

**40th ANNUAL MEETING OF NAFO - SEPTEMBER 2018****Amendments to NAFO CEM Article 28.5 -
Stowage of Catch**

The NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures require that vessels maintain a stowage plan that clearly shows the location and quantity, expressed as product weight in kg, of each species within each fish hold, that the plan is updated daily, and is retained onboard until the vessel has been fully offloaded. However, unlike the requirements currently in place for the fishing logbook, production logbook and catch reporting (CAT) to be maintained daily, the retention of daily stowage plans for previous days is not required.

The lack of a requirement to retain daily stowage plans that reflect each day's product stowage prevents inspectors from confirming the historical progression of the stowage of catch. Limiting inspectors to only one stowage record at the time of the inspection impedes their ability to verify the stowed product against daily production, fishing log, and catch reporting (CAT) records.

During the 2018 NAFO Intersessional in Halifax, Canada proposed to amend Article 28.5 of the NCEMs to ensure that the stowage plan will accurately display the location and weight of each species, allowing inspectors to see the progression of daily product stowage throughout the course of the fishing trip. The implementation of this amendment will allow for improved comparison of the stowage plan with all other daily reports, thereby improving the verification of catch. Contracting Parties requested further clarification and visual references, resulting in the addition of Annexes I and II to this working paper, which contain examples of a stowage plan.

Proposed Amendments**Stowage of Catch**

4. Each vessel shall, with due regard for safety and navigational responsibilities of the master, stow all catch taken in the NAFO Regulatory Area separately from all catch taken outside the NAFO Regulatory Area, and ensure that such separation is clearly demarcated using plastic, plywood or netting;
5. Each fishing vessel shall maintain a stowage plan that:
 - (a)** clearly **shows:**
 - i)** the location and quantity, expressed as product weight in kg, of each species within each fish hold;
 - ii)** the location in each hold of shrimp taken in Division 3L and in Division 3M that includes the quantity of shrimp in kg, by Division;



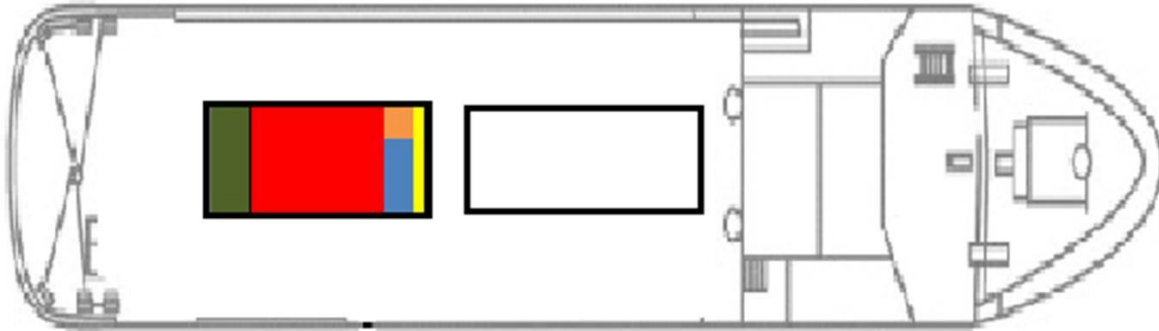
iii) the top view of product within each fish hold;

(b) is updated daily for the preceding day from 00:01 to 24:00 UTC; and

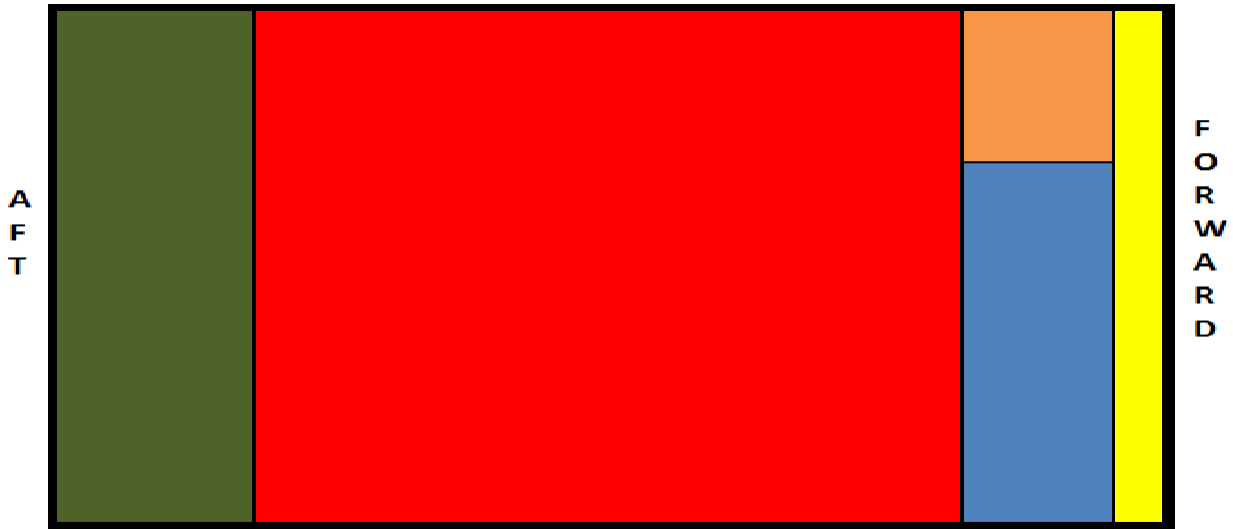
(c) is retained on board **for each day fished** until the vessel has been unloaded completely.

Annex I - Illustrations for Clarification and Visual Reference

Ship's Top View Fish Hold Perspective



F/V RED FISHER Topside View - Lower Aft Hold (Full) June 21, 2018



GHL	53.675
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SKA	21.761
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RED	102.54
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COD	10.651
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YEL	4.654
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Annex II - Excel File for Clarification and Visual Reference

Annex II - Excel File for Clarification and Visual Reference is available, by request from the Secretariat, for clarification and visual reference of how the stowage plan can for each individual be kept electronically day fished.

