



NAFO/NEAFC JOINT DEPLOYMENT PLAN 2019

NAFO 2nd Campaign

PARTICIPANTS

Estonia – 1 EU/NAFO Inspectors

Spain – 1 EU/NAFO Inspectors

EFCA Coordinator

PERIOD:

11 July – 30 July 2019

AREA:

NAFO REGULATORY AREA, on board the EU (Spanish) FPV TARIFA

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, European Parliament and Council Regulation (EC) No. 2019/833 and Council Regulation (EU) 2019/124 by the fishing vessels operating in NAFO Regulatory Area, including non-Union fishing vessels.
- Main goal was to inspect vessels targeting Redfish (RED) in Division 3M, 3O and 3LN, Greenland halibut (GHL) in Divisions 3LMNO and COD in Division 3M.
- 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.

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RESULTS

- 8 inspections, thereat 7 EU vessels and 1 other Contracting Party vessels.
- 19 sightings of 9 individual vessels.
- No infringement procedures were initiated, but 3 EU vessels were given a warning to correct vessels capacity plans.

OBSERVATIONS

- FPV TARIFA, left St John's Newfoundland Canada on July 11th and entered the NAFO Regulatory Area on July 12th to carry out the second campaign 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 10 to 13 and 1 to 5 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 16.
- The EU fishing vessels were present in divisions 3LMNO of the NRA, but mainly in the in Division 3M were targeting mostly RED, less GHL or COD.
- 3 RUS, 1 JPN and 1 DFG vessels were operating in NAFO at the time of the campaign.
- Following to the adoption of the Regulation (EU) 2019/833 of the European Parliament and the Council of 20 May 2019 transposing NAFO CEM to the EU legislation, first time EU inspectors used OMEGA gauge on EU vessels in NAFO to measure the mesh size of the fishing gear.
- Since July 20th Canada was present in the NRA with FPV CYGNUS. Regular exchange of information with Canadian colleagues ensured an excellent cooperation and efficient use of the patrol means.