



Joint Deployment Plan NAFO/NEAFC 2017

NEAFC 1st Mission

PARTICIPANTS

Ireland – 3 EU NEAFC Inspectors

EFCA Coordinator

PERIOD:

AREA: NEAFC Regulatory Area, ICES VII, VIII

20/02/2017 to 03/03/2017

aboard the Irish FPV L.E. Roisin

OBJECTIVES

- Monitoring of compliance with the NEAFC Scheme of Control and Enforcement, associated Management Measures and Community legislation by the fishing vessels operating in the NEAFC Regulatory Area including third country fishing vessels.
- Monitoring of the WHB fishery.
- Monitoring of the reliability of catch recording and reporting.
- Regular information transmission and exchange; in particular inspection and surveillance data with the EFCA, IE FMC, NEAFC Secretariat and EC DG MARE.

RESULTS

- 5 sightings of 5 individual fishing vessels (RUS & FRO).
- One inspection was carried out; 1 apparent infringement citation was issued for not having information on storage capacity in cubic metres.

OBSERVATIONS

- A maximum of 20 vessels was observed in the area at any one time. All vessels were targeting WHB and were operating with pelagic trawl gear.
- No transhipment activity was noticed during this mission.
- Weather conditions were poor for most of the period, with boardings not being able to take place for the majority of the mission when the weather exceeded Force 7.