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***Arrangement between the Department of Fisheries and Oceans of Canada and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the United States of America regarding collaboration on the management of NAFO managed stocks including 3LNO Yellowtail flounder***

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans of Canada (DFO) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the United States of America (NOAA), hereinafter referred to as the “Participants”, for the duration of this arrangement,

Recognizing that their respective fishing industry representatives may explore opportunities to use the existing Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO) mechanisms of chartering arrangements and quota transfers for potential mutual economic benefit,

Recognizing the sharing arrangements that have been established for the management of NAFO stocks, including those stocks where quotas were last allocated prior to the introduction of a ban on fishing,

Supporting the maintenance of the allocation key for straddling stocks including those currently under moratoria,

Desirous of cooperation on matters relating to their access to new fisheries, defined as those not listed in Annex I(a) and I(b) of the NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures, and placed under NAFO management with consideration of Article VI, paragraph 12, of the Convention on Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, which identifies relevant criteria for the allocation of fishing opportunities,

Considering that this Arrangement replaces the *Arrangement Between the Government of Canada and the Government of the United States of America Regarding 3LNO Yellowtail Flounder*, signed at Vigo on September 26, 2008 (“Vigo Arrangement”) and the *Addendum to the Arrangement Between the Government of Canada and the Government of the United States of America Regarding 3LNO Yellowtail Flounder*, signed at Ottawa on July 29, 2010,

Have reached the following understandings:

**1.**

- (a) The Participants intend to promote NAFO measures that ensure the long-term sustainability of the 3LNO Yellowtail flounder stock including development of joint proposals:
  - (i) that seek to minimize bycatch of other stocks in the 3LNO Yellowtail fishery;
  - (ii) that are based on the best available scientific advice; and,
  - (iii) that take into account ecosystem considerations.

- (b) The Participants understand that:
- (i) Canada intends to transfer 1000 metric tons of its NAFO allocation of 3LNO Yellowtail flounder to the USA on an annual basis by January 15 of each year.
  - (ii) for 2020, Canada intends to execute the transfer within 15 days of the signature of this Arrangement.


- (c) The Participants understand that:
- (i) the harvest of 3LNO Yellowtail flounder associated with this Arrangement is expected to be restricted to vessels flying the USA flag or vessels flying the Canadian flag unless otherwise decided by the Participants; and
  - (ii) the USA 3LNO Yellowtail fishery is expected to take place in the NAFO Regulatory Area (NRA).

- (d) In the event of a re-opened American plaice fishery in NAFO Division 3LNO, the Participants intend to co-operate to address the unique bycatch requirements in the 3LNO Yellowtail fishery through appropriate NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures that do not unduly constrain targeted yellowtail harvest, while to the extent possible minimizing bycatch.

## 2.

- (a) This Arrangement is expected to take effect on the date of its last signature by the Participants and to remain in effect for an initial period of five years, through December 31, 2024. The Participants may renew this Arrangement for additional three-year periods upon their mutual consent in writing, on or before October 1 of the year prior to expiry.
- (b) The Participants may modify this Arrangement at any time upon their mutual consent in writing.
- (c) Either Participant may discontinue this Arrangement at any time by providing notice in writing to the other Participant on or before October 1, with an effective date of January 1 of the subsequent year.
- (d) The Participants are expected to communicate their intent to seek modification, renewal, or discontinuation prior to September 1, in order to facilitate discussions during the NAFO Annual Meeting.

Signed in duplicate, in the English and French languages, each version being equally valid.



July 9, 2020

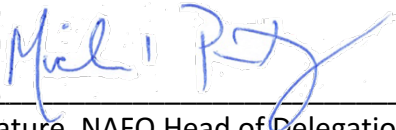
Ottawa, Canada

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Signature, NAFO Head of Delegation  
Canada

Date

Location



July 14, 2020

Gloucester, MA, USA

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Signature, NAFO Head of Delegation  
United States of America

Date

Location