Joint Deployment Plan NAFO 2017
NAFO 4th Mission

PARTICIPANTS
Spain – 1 EU/NAFO Inspector
Lithuania – 1 EU/NAFO Inspector
EFCA Coordinator

PERIOD: 24 September – 15 October 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

- 6 inspections and 21 sightings of 10 individual vessels were carried out.

- No infringements were detected during the inspections.
OBSERVATIONS

- The ES Navy FPV ALBORAN left St. John’s – Newfoundland, Canada on the 25th of September and entered the NAFO Regulatory Area on the 26th of September.
- 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.
- 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 Tremont 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.