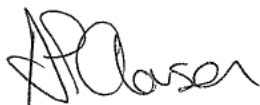


## Conservation Measure for Loligo “C” and “X” fishery

**Recommendation:** To include the conservation measure as outlined below in Loligo License Conditions effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020

1. If a vessel has a Marine Mammal Observer on board, the vessel will not be required to deploy a Seal Exclusion Device at the start of the fishing season.
2. If a vessel does not have a Marine Mammal Observer on board at the start of the fishing season, the vessel will be required to deploy a Seal Exclusion Device (see Section.... ) from the start of the fishing season.
3. Following the mortality of 2 marine mammals on vessels with an MMO on board, Seal Exclusion Devices are to be immediately deployed and to continue to be used for the remainder of the season. FIFD will send a formal notification to all vessels at this time following the MoU protocol.
4. Following the mortality of 2 marine mammals on vessels with an MMO on board and the SED deployed, FIFD will establish a closed area for a set period of time. Only vessels with MMO on board will be allowed to re-enter closed areas to check if the situation has improved. Following a short period of monitoring, the area will then either remain closed or be open for the entire fleet. At all times FIFD will do its utmost to ensure that the fishery remains as open and accessible as possible.

Approved:



Director Natural Resources

1<sup>st</sup> January 2020