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**Amendments to NAFO CEM Article 12 –  
Catch reporting of individual sharks**

**Preamble**

The Scientific Council (NAFO SCS Doc. 18-19) has identified the need to complete the reporting obligation for sharks referred to in CEM Article 12 paragraph 1.

To meet this request, it is proposed to insert these specific requests in CEM Articles 12 and Article 28.

**Proposed amendment:**

1. In CEM Article 12 paragraph 1:

(a) report all catches of sharks, including available historical data, in accordance with the data reporting procedures set out in Article 28.

(b) For all observed hauls that contain Greenland shark, observers shall record the number, estimated weight and measured length (estimated length if measured length is not possible) per haul or set, the sex, and catch disposition (alive, dead, unknown) of each individual Greenland shark.

Renumber other paragraphs accordingly.

2. In CEM Article 28 paragraph 6, add the following amendments to subparagraph (g):

Catch of species listed in Annex I.C for which the total live weight on board is less than 100kg, may be reported using the 3-alpha code MZZ (marine species not specified), except in the case of sharks. All sharks shall be reported at the species level under their corresponding 3 alpha code presented in Annex I.C ~~or if not contained in Annex I.C or the FAO ASFIS List of Species for Fishery Statistics to the extent possible.~~ When species specific reporting is not possible, shark species shall be recorded as either large sharks (SHX) or dogfishes (DGX), as appropriate and in accordance the with the 3-alpha codes. The ~~estimated weight of each sharks caught per haul or set shall also be recorded.~~

