



Joint Deployment Plan NAFO 2017

NAFO 3rd Mission

PARTICIPANTS

Spain – 1 EU/NAFO Inspector
Estonia – 2 EU/NAFO Inspectors
EFCA Coordinator

PERIOD:

4 – 23 September 2017

AREA: NAFO REGULATORY AREA, on board the EU (Spanish) FPV *Alboran*

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

- 11 inspections and 25 sightings of 11 individual vessels were carried out.
- One serious infringement was detected during the inspections (confirmation of serious infringement detected by CAN inspectors).

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OBSERVATIONS

- The ES Navy FPV *ALBORAN* left St. John's – Newfoundland, Canada on the 4th 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 2017.
- During the mission the overall number of vessels fishing in the area during this mission varied from 9 to 13, the number of the EU vessels operating in the NAFO RA ranged from 7 to 11.
- One serious infringement was detected during the inspections of the fishing vessels at sea (serious mis-recording of GHL catches, contrary to Article 28 of NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures, subject to Article 38).
- The EU fishing vessels were present in Division 3L fishing for GHL, in Division 3M targeting COD, in Divisions 3LNO targeting RED and in Divisions 3NO fishing for SKA.
- The USA fishing vessel *Titan* was operating in Division 3N targeting YEL (quota transferred to USA from CAN).
- the JPN fishing vessel *Fukuyoshi Maru No. 68* was also targeting YEL in Division 3N under a transfer of quota from CAN.
- During the mission CAN FPV *Leonard J. Cowley* was present in NAFO RA. On a regular basis, there was an exchange of information on inspection activities and patrol updates with the Canadian FPV operating in the area and with Department of Fisheries and Oceans.