



## Joint Deployment Plan NAFO/NEAFC 2014

NEAFC 1<sup>st</sup> Mission

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AREA: NEAFC Regulatory Area, ICES XIVb (Irminger Sea), aboard the ES FPV ARNOMENDI

## **OBJECTIVES**

- Coordination, technical assistance and support of the EU NEAFC inspectors in their duties during this NEAFC seagoing mission.
- Monitoring of compliance with the NEAFC Scheme of Control and Enforcement, associated Management Measures and Union legislation by the fishing vessels operating in the NEAFC Regulatory Area; including third country fishing vessels.
- Monitoring of the reliability of catch reporting.
- Regular information transmission and exchange; in particular inspection and surveillance data with the EFCA, ES FMC, NEAFC Secretariat and EC DG *MARE.* Cooperation with other FPVs.

## <u>RESULTS</u>

- 89 sightings of 16 individual fishing vessels.
- 4 inspections were carried out, no infringements detected.

## **OBSERVATIONS**

- A maximum of 16 Russian fishing vessels were noted to be operating within the patrol area at any one time. The fishery was yielding good results (best catches reported during this period were around forty tonnes per day for one vessel).
- No transhipment activity was noted.
- Days of poor weather (four) and time spent in transit (four) prevented more boardings and delayed the arrival to the Reykjanes Ridge and the permanence in the fishing grounds.

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