation with ICES, the Scientific Council is requested to advise on the scientific basis for management of the following stock in the Denmark Strait and off East Greenland:

- i) Northern shrimp (*Pandalus borealis*)

2. In the analyses on which management advice will be based, the following should be included:

In its 1993 report, the Scientific Council has noted that the offshore component of **Greenland halibut**, in Subareas 0 and 1 was distributed equally between these Subareas, and further that the biomass of the inshore component in Subarea 1 was unknown. The Council is therefore asked to provide information on the following questions asked in June 1993.

- a) Analysis of existing information on stock delimitation in Subareas 0, 1, 2 and 3.
- b) Allocation of TACs to appropriate Subareas (within Subareas 0 and 1).
- c) Allocation of the TAC for Subarea 1 into inshore and offshore areas.

For **Northern shrimp in Subareas 0 and 1** the biological and practical implications of combining all areas of stock distribution for stock assessment purposes should be considered. Specifically, the Council is asked to provide a TAC for areas not included in the 1994 advice (i.e. Subarea 1 north of 71°N and Subarea 1 inshore).

3. The Scientific Council should feel free to report on such other invertebrates and finfish stocks in Subarea 1 and on such other scientifically based management options for the above-mentioned Subarea 1 stocks, as it feels applicable.