



**NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC
FISHERIES COMMISSION**

Managing Fisheries in the North-East Atlantic

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TO:

President

Vice President

Heads of Delegation

All Contracting Parties

Reference: HOD 23/13

**MEASURES TAKEN BY THE EUROPEAN UNION IN ACCORDANCE WITH NEAFC
RECOMMENDATION 01:2023 FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE STOCKS OF SHALLOW AND
DEEP PELAGIC REDFISH IN THE IRMINGER SEA AND ADJACENT WATERS**

Please find attached a letter from the European Union, regarding Measures taken to protect stocks of shallow and deep pelagic redfish in the Irminger Sea and adjacent waters in accordance with Rec.01:2023, which I am sure you will find self-explanatory.

Yours sincerely

Dr. Darius Campbell
Secretary of NEAFC

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EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

The Director-General

Brussels
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Subject: Measures taken by the European Union in accordance with NEAFC Recommendation 01:2023 for the protection of the stocks of shallow and deep pelagic redfish in the Irminger Sea and adjacent waters

Dear Dr Campbell,

I am writing to you in relation to NEAFC Recommendation 01:2022, as amended by NEAFC Recommendation 01:2023. This regulation requires the Contracting Parties to adopt measures ensuring that:

- (a) no landing, transhipment and other port services are provided to vessels with catches on board of shallow and deep pelagic beaked redfish (*Sebastes mentella*) from the Irminger Sea and adjacent waters; and
- (b) that no transhipments involving catches of these stocks are permitted in their waters or by vessels flying their flag.

I would like to inform you that we have implemented this provision via the Council regulation on fishing opportunities for 2023. In fact Article 22 of Council Regulation (EU) 2023/194 sets out the following measures:

Vessels shall be prohibited from fishing, retaining on board, transhipping or landing in Union ports and Union fishing vessels also in third-country ports shallow pelagic and deep pelagic beaked redfish (*Sebastes mentella*) from the Irminger Sea and adjacent waters (ICES subareas 5, 12 and 14, and NAFO subareas 1 and 2).

Union fishing vessels shall be prohibited from participating in transhipment operations involving the stocks referred to in the paragraph above.

With best regards,

(e-Signed)
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