



DSCC Intervention to SPRFMO on Orange Roughy Increase

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We note the EU's comments, and think that the Australian paper provides many useful elements and hope that as far as possible Commission can work off that as the basis for improving the measure

We strongly endorse the need to follow the scientific committee's advice. The UN has repeatedly called for international fisheries management to be based on the best available scientific information and the precautionary approach. Crucial that fisheries decisions are based on scientific advice.

In light of the paucity of data, a precautionary approach must be followed, including the suggested 90% threshold.

We also support daily reporting, and again request that observers be included in notifications such as in 16bis.

While we appreciate the difficulties of virtual discussions, we note that we still have not been involved in any discussions on this or on CMM 03. It is crucial that the discussions on the measure CMM 03, the bottom fishing measure, not be sidelined.