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Denmark (Greenland) Request for Scientific Advice on
Management of Certain Stocks in 1998

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1. Denmark, on behalf of Greenland, request the Scientific Council of NAFO in advance of the 1997 Annual Meeting, provide advice on the scientific basis for management of the following stocks in Subarea 1 in 1998 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
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. Further in its 1995 report, the Scientific Council noted that the biomass of the inshore component in Subarea 1 was unknown. The Council is therefore asked to provide further information on following topics:

 - a) Allocation of TACs to appropriate Subareas (Subareas 0 and 1).
 - b) Allocation of TAC for Subarea 1 inshore areas.
3. Denmark, on behalf of Greenland, further requests that the Scientific Council of NAFO before December 1997, provide advice on the scientific basis for management of the Northern shrimp (*Pandalus borealis*) in Subareas 0 and 1 in 1998 and as many years forward as data allow. The advice should be in accordance with a strategy of maintaining the shrimp stock at the level of recent years.

Further, in cooperation with ICES, the Council is requested to advise on the scientific basis for management of the Northern shrimp (*Pandalus borealis*) in the Denmark Strait and adjacent areas east of southern Greenland.
4. The Scientific Council should feel free to report on other invertebrates and finfish stocks in Subarea 1 and on other scientifically based management options for the above-mentioned Subarea 1 stocks, as it feels applicable.