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Regulatory Measure for the Fishing of Salmon at West Greenland for 2004

RECALLING that the Parties to the West Greenland Commission have previously agreed regulatory measures for the West Greenland fishery based on the scientific advice from the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES);

The Parties:

- (1) Acknowledge the good work undertaken by Greenland to improve the estimates of the annual catches of salmon taken for private sales and local consumption in Greenland and encourage Greenland to continue this work; and
- (2) Commit to cooperate in the design and implementation of a sampling programme that will be closely coordinated with the fishery.

CONSIDERING the scientific advice from ICES which indicates that the stock complex at West Greenland is outside safe biological limits;

RECOGNIZING that cooperation for the conservation of wild Atlantic salmon is in their mutual interest, the Parties agree that in 2004, the catch at West Greenland will be restricted to that amount used for internal subsistence consumption in Greenland, which in the past has been estimated at 20 t. There will be no commercial export of salmon.

Denmark, on behalf of Greenland, will inform the other Parties on the outcome of the 2004 fishery.