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TO: All Contracting Parties; and
SC Chairs

Dear Colleagues,

Subject: 2026 Participation of Canadian research vessels – "*CCGS Capt. Jacques Cartier*" and "*CCGS John Cabot"*

Please find enclosed the notification received from Jackie Janes, Newfoundland and Labrador Region, Regional Director of Science, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, regarding the 2026 research plan of the Canadian vessels "*CCGS Capt. Jacques Cartier*" and "*CCGS John Cabot"* in the NAFO Regulatory Area.

The research plans have been posted on the NAFO public website at https://www.nafo.int/Fisheries/Reporting-Requirements/Research-Vessels, in accordance with Article 4.6 of the NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures.

Yours sincerely,

Brynhildur Benediktsdóttir
Executive Secretary

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Enclosed: (02 pgs.)

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Brynhildur Benediktsdóttir
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Dear Ms. Brynhildur Benediktsdóttir:

I am writing to sincerely apologize for the administrative oversight regarding our duty to notify NAFO under Article 4, Part 3 of NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures prior to our Research Vessel survey entering the NAFO zone in 2025. This occurrence was due to an administrative oversight. Please find below the required documentation for 2026 survey and be assured we have taken steps to ensure that similar oversights do not occur in the future.

With reference to Article 4, Part 3 of NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures please be advised that the Newfoundland and Labrador Region of the Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans(DFO) will be conducting scientific research surveys in NAFO Divisions 3LNO during 2026, both in the Canadian Zone and the NAFO Regulatory Area. These ongoing annual research vessel surveys will be conducted under my authority as Regional Director of Science for the Newfoundland and Labrador region and principal investigator. Also of note, as a Scientific research vessel survey, these surveys are conducted by trained Scientific Technicians employed by DFO and no catch is retained for market. These surveys are fundamental tools used by NAFO Scientific Council for the assessment of all stocks in NAFO Division 3LNO.

The detailed information regarding the research vessels is as follows:

	CCGS CAPT. J. CARTIER	CCGS JOHN CABOT
LOA	63.40 m	63.40 m
Beam	16.00 m	16.00 m
Draft	6.20 m	6.20 m
Call Sign	CFA3098	CGDJ
Port of Registration	Ottawa, ON Canada	Ottawa, ON Canada
Registration #	9781841	9781853
FAX (Inmarsat)		
E-mail		

These multispecies Scientific research vessel surveys will use the Campelen 1800 shrimp trawl, and are to be conducted as follows (note that dates are tentative and may be subject to minor adjustments depending on operational requirements):

- The *Captain Jacques Cartier and/or the John Cabot* during late March-June 2026 will conduct a stratified-random trawl survey for groundfish and invertebrates in Div. 3LNO. This is a continuation of the long time series of spring surveys in this area that began in the early 1970s. Preliminary results from portions of the survey completed may be tabled

during the June and September 2026 meetings of Scientific Council. Full results will be tabled during the September 2026 and June 2027 meetings.

- The *Captain Jacques Cartier and/or the John Cabot* will also conduct a fall stratified-random trawl survey for groundfish and invertebrates in Div. 3LNO during October-December 2026, continuing the fall time series of surveys in this area that began in the early 1990s. Results of this activity will be reported to NAFO Scientific Council at the June and September 2027 meetings. It is also possible that the fall surveys on both vessels may extend into January 2027.

The Newfoundland and Labrador Region of the Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans would like to thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Regional Director of Science
Jackie Janes

cc

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M. Krohn
M. Simpson
B. Healey