



## Joint Deployment Plan NAFO / NEAFC 2014

### NAFO 4<sup>th</sup> Mission

#### **PARTICIPANTS**

Spain – EU NAFO Inspector  
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EFCA Coordinator

#### **PERIOD:**

24 September – 18 October 2014

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

#### **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 43/2014 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 3KLMNO, 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**

- 8 inspections and 25 sightings of 8 individual vessels were carried out.
- No infringements were detected during the inspections.

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## **OBSERVATIONS**

- The FPV *ALBORAN* left St. John's – Newfoundland on September 26, and entered the NAFO Regulatory Area on the September 27 to carry out the fourth mission of the year in the NRA, as scheduled in the NAFO Joint Deployment Plan 2014.
- During the mission, the number of the EU vessels operating in the NAFO RA ranged from 7 to 9 and 1 to 2 fishing vessels from other Contracting Parties were also present. The overall number of vessels fishing in the area during this mission varied from 9 to 11.
- The EU fleet was targeting mainly COD in Division 3 M, RED in Divisions 3LN and 3O and GHL in Divisions 3LM. One FOR vessel was directing for RED in Division 3O and 1 USA vessel was targeting HAL in Division 3N.
- With the exception of some days, the weather was in general good even if in the most of them there was poor visibility, due to dense fog.
- Canada was also present in the area with the FPV "L J Cowley". The cooperation with Canada was very good.