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Regulatory Measure for Fishing of Salmon in the Faroe Islands for the Calendar Years 1987, 1988 and 1989

The North-East Atlantic Commission of the North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization

Having regard to Article 8, subparagraph (b), recognising the need for regulatory measures in the Faroese fishery for the years 1987, 1988 and 1989 decides that:

The Faroese catch shall be controlled in accordance with an effort limitation programme, set out in Appendix 1, for a trial period of three years.

During the trial period the fishery shall be monitored by the Commission at its Annual Meetings. For this purpose, account shall be taken of the advice received from ICES pursuant to the questions set out in Appendix 2.

The fishing effort shall be targeted at an average annual catch so that the total nominal catch for the duration of the trial period shall not exceed 1,790 tonnes. However, in any given year the annual catch shall not exceed 5% more than the annual average.

Appendix 1

The following regulatory measures for the fishing of salmon in the fisheries zone of the Faroe Islands for the years 1987, 1988 and 1989 shall apply:

- (1) Areas with salmon below the length of 60cm will be closed for salmon fishery at short notice, following the general rules for closing areas with undersized fish already in force in the Faroese fisheries zone.
- (2) The number of boats licensed for salmon shall not exceed 26.
- (3) The salmon fishing season will be limited to 15 January to 30 April, and 1 November to 15 December.
- (4) Subject to the maximum annual catch the total allowable number of fishing days for the salmon fishery in the Faroese Islands zone shall be set at 1,600 each year.

Appendix 2

Request for Scientific Advice from ICES

With respect to Atlantic salmon in the North-East Atlantic Commission area:

1. Describe events of the 1987 fisheries with respect to gear, effort, exploitation rate, composition and origin of the catch and assess the status of the stocks.
2. Evaluate the effectiveness of new, existing or proposed management measures for home waters and interception fisheries on stocks occurring in the Commission area, in particular the effect in the Faroese fishery zone of effort control compared to the control of catches on the level of exploitation.

3. Discuss scientifically based approaches for managing salmon in the context of existing fisheries.
4. Specify data deficiencies and research needs.