Joint Deployment Plan NAFO / NEAFC 2015

NAFO 3rd Mission

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AREA: NAFO REGULATORY AREA, on board the EU (SPAIN) FPV TARIFA

OBJECTIVES
- Coordination, technical assistance and support of the Union inspectors on their duties during a NAFO sea-going mission.
- Control of compliance with NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures, Council Regulations (EC) No. 1386/2007, 2115/05 and 2015/104 by the fishing vessels operating in NAFO Regulatory Area, including non-Union fishing vessels. Main goal was to inspect vessels targeting Greenland halibut (GHL) in Divisions 3LMNO, COD in Division 3M and Redfish (RED) in 3O and 3LN Divisions.
- Control of the reliability of catch reporting and assessment of the level of compliance with by-catch rules.
- Develop and manage a regular information exchange, in particular inspection and surveillance data, between other fisheries patrol vessels in the NAFO area, NAFO Secretariat and DG MARE.

RESULTS
- 12 inspections and 49 sightings of 20 individual vessels were carried out.
- No infringements were detected during the inspections.
OBSERVATIONS

- The FPV TARIFA left St. John’s, Canada, on the 22nd of June and entered the NAFO Regulatory Area on the 23rd of June to carry out the third mission of the year in the NRA, as scheduled in the NAFO Joint Deployment Plan 2015.

- During the mission, the number of the EU vessels operating in the NAFO RA ranged from 12 to 18 and 3 to 5 fishing vessels from other Contracting Parties were also present. The overall number of vessels fishing in the area during this mission varied from 17 to 21.

- The EU fishing vessels were present in all divisions of the NRA but mainly in 3N targeting SKA, in 3LNO targeting RED and in 3M targeting COD and GHL.

- Two USA fishing vessels (a longliner and a trawler) were operating in 3NO targeting HAL.

- The 3 FOR vessels have been mainly fishing for RED in Divisions 3LN.

- On the 1st of July almost all vessels moved to Division 3M to the re-opening of the RED fishery, which directed fishery had been suspended since February.

- On the 09th of July, TARIFA finished the patrol inside the NRA and headed to Ponta Delgada, Azores to disembark the inspection team, on her way back to Spain.

- Canada was present in the NRA with the FPV CAPE ROGER, replaced by the end of our mission for the FPV SIR WILFRED GRENFELL. The cooperation with Canada was very good. Information on inspection activities and patrol updates were exchanged daily with the Canadian FPV operating in the area and DFO - Offshore Department of Fisheries and Oceans (Canada).