

DRAFT REQUEST FOR ADVICE TO ICES VIA THE COMMISSION

Date: 13 March 2017

Background:

This is an idea raised by the LDAC at the last Coordination meeting between ICES and the ACs (MIACO) held in Copenhagen in January 2017 in relation to the implementation of the LO outside EU waters.

The LDAC is currently working in developing an advice for NEAFC area but is seeking to improve knowledge on state of deep-water species (including deep-sea sharks) in NEAFC RA as there might be conflicts of discard rules between EU waters and international waters in relation to species subject to catch limits.

The LDAC is waiting for the adoption of the EC Delegated Regulation setting *de minimis* rules for such species in NEAFC, given the inaction by MS to date to set up a dedicated Regional MS Group to deal with implementation of LO outside EU waters.

Request for Advice to ICES for 2017

For the above mentioned reasons, the LDAC would like to submit a formal request for advice to ICES via the Commission to report on the existing scientific knowledge and review of stock assessments for the deep-water species as well as the availability and quality of the discard data in relation to ICES subdivisions VIb, XII and XIVb.

The list of relevant deep-water species mentioned is annexed to this request.

ANNEX I. Catch limits for Deep-sea Stocks

International Waters, ICES VIb, XII, XIVb

Summary description:

- Most of the TACs for this species in EU waters were set on a biannual basis (2017-2018), as a result of the agreement reached by the Council in November 2016, and as such they have been accordingly reflected in the Council Regulation on TAC and Quota 2017.
- Annex IB NEAFC FO includes 49 species: 12 are subjected to TACs by the EU; 17 are deep-water sharks (coinciding with the EU Deep-sea Regulation); and the remaining 20 not subjected to catch limits (quotas).
- NEAFC Rec. 7/13 forbids direct fishery and retention on board of deep-water sharks.
- Unknown Stocks of wide distribution, without reference points.
- Limited data: only exploitation and stock trends (Increasing/Stable/ Decreasing)
- Recommendation made on catches, by-catches and discards.
- Little quota or quota cero in several cases ("Choke Species")
- Catch and discard data insufficient, although improving in the last years.

Table of deep-water species subject to catch limits in EU waters and NEAFC

* Regulation (CE) 2016/2285 of 12.12.2016

** EU Regulation 2017/127, published on 28.1.2017

Nombre especie / Species Name	Cod./ Code	Areas CIEM / Cpaco	2017		2018		TAC
			EU	ES P	EU	ES P	
Sable negro / Black Scabbardfish	BSF	I-IV y AAll	9	0	9	0	Cautelar
	BSF	V-VII and XII y AAll	2.9 54	16 8	2.6 00	14 8	Analítico
	BSF	VIII, IX y X y AAll	3.3 30	10	2.9 97	9	Analítico
	BSF	34.1.2 y AAll	2.4 88	0	2.1 89	0	Cautelar
Argentina / Greater Silver Smelt	ARU	I, II y AAll	90	0			
	ARU	III, IV y AAll	1.0 28	0			
	ARU	V-VII y AAll	3.8 84	0			
Alfonsino	ALF	III-X, XII, XIV y AAll	280	63	28 0	63	Analítico
Brosmio / Tusk	USK	I-II, XIV y AAll	21	0			Cautelar
	USK	V-VII y AAll	3.8 60	46			Cautelar
			2017		2018		

Nombre especie / Species Name	Cod./ Code	Areas CIEM / Cpaco	EU	ES P	EU	ES P	TAC
Grenadiers	RNG/R HG	I, II, IV y AAll	10	0	10	0	
	RNG/R HG	III y AAll	278	0	22 3	0	
	RNG/R HG	Vb - VII	3.0 52	49	3.1 20	50	
	RNG/R HG	VIII-X, XII, XIV y AAll	2.6 23	1.8 83	2.0 99	1.5 08	
Reloj Anaranjado / Orange Roughy	ORY	VII	0	0	0	0	
	ORY	I-V and VIII-XIV	0	0	0	0	
Maruca Azul / Blue Ling	BLI	Vb -VI - VII	11. 314	36 5			
	BLI	AAll XII	357	34 1			No Definido Precautorio
Maruca / Ling	LIN	I,II y AAll	36	0			
	LIN	V y AAll	33	0			
	LIN	VI-XIV	13. 696	3.7 44			Cautelar
Besugo / Red Seabream	SBR	VI-VIII y AAll	144	11 6	13 0	10 4	
	SBR	IX, y AAll	174	13 7	16 5	13 0	
	SBR	X y AAll	517	5	51 7	5	Analítico
Brótola de fango / Greater Forkbeard	GFB	I-IV y AAll	243 4	70 6	24 34	70 6	Analítico
	GFB	V-VII, y AAll	243 4	70 6	24 34	70 6	Analítico
	GFB	VIII-IX y AAll	285	25 8	25 4	23 0	Analítico
	GFB	X-XII y AAll	58	0	52	0	Analítico
Tiburones profundas / Deepwater Sharks	15 Specie s	V-IX y AAll	10	--	10	--	Cautelar
		X y AAll	10	--	10	--	Cautelar
		34.1.1 aguas UE	10	--	10	--	Cautelar
Deanias (Bird Beak Dogfish)	2 Specie s	XII AAll	0	0	0	0	Cautelar