

### **2.3.3.2 NEAFC request on the appropriateness of the introduction of potential management units for redfish in the Irminger Sea and adjacent waters along the lines of the advice given recently regarding deep-sea species**

#### Background to the request

NEAFC has noted that ICES is able to advise on management areas for a number of deep-water species, despite the fact that very sparse information is actually available. There are several examples in the advice from ICES where two or more management units are proposed despite limited biological information.

On the redfish in Irminger Sea on the other hand ICES has, despite substantial biological as well as fishery information available, so far not been able to provide definitive advice on the appropriateness of possible management units.

NEAFC, therefore, invites ICES to elaborate on the logic behind the different approaches.

#### **ICES' response**

Given the thorough ICES response on stock structure and recommendation for three *S. mentella* management units in Section 2.3.3.1, an advice for redfish along the lines recently given for other deep-sea species based solely on limited information is no longer considered necessary.