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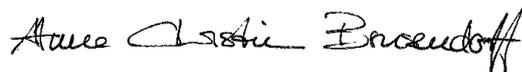
Subject - Data call 2021: Collection bags in the North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC) Regulatory Area

Please find enclosed a document describing the rationale, scope and technical details of the data call for 2021 in support of NEAFC special request to identify and detail the collecting bag fishery in the NEAFC Regulatory Area.

For questions about the content of the data call, please contact: advice@ices.dk.

For questions on data submission, please contact: data.call@ices.dk

Sincerely,



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Data call: Collection bags in the North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC) Regulatory Area

1. Scope of the Data call

ICES Member Countries are requested to provide data on landings, discards, BMS and biological sample data for commercial sea fisheries both inside and outside of the NEAFC Regulatory Area (ICES sub-area 1 and 2) from 2010 onwards for the following species:

- Northern shrimp (*Pandalus borealis*)
- Cod (*Gadus morhua*)
- Haddock (*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*)
- Greenland halibut (*Reinhardtius hippoglossoides*)
- Beaked redfish (*Sebastes mentella*)
- Golden redfish (*Sebastes norvegicus*)

2. Rationale

The data requested will be used by ICES to answer a special request made by NEAFC to identify and detail the collecting bag fishery in the NEAFC Regulatory Area (ICES sub-area 1 and 2) in order to assess the impact on species caught and by-caught in this fishery.

ICES would like to reassure data submitters that all outputs from this work will be made in a form that will not disclose any individual vessels.

3. Legal framework

Generically, all the governments and intergovernmental commissions requesting and receiving advice from ICES have signed international agreements under UNCLOS 1995* Fish Stocks agreement article 5 and 6 to incorporate fisheries impacts on other components of marine ecosystems and WSSD 2002 article 30 to implement an ecosystem approach in relation to oceans policy including fisheries. These agreements include an obligation to collect and share data on, inter alia, vessel position (UNCLOS FSA art 5) and to support assessment of the impacts of fisheries on non-target species and the environment (UNCLOS FSA art 6).

The [memorandum of understanding](#) between ICES and NEAFC also underlines the commitment of both organizations to make data available in support of ICES advice products stating that "...NEAFC and ICES will work together to arrange for any relevant data for scientific analysis to be provided to ICES, while ensuring the NEAFC's confidentiality obligations."

* United Nations (UN). 2011. Agreement related to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks. Available at: <https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N95/274/67/PDF/N9527467.pdf?OpenElement>

For EU Member States, this data call is under the DCF regulation ((EC) No 2017/1004 and Commission Decision 2016/1251/EU) and in particular, Article 17(3) of regulation (EC) No 2017/1004 which states “..requests made by end-users of scientific data in order to serve as a basis for advice to fisheries management, Member States shall ensure that relevant detailed and aggregated data are updated and made available to the relevant end-users of scientific data within the deadlines set in the request..”

ICES is thus mandated to request all fisheries dependent and independent data and logbook information used to provide this advice. This mandate is supported by international agreements and the current EU data collection framework (DCF).

This Data call follows the principles of personal data protection, as referred to in paragraph (9) of the preamble in Council Regulation (EC) No 2017/1004.

4. Deadlines

ICES requests that the data be delivered by the 28th of July, 2021.

5. Data to report

5.1 Species, geographic and temporal scope

The species covered by this data call are:

- Northern shrimp (*Pandalus borealis*)
- Cod (*Gadus morhua*)
- Haddock (*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*)
- Greenland halibut (*Reinhardtius hippoglossoides*)
- Beaked redfish (*Sebastes mentella*)
- Golden redfish (*Sebastes norvegicus*)

The areas of covered by this data call are the ICES subareas 1 and 2 (Northeast Arctic). However, data should be submitted at the following level:

- Barents Sea - NEAFC Regulatory Area (Division 27.1.a)
- Barents Sea Non-NEAFC Regulatory Area (Division 27.1.b)
- Norwegian Sea - NEAFC Regulatory Area (Division 27.2.a.1)
- Norwegian Sea Non-NEAFC Regulatory Area (Division 27.2.a.2)
- Spitzbergen and Bear Island - NEAFC Regulatory Area (Division 27.2.b.1)
- Spitzbergen and Bear Island Non-NEAFC Regulatory Area (Division 27.2.b.2)

Data should be submitted for the years ranging from 2010-2020

5.2 Type of data to be reported

Aggregation level

Due to the complexity of the special request ICES is requesting data with a high resolution level. However, ICES is aware that such detail data is not always available and for that reason four different acceptable aggregation levels are listed (in preferential order): **by haul, by day, fishing trip or by month**). The temporal aggregation should be the same for both the catch and sample data.

Data should be aggregated:

- By vessel (anonymized)
- By haul, by day, fishing trip or by month (only one to be selected)
- Gear type (trawl with a single codend, trawl with collecting bag)
- Selectivity device (main codend, collecting bag)

Catch data

Catch data should be submitted using aggregation level described above for the following catch components:

- Landings
- Discards (raised)
- BMS

Sample data

Length frequency distribution should be submitted using the same aggregation level as for the catch components.

The data table should be in electronic format, in the form of a text file (CSV or TXT) or a Microsoft Excel table; and the data supplied should at least contain the columns as defined below.

Nr	Field Name	Field Type	Field Format	Field Description and Content
1	REP_MS	Char*2	ISO 3166	Reporting Member State (//vocab.ices.dk/?ref=337)
2	YEAR	Num*4	YYYY	The year of the landing/catch (i.e., 2018)

neaf c3	MONTH	Num*2	1-12	Number of the month of catch (1=January, 2=February, ...)
4	AREA	Char*4	ICES code	ICES division (e.g., 27.1.a)
5	GEAR	Char*3	Metier level 4	Metier level 4 (OTB, OTT, PTB, etc.) (//vocab.ices.dk/?ref=1498)
6	SEL_DEVICE	Char*2	“CB”, “SC”	Collecting Bag (CB) Codend (CD)
6	SPECIES	Char*3	ASFIS code	Fish species caught (//vocab.ices.dk/?ref=1534)
7	CATEGORY	CHAR*3	“DIS”, “LAN”	Landings (LAN), Discards (DIS) Below minimum size (BMS)

5.3 Units

All weights should be submitted in kg

6. Data submission

The data and any supporting information should be reported to the ICES via secure portal (<http://community.ices.dk/data/NEAFC/layouts/15/start.aspx#/>). Please contact data.call@ices.dk before submitting the data in order to receive the login details assigned to your country.

The file submitted should be named:

"2021 DC Collection bags [country]" (example: 2021 DC collection bags Denmark)

7. Contact information

For support concerning any data call issues, please contact the Advisory Department (Advice@ices.dk).

For support concerning InterCatch submissions please contact: InterCatchSupport@ices.dk.

For support concerning other data-submission issues, please contact: data.call@ices.dk.