

Recommendation on management measures for the protection of the shallow pelagic redfish stock and the deep pelagic redfish stock in the Irminger Sea and adjacent waters in 2025, 2026 and 2027

The Commission hereby adopts the following recommendation pursuant to Article 5, 6 and 8 of the Convention:

1. There shall be no directed fisheries neither for the shallow pelagic redfish stock nor the deep pelagic redfish stock in the Irminger Sea and adjacent waters in 2025, 2026 and 2027.
2. In order to minimise bycatch of the deep pelagic redfish stock, all fishing activities are prohibited in 2025, 2026 and 2027 in the area bounded by following co-ordinates:

	Degrees decimal minutes		Decimal degrees	
	LAT	LON	LAT	LON
1	63°00' N	30°00' W	63.00	-30.00
2	61°30' N	27°35' W	61.50	-27.58
3	60°45' N	28°45' W	60.75	-28.75
4	62°00' N	31°35' W	62.00	-31.58
5	63°00' N	30°00' W	63.00	-30.00

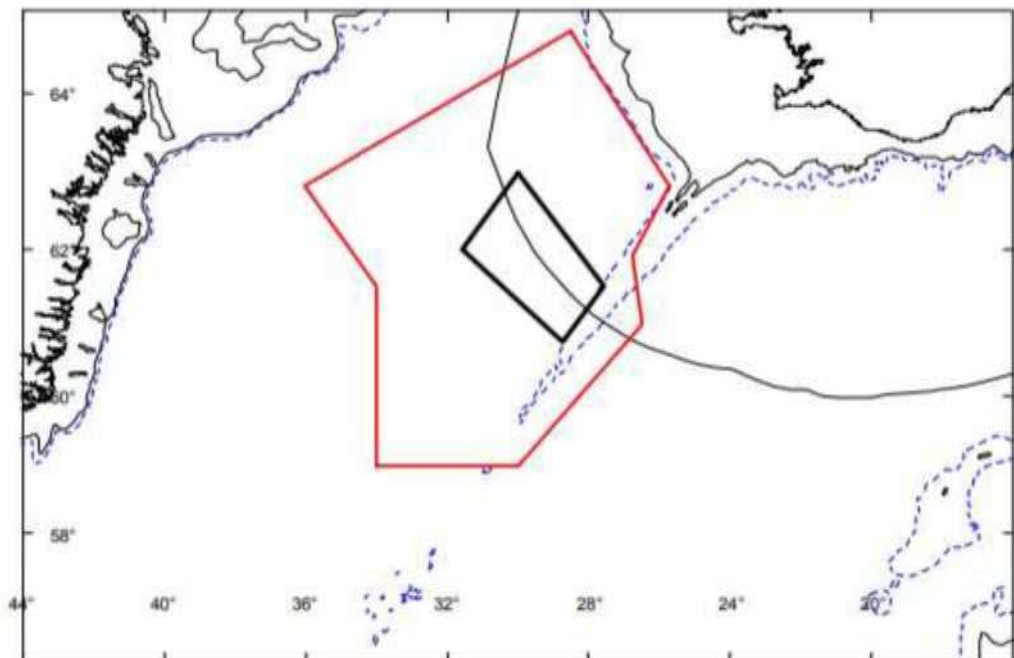


Figure showing the area where fishing activities are prohibited (black box) as well as delimitation of defined management area for deep pelagic redfish (red).

3. The Contracting Parties shall adopt measures in respect of catches taken in directed fisheries

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for shallow and deep pelagic beaked redfish (*Sebastes mentella*) from the Irminger Sea and adjacent areas to ensure that:

- (a) no landing, transshipment and other port services are provided in its ports to vessels with such catches on board;
 - (b) no transshipments involving such catches are permitted to any vessels in its waters or by vessels flying its flag regardless of where the transshipment takes place; and
 - (c) no refuelling or support services are provided by vessels flying its flag to vessels with such catches on board.
4. The Contracting Parties shall notify to the NEAFC Secretary the measures referred to in paragraph 3, who shall transmit that information to all Contracting Parties without delay.
 5. This Recommendation shall be reviewed if ICES provides new scientific advice that is different from the current advice for these stocks.
 6. The NEAFC Secretary will inform other RFMOs on the measures taken by NEAFC on Irminger Sea redfish stocks.