



Joint Deployment Plan NAFO/NEAFC 2016

NEAFC 3rd Mission

PARTICIPANTS

Denmark - 5 EU NEAFC Inspectors

Latvia - 1 EU NEAFC Inspector

EFCA Coordinator

PERIOD:

19/07/2016 to 02/08/2016

<u>AREA:</u> North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC) Regulatory Area; ICES area IIa 1 (Norwegian Sea)

OBJECTIVES

- As a Contracting Party of the North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC), the European Union was present in the NEAFC Regulatory Area during this mission with the Danish flagged FPV Vestkysten to undertake Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) duties as scheduled in the merged NAFO / NEAFC JDP for 2016.
- In accordance with Article 21 of the JDP, inspections of fishing vessels were carried out by two Union NEAFC inspectors. The participating Member States were Denmark and Latvia.
- The key objectives of this MCS mission were to inspect vessels fishing in the NEAFC Regulatory Area and to undertake general surveillance of fishing activities in the area; including third country fishing vessels.
- Regular information transmission and exchange; in particular inspection and surveillance data with the EFCA, NEAFC Secretariat and EC DG MARE.

RESULTS

- 13 sightings of fishing vessels (ESP, CYP, RUS).
- 8 inspections were carried out; no apparent infringements detected.

OBSERVATIONS

- A maximum of 13 vessels were operational in the area. All fishing vessels were targeting REB and MAC. All vessels were operating with pelagic trawl gear.
- Weather conditions were favourable for the whole patrol with light winds and a small swell.