



# Joint Deployment Plan NAFO/NEAFC 2016

NEAFC 1<sup>st</sup> Mission

## **PARTICIPANTS**

Ireland – 4 EU NEAFC Inspectors

**EFCA Coordinator** 

PERIOD: AREA: NEAFC Regulatory Area, ICES VII, VIII

7/03/2016 to 15/03/2016 aboard the Irish FPV L.E. Samuel Beckett

## **OBJECTIVES**

- Monitoring of compliance with the NEAFC Scheme of Control and Enforcement, associated Management Measures and Community legislation by the fishing vessels operating in the NEAFC Regulatory Area including third country fishing vessels.
- Monitoring of the WHB fishery.
- Monitoring of the reliability of catch recording and reporting.
- Regular information transmission and exchange; in particular inspection and surveillance data with the EFCA, IE FMC, NEAFC Secretariat and EC DG MARE.

## **RESULTS**

- 15 sightings of 15 individual fishing vessels (RUS & EU).
- One inspection was carried out; no infringements detected.

#### **OBSERVATIONS**

- A maximum of 29 vessels was observed in the area at any one time. All vessels were targeting WHB apart from the one inspected vessel which was targeting megrims (LEZ). All WHB vessels were operating with pelagic trawl gear.
- No transhipment activity took place.
- Weather conditions were poor for most of the period, with boardings not being able to take place for the majority of the mission when the weather exceeded Force 7.