

## WGC(13)7

### *United States Proposal Regarding the Fishery at West Greenland for 2013 and 2014*

The WGC, seeking to clarify the scope and scale of the internal use fishery in Greenland in 2013 and 2014, consistent with the regulatory measures adopted for this fishery since 2006 that provide an estimate of the internal use fishery of 20 tons, in response to the status of the stocks contributing to the mixed stock and in recognition of the scientific advice from ICES,

Agrees that:

1. Factory landings shall not be authorized in 2013 and 2014. Seasonal fresh fish landings and domestic sale, for personal consumption and sale at local open air markets, restaurants, etc., which in the past has been estimated at 20 mt with 10 mt of unreported catch, will continue in 2013 and 2014 as in the past.
2. Should Greenland persist in authorizing landings to factories, which would enable the year-round supply of domestic markets with processed and/or frozen product, then landings to the factories, as well as all other sectors of the West Greenland internal fishery would be subject to a new regulatory measure to include a managed cap on all sectors. Prior to the adoption of a new Regulatory Measure, and based on Greenland's statement that there is no expectation that effort will increase in the future, the quota for any factory landings in 2013 and 2014 will be set at 15 mt (which is the volume landed to factories in 2012).
3. There shall be an intersessional meeting of the West Greenland Commission to continue discussion of a new regulatory measure which addresses and includes caps, monitoring, and control over all sectors of the internal use fishery.
4. Notwithstanding the above, reporting and monitoring of all aspects in the fishery shall be enhanced to ensure a full and correct census of fishing effort, catch, landings amount and to which sector in order to enable timely and effective management of the fishery.
5. Detailed catch statistics for all factory landings, if authorized, shall be provided to ICES for evaluation of catch and effort data.