

Recommendation for the banning of discards in the NEAFC Regulatory Area

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

PECMAC is requested to prepare and to present for the 2023 Annual meeting of the Commission the necessary changes to the NEAFC Scheme of control and enforcement on monitoring, control and surveillance to ensure the implementation of the current Recommendation.

Each Contracting Party shall ensure that its fishing vessels operating in the Regulatory Area are prohibited from discarding or releasing catches of any of the species listed below:

- species listed in Annex I A) of the Scheme of Control and Enforcement
- Haddock
- Cod
- Whiting
- Saithe in ICES subareas 3-14
- Anglerfish
- Megrims
- Common sole
- Hake
- Norway lobster
- Plaice
- Pollack
- Horse mackerel
- Ling
- Greater Argentine
- Tusk
- Blue ling
- Greenland halibut
- Boarfish
- Black scabbardfish
- Alfonsinos
- Roundnose grenadier
- Red seabream

Contracting Parties agree to review the efficacy of the discard ban in achieving the objectives of the Convention as appropriate.

Recommendation 16:2010, on a ban on discards in the Regulatory Area, is repealed.