



NAFO/NEAFC JOINT DEPLOYMENT PLAN 2019

NAFO 3rd Campaign

PARTICIPANTS:

Spain – 1 EU/NAFO Inspector

Lithuania – 1 EU/NAFO Inspector

EFCA Coordinator

PERIOD:

02 August – 24 August 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 (NAFO CEM), 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 6 EU vessels and 2 other Contracting Party vessels.
- 5 sightings of 4 individual vessels.
- 5 apparent infringements were detected on two vessels. Detected infringements were related to failure to maintain the correct production logbook and stowage plan during the fishing trip and in case of both vessels present a capacity plan fulfilling all requirements. As one vessel was operating without observer (under exemption rule) this was considered as serious infringement.

OBSERVATIONS:

- FPV TARIFA left St John's, Newfoundland, Canada on 2nd August and entered the NAFO Regulatory Area on 3rd August, to carry out the third campaign of the year in the NAFO RA, 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 8 to 12 and 1 to 6 fishing vessels from other Contracting Parties were also present.
- The EU fishing vessels were present in all divisions of the NAFO RA targeting mostly GHL, COD and RED.
- 4 RUS, 1 JPN and 1 FRO vessels were operating in NAFO at the time of the mission.
- In accordance with Article 5.5.e of the NAFO CEM, Contracting Parties closed directed fishery for RED in Division 3M on 04th August 2019 at 14:00 UTC.
- 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, the EU NAFO inspectors used electronic (OMEGA) gauge on EU vessels in NAFO to measure the average mesh size of the fishing gear.
- Canada was present in the NRA with FPVs CYGNUS and L.J. COWLEY. Regular exchange of information with Canadian colleagues ensured an excellent cooperation and efficient use of the patrol means.
- During this mission, three smartphones were given to observers on board EU fishing vessels for the pilot project aimed to test the new Observer Reporting Application designed by the NAFO Secretariat for the daily observer (OBR) reports.