



## Joint Deployment Plan NAFO / NEAFC 2017

NAFO 1<sup>st</sup> Mission

# **PARTICIPANTS**

Germany – 2 EU/NAFO Inspectors

Estonia – 1 EU/NAFO Inspector

Canada - CAN/NAFO Inspector

**EFCA Coordinator** 

#### PERIOD:

11 May 2017 - 21 May 2017

AREA: NAFO REGULATORY AREA, on board the EU (Germany) FPV SEEADLER

### **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 2017/127 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 3LMNO, 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**

- 9 inspections and 15 sightings of 10 individual vessels were carried out.
- No infringements were detected during the inspections.

### **OBSERVATIONS**

- The FPV SEEADLER left Rostock, Germany on the 4<sup>th</sup> of May and entered the NAFO Regulatory Area on the 11<sup>th</sup> of May to carry out the first mission of the year in the NAFO RA.
- The overall number of vessels fishing in the area during this mission varied from 10 to 14, the number of the EU vessels operating in the NAFO RA ranged from 8 to 10.
- The EU fishing vessels were present in all Divisions of the NAFO RA, in the north of Divisions 3M targeting GHL and COD, in Divisions 3LN targeting RED and SKA and in Division 3O targeting RED.
- 1 Russian, 1 Japanese and 1 Canadian vessels were also operating in the NAFO RA.
- The weather conditions were good for the whole inspection period which allowed for good boarding/inspections.
- During the mission two CAN FPVs were present in NAFO RA, there was excellent communication between the FPV's and CAN authorities to decide which areas to operate in.
- A Canadian NAFO inspector was also present on board the SEEADLER and he was incorporated into the inspection team.