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**DENMARK (GREENLAND) REQUEST FOR SCIENTIFIC ADVICE ON MANAGEMENT IN 2004 OF
CERTAIN STOCKS IN SUBAREAS 0 AND 1**

1. In the Scientific Council report of 2002, scientific advice on management of Roundnose grenadier in Subarea 0+1 was given as a 3-year advice (for 2003, 2004 and 2005). Denmark, on behalf of Greenland, requests the Scientific Council to continue to monitor the status of Roundnose grenadier in Subarea 0+1 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 redfish (*Sebastes* spp.) and other finfish in Subarea 1 was in 2001 given for 2002 and 2003. Denmark, on behalf of Greenland, requests that the Scientific Council in advance of the 2003 Annual Meeting, provide advice on the scientific basis for the management of these stocks in Subarea 1 for 2004 and 2005.
3. Subject to the concurrence of Canada as regards Subarea 0, the Scientific Council is requested to provide advice on the scientific basis for management of Greenland halibut overlapping Subarea 0 and 1 in 2004, and as many years forward as data allow.

Given the bathymetry of the Baffin Bay and Davis Strait, the Scientific Council is asked to advise on whether it is more appropriate for management purposes to include Division 1B with the current management of offshore Divisions 1A+0A or have it remain in the current management area of Divisions 0B+1B-F.

The Scientific Council is asked to advise on the most appropriate protocols for the conduct of exploratory fisheries in Divisions 1A north of 74°N including precautionary catch limits.

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

The Council is asked in its advice to assess the impact from the offshore fisheries in Baffin Bay and Davis Strait on the status and trends of the Subarea 1A inshore stock components, and *vice versa*.

4. Subject to the concurrence of Canada as regards Subarea 0, Denmark, on behalf of Greenland, further requests the Scientific Council of NAFO before December 2003 to provide advice on the scientific basis for management of Northern shrimp (*Pandalus borealis*) in Subarea 0 and 1 in 2004, and as many years forward as data allow.

The Scientific Council is asked to update the information on the distribution of Northern shrimp (*Pandalus borealis*) and provide advice on allocation of TAC's to Subarea 0 and Subarea 1.

Further, the Council is requested to advise, in co-operation with ICES, on the scientific basis for management of Northern shrimp (*Pandalus borealis*) in Denmark Strait and adjacent areas east of southern Greenland in 2004, and as many years forward as data allow.

On behalf of
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Sincerely
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