

**40th ANNUAL MEETING OF NAFO - SEPTEMBER 2018****Amendments to NAFO CEM Article 35 –
Collection of DNA samples by inspectors during sea Pilot project on DNA Analysis****Preamble**

The identification of species in boxes of processed products is essential to ensure the accuracy of catch declarations. To facilitate that, inspectors at sea and in port may require taking samples for subsequent DNA analysis. To support the sampling, the related provisions should be added to the CEM Article 35 (Obligation of Masters during sea inspection) and CEM Article 43 paragraph 13.

Proposed Amendment

1. In CEM Article 35:

- Add the following text as new sub-paragraph (h), and modify the numbering of the subsequent sub-paragraphs accordingly:

(h) facilitating the taking of samples of processed fish by inspectors, for the purpose of species identification through DNA analysis

2. In CEM Article 43 paragraph 13, add the following text as sub-paragraph (f)

(f) where relevant, verify species for compliance with accuracy of catch declaration

