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Control measures for shallow and deep pelagic beaked redfish

Background

ICES advice for shallow and deep pelagic beaked redfish (*Sebastes mentella*) in the Irminger Sea and adjacent waters is for zero catch over more than a decade. Maintaining fishing activities on the stock in these circumstances jeopardizes its long-term sustainability.

In order to prevent adverse effects on the sustainability of shallow and deep pelagic beaked redfish (*Sebastes mentella*) in the Irminger Sea deriving from the continuation of high-level targeted fishing activities on these stocks (REB 1F_2_3K) when NAFO has established a zero TAC in Subarea 2 and Divisions 1F+3K, the Contracting Parties should not contribute the unsustainable high-level targeted fishing activities by providing port, transhipment or support services.

Proposal

Amend Article 5 of the NAFO Control and Enforcement Measures as follows:

• New paragraph 5(k):

5. Each Contracting Party shall:

- (k) as appropriate, deny the landing or transshipment, including at sea, of catches of shallow or deep pelagic beaked redfish, or other port services to vessels with catches of shallow or deep pelagic beaked redfish onboard that have been taken in a directed fishery in Subarea 2 and Divisions 1F + 3K when the TAC in these areas is set at zero in Annex I.A, except in the case of force majeure, distress, for the purposes of inspection, or for taking appropriate enforcement action.
- New paragraph 16:

Implementation

16. STACTIC will revise paragraph 5(k) in 2027.