



Joint Deployment Plan NAFO / NEAFC 2016

NAFO 3rd Mission

PARTICIPANTS

Spain - EU/NAFO Inspector

Estonia – EU/NAFO Inspector

EFCA Coordinators

PERIOD:

05 - 22 September 2016

AREA: NAFO REGULATORY AREA, on board the EU

(Spain) FPV ARNOMENDI

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 2016/72 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, 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.

RESULTS

- 9 inspections and 14 sightings of 9 individual vessels were carried out.
- One serious infringement was detected during the inspections.

OBSERVATIONS

• The ES Navy FPV *ARNOMENDI* left St. John's – Newfoundland, Canada on the 3rd of September and entered the NAFO Regulatory Area on the 5th of September to carry out the third mission of the year in the NAFO RA, as scheduled in the NAFO / NEAFC JDP 2016.

- During the mission the number of the EU vessels operating in the NAFO RA ranged from 9 to 11 and were also present 1 to 3 fishing vessels from Other Contracting Parties. The overall number of vessels fishing in the area during this mission varied from 15 to 12, respectively in the beginning and in the end of the patrol.
- One serious infringement was detected during the inspections of the fishing vessels at sea (directed fishing for a stock for which fishing is prohibited, contrary to Article 6 of NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures).
- The weather conditions were fair, according to the season and, in general, did not hamper us to make inspections.
- During the mission one CAN FPV was also present in the NAFO RA.
- The cooperation with Canada was good. Information on inspection activities and patrol
 updates were exchanged daily with the FPV operating in the area and the DFO Offshore
 Department of Fisheries and Oceans (Canada).
- The FPV *ARNOMENDI* left the NRA on the 22nd of September at 0055 UTC and entered in St. John's on the 23rd of September at 0900 UTC, for bunkers and inspection team's exchange.