

**Recommendation on Conservation and Management Measures for Orange roughy
in the NEAFC Regulatory Area from 2025 to 2028**

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

Considering the likely low level of the spawning stock biomass of Orange roughy (*Hoplostethus atlanticus*) in the North-East Atlantic, due to earlier intensive fisheries;

Noting that ICES advice is for zero catches for 2025-2028.

1. Each Contracting Party shall, for the period from 2025 to 2028, prohibit all directed fishing of Orange roughy (*Hoplostethus atlanticus*) in the Regulatory Area by vessels flying its flag.
2. Each Contracting Party shall take measures to minimise by-catches of Orange roughy in other fisheries.
3. Contracting Parties shall submit all data on Orange roughy available to ICES for further evaluation of the state of the stock.
4. Contracting Parties are encouraged to take conservation measures with equal effect within waters under their national jurisdiction.
5. This measure shall be in force until 31 December 2028.