



Joint Deployment Plan NAFO/NEAFC 2019

NAFO 1st Campaign

PARTICIPANTS

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EFCA Coordinator

PERIOD:

27 April 2019 – 16 May 2019

AREA: NAFO REGULATORY AREA, on board the EU (German) FPV *Seefalke*

OBJECTIVES

- Coordination, technical assistance and support of the Union and Canadian 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 43/2014 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 and RED 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

- 6 inspections and 8 sightings of 7 individual vessels were carried out.
- No infringements were detected during the inspections.

OBSERVATIONS

- The FPV *Seefalke* left Cuxhaven (Germany), on the 27th of April and entered the NAFO Regulatory Area on the 4th of May to carry out the first mission of the year in the NRA, as scheduled in the NAFO/NEAFC Joint Deployment Plan 2019.
- During the mission, the number of the EU vessels operating in the NAFO RA ranged from 7 to 10 and 5 to 9 fishing vessels from other Contracting Parties were also present. The overall number of vessels fishing in the area during this mission varied from 12 to 18.
- The EU fishing vessels were present in all divisions of the NRA but mainly in the Divisions 3NO and in less extent on 3M targeting COD and 3L targeting GHL.
- No vessels targeting RED in 3M (closure of direct fishery according to Article 5.5 (d) on the 8th of May).
- No infringements were detected during the inspections of vessels at sea.
- On the 15th of May, *Seefalke*, finished the patrol inside the NRA and headed to Saint John's, Newfoundland (Canada), arriving on the 16th.
- During mission two CAN FPV, *CYGNUS* and *L.J.COWLEY* were on duties in NRA, there was from both sides exchange of information on inspections made and on the NAFO divisions patrolled on a daily basis.