



Joint Deployment Plan NAFO/NEAFC 2019

NEAFC Mission

PARTICIPANTS

Spain – 1 EU NEAFC Inspector

EFCA Coordinator (acting as EU NEAFC inspector)

PERIOD:

05/05/2019 to 25/05/2019

Entry to NEAFC_SW on
06/05/2019, exit on 18/05/2019

Entry to NEAFC_SW on
20/05/2019, exit on 21/05/2019

AREA: NEAFC_SW Regulatory Area, ICES XIVb1

OBJECTIVES

- As a Contracting Party of the North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC), the European Union was present in the NEAFC Regulatory Area for 12 days during this mission with the Spanish flagged Naval Vessel *ARNOMENDIE* to undertake Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) duties as scheduled in the merged NAFO / NEAFC JDP decision for 2019.
- In accordance with Article 21 of the JDP, inspections of fishing vessels were carried out by one NEAFC inspector from Spain and one EFCA coordinator acting as a NEAFC inspector during this mission in all inspections.
- The key objectives of this mission were to inspect vessels fishing in the NEAFC Regulatory Area and to undertake general surveillance of fishing activities in the area and in particular regard to Recommendation 1:2019 – Recommendation on Conservation and Management Measures for Deep and Shallow Pelagic Redfish in the Irminger Sea and adjacent waters in the NEAFC Convention Area for 2019.
- Regular information transmission and exchange; in particular inspection and surveillance data with the EFCA, ES FMC, NEAFC Secretariat and EC DG *MARE*.

RESULTS

- 51 sightings of fishing vessels were reported.
- 8 inspections were carried out; no apparent infringements were detected.

OBSERVATIONS

- During this mission there was a total of 20 fishing vessels present in the operational area and 3 of them flagged to EU MS.

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- All inspected vessels were sending daily CAT messages
- All vessels inspected were in compliance with the requirements of Article 8, 9 and 11 of the NEAFC Scheme of Control and Enforcement.
- The observed EU fishing vessels started the redfish fishery in the Irminger Sea on 10th of May, in accordance with the Recommendation 1-2019. It was also observed that RUS fishing vessels started the redfish fishery before 10th of May.
- The inspection team observed that catches of Redfish of uniform size with fish specimen well above the MCRS with no other species present.
- All the vessels sighted and inspected in NEAFC_SW in this mission were in the list of notified and authorized fishing vessels
- Weather conditions were poor for most of the period, with boardings not being able to take place during some consecutive days.