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TO: All Contracting Parties; and
SC Chairs

Dear Colleagues,

Subject: 2026 Participation of Faroese vessel *"Klakkur"*

Please find enclosed a notification received from Ulla Svarrer Wang, Head of the Delegation of Denmark (in respect of Faroe Islands and Greenland) to NAFO, revising the 2026 research plan of the Faroese vessel "*Klakkur*" in the NAFO Regulatory Area, specifically five (5) survey station locations in closed areas have been replaced by five (5) new survey stations outside the closed areas.

In accordance with Article 4.6 of the *NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures*, this information will be posted on the NAFO public website at https://www.nafo.int/Fisheries/Reporting-Requirements/Research-Vessels.

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Secretary

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Enclosed: (05 pgs.)

Faroese Longline survey in division 3M

Temporal coverage: 15th May – 15 June 2026

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Aim: This recurring survey aims to investigate the Atlantic cod (*Gadus morhua*) stock on Flemish Cap using an alternative gear to that employed in the EU survey. The resulting data will provide additional information on abundance, biomass, and population structure of the target species, and may supplement the analytical stock assessments as a fishery-independent index.

Gear: The fishing gear is longline from various gear providers. In order to standardize equipment in the survey among vessels and years, obligated specifications of equipment to be used is listed in Table 1.

Catches: Limited by the number of hooks as specified in Table 1, catch estimation is no more than 62 t. Any retained catches from the survey will be subtracted from the fishing quota(s) from the flag State Contracting Party allocated to the vessel(s) conducting the survey, and hence, will be marketed alongside the vessel's commercial catch, ensuring survey catches are stowed separately.

Survey design and area coverage: The Faroese survey comprises 62 longline stations covering strata 1–20, 24, and 28 in Division 3M. Figure 1 and table 2 shows the allocation of survey station locations.

Scientific methods and procedures: In collaboration with the scientific observer, the captain organises the survey execution. Soak time of each set is between 6-10 hours, and operation can take place throughout the day. Catch weight is to be recorded, and sub-sample of 100 individuals of cod per set will be measured, thereof 20 weighed, sexed and maturity stage examined. Otholits from 10 of these is to also be obtained for age-reading. By-catch is to be recorded, with a sub-sample of 20 individual per specie to be weighed and measured, including any discard species. It is paramount that lenght distribution within the sub-samples are representative of the catches of the survey. Further details of survey protocol are found in SCR Doc. 24/062. Serial no. N7575.

Reporting: Daily updates need to be conveyed to principal investigator during survey operation. Survey results will be presented to the Scientific Council via the STACREC annual may meeting the following year.

Table 1 - Fishing gear specifications of the longline Faroe survey in NAFO 3M.

Gear Type		Longline
Total Length		Ca 0.85 Nm
Hooks:	Number	1000
	Average spacing (m)	1.5
	Hook type	EZ
	Hook size	12
Buoys	Marked yes/no	YES
Anchors	Number	2
Main line material		50/50 pol/ter
Bait line material		ter
Bait type		Squid
Soak time		6-10 hours

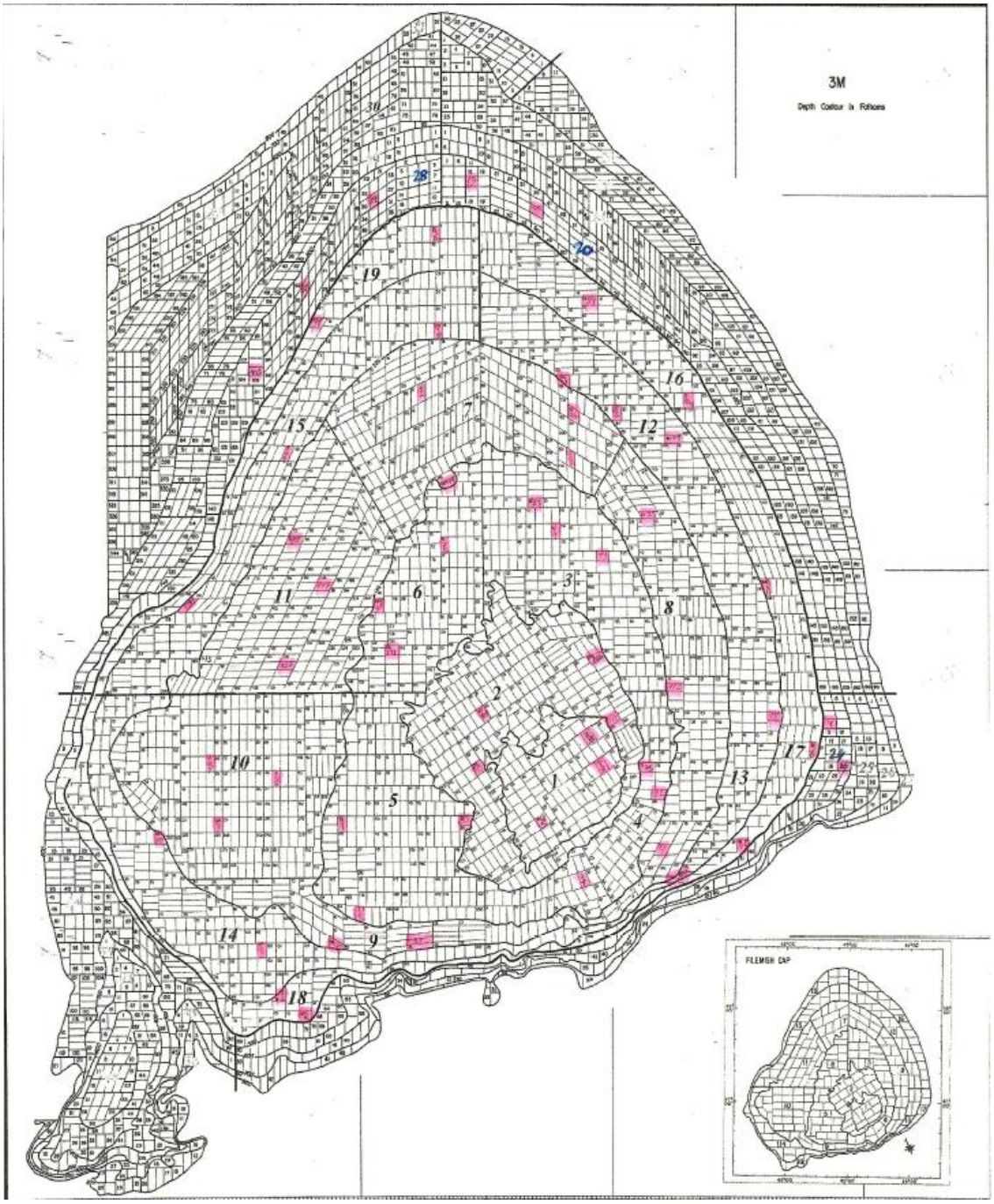

Figure 1 – Map of longline haul stations on the Flemish Kap (div. 3M)

Table 2. Station details

strata	area	NAFO.DIV	Longitude	Latitude	Depth_min	Depth_max	latgg	N	latmm	longg	V	lonmm
501	23	3M	-44.5917	47.04167	70	80	47	N	3	44	V	36
501	45	3M	-44.7667	46.81667	70	80	46	N	49	44	V	46
501	73	3M	-44.5417	46.96667	70	80	46	N	58	44	V	33
502	100	3M	-45.0083	47.10833	81	100	47	N	6	45	V	0
502	166	3M	-44.55	47.25833	81	100	47	N	15	44	V	33
502	174	3M	-44.4917	47.09167	81	100	47	N	6	44	V	30
502	45	3M	-44.8083	47.33333	81	100	47	N	20	44	V	48
503	13	3M	-44.9	47.725	101	140	47	N	44	44	V	54
503	25	3M	-44.7917	47.66667	101	140	47	N	40	44	V	48
503	49	3M	-44.7167	47.59167	101	140	47	N	36	44	V	43
504	29	3M	-44.6083	46.65833	101	140	46	N	39	44	V	36
504	75	3M	-44.3667	46.86667	101	140	46	N	52	44	V	22
504	82	3M	-44.325	47.05833	101	140	47	N	3	44	V	20
505	101	3M	-45.575	46.80833	101	140	46	N	48	45	V	35
505	162	3M	-45.2917	46.64167	101	140	46	N	39	45	V	18
505	85	3M	-45.0833	46.81667	101	140	46	N	49	45	V	5
506	141	3M	-45.3667	47.28333	101	140	47	N	17	45	V	22
506	25	3M	-45.025	47.60833	101	140	47	N	36	45	V	1
506	47	3M	-45.125	47.39167	101	140	47	N	24	45	V	8
507	149	3M	-45.1417	47.725	141	200	47	N	44	45	V	9
507	176	3M	-44.6417	47.9	141	200	47	N	54	44	V	39
507	222	3M	-44.8167	47.85833	141	200	47	N	51	44	V	49
507	62	3M	-45.25	47.95833	141	200	47	N	57	45	V	15
508	112	3M	-44.2417	47.175	141	200	47	N	10	44	V	15
508	25	3M	-44.3417	47.64167	141	200	47	N	39	44	V	21
508	97	3M	-44.25	47.23333	141	200	47	N	14	44	V	15
509	34	3M	-45.2667	46.49167	141	200	46	N	30	45	V	16
509	36	3M	-45.3583	46.53333	141	200	46	N	32	45	V	21
510	124	3M	-46.1	46.975	141	200	46	N	59	46	V	6
510	147	3M	-45.8333	46.93333	141	200	46	N	56	45	V	50
510	235	3M	-45.9	46.80833	141	200	46	N	48	45	V	54
510	35	3M	-45.7417	47.14167	141	200	47	N	9	45	V	45
511	127	3M	-45.8	47.23333	141	200	47	N	14	45	V	48
511	147	3M	-45.6417	47.45	141	200	47	N	27	45	V	39
511	17	3M	-46	47.325	141	200	47	N	20	46	V	0
511	81	3M	-45.75	47.575	141	200	47	N	35	45	V	45
512	61	3M	-44.675	48	201	300	48	N	0	44	V	40
512	82	3M	-44.4667	47.90833	201	300	47	N	54	44	V	28
512	99	3M	-44.2417	47.84167	201	300	47	N	51	44	V	15
513	18	3M	-43.8417	47.09167	201	300	47	N	6	43	V	51
513	57	3M	-44.2417	46.65833	201	300	46	N	39	44	V	15
514	124	3M	-45.9	46.46667	201	300	46	N	28	45	V	54
514	40	3M	-46.3083	46.775	201	300	46	N	46	46	V	18
515	109	3M	-45.7833	47.80833	201	300	47	N	48	45	V	47

515	151	3M	-46.1917	47.4	201	300	47	N	24	46	V	12
515	40	3M	-45.1833	48.125	201	300	48	N	8	45	V	11
516	103	3M	-44.1833	47.93333	301	400	47	N	56	44	V	11
516	161	3M	-43.875	47.44167	301	400	47	N	27	43	V	52
516	54	3M	-44.575	48.2	301	400	48	N	12	44	V	35
517	20	3M	-43.6917	47	301	400	47	N	0	43	V	42
517	3	3M	-43.7500	47.1417	301	400	47	N	9	43	V	45
518	46	3M	-45.7167	46.3917	301	400	46	N	24	45	V	43
518	58	3M	-45.4750	46.3917	301	400	46	N	24	45	V	29
519	40	3M	-45.2000	48.3000	301	400	48	N	18	45	V	12
519	71	3M	-45.6667	48.15	301	400	48	N	9	45	V	40
520	13	3M	-45.0417	48.53333	401	500	48	N	32	45	V	3
520	38	3M	-44.7833	48.45833	401	500	48	N	27	44	V	47
524	6	3M	-43.6083	47.1500	401	500	47	N	9	43	V	36
524	4	3M	-43.6417	47.08333	401	500	47	N	5	43	V	39
528	105	3M	-45.9083	48.025	401	500	48	N	1	45	V	54
528	29	3M	-45.4333	48.49167	401	500	48	N	30	45	V	26
528	69	3M	-45.7167	48.25833	401	500	48	N	15	45	V	43