

**Recommendation on Conservation and Management Measures for Deep Sea Rays  
(Rajiformes) in the NEAFC Regulatory Area**

The Commission hereby adopts the following recommendation pursuant to Article 5 of the Convention:

1. Each Contracting Party shall prohibit vessels flying its flag in the Regulatory Area from directed fishing for deep sea rays.
2. Contracting Parties shall submit all data on deep sea rays available to ICES for further evaluation of the state of the stocks.
3. Contracting Parties are encouraged to take conservation measures with equal effect within waters under their national jurisdiction.
4. For the purposes of this Recommendation, 'deep sea rays' means the following list of species:

<b>Scientific name</b>	<b>Common name</b>
<i>Raja fyllae</i>	Round Skate
<i>Raja hyperborea</i>	Arctic Skate
<i>Raja nidarosiensis</i>	Norwegian Skate

This measure shall be in force from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2019.