

DSCC Intervention to SPRFMO on Orange Roughy Increase

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Thank you Mr Chair

We just want to observe 3 points in addition to the observations by the EU and Australia:

1. there are still no target or limit reference points for orange roughy stocks as are required by Article 10 of the Convention as well as the Fish Stocks Agreement.
2. the proposed increases involve three stocks and the SC recommended catch limits for the 3 stocks. A regional wide catch limit was not recommended by the SC and would not be sustainable if the catch was taken from one of the stocks. Clearly it would not be precautionary.
3. An increased TAC will likely mean further damage to VMEs.

Thank you.