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Content Adjustment to Add the RJ field to COX report (NAFO CEM Annex II.F.6)

Background

At the 2019 Intersessional meeting of STACTIC, Canada presented STACTIC WP 19-34, a discussion paper highlighting that there is currently no requirement to report discards in the Catch on Exit report (COX). However, masters are required to include the vessel's catch since their last daily catch report (CAT). Without the ability to include the discards field (RJ) in the COX, an additional CAT must be submitted the following day.

To provide a more efficient process, Canada, in consultation with the Secretariat, proposes that the RJ field be added to the COX report, and that Article 28.6 be adjusted so that a CAT will not be mandatory for the last day fished in the NRA.

Proposed Amendments/Format:

Article 28

6. Every fishing vessel shall transmit electronically to its FMC the following reports in accordance with the format and the content prescribed for each type of report in Annex II.D and Annex II.F:

- (a) **Catch** on entry (COE): quantity of catch on board by species upon entry into the Regulatory Area, transmitted at least six (6) hours in advance of the vessel's entry;
- (b) catch on exit (COX): quantity of catch onboard by species upon exit from the Regulatory Area transmitted at least six (6) hours in advance of the vessel's exit;
- (c) catch report (CAT): quantity of catch retained and quantity discarded by species for the day preceding the report, by Division, including nil catch returns, sent daily before 12:00 UTC **unless otherwise submitted in a COX report**. Nil catch retained and nil discards of all species shall be reported using the 3 alpha code MZZ (marine species not specified) and quantity as "0" as the following examples demonstrate (//CA/MZZ 0// and //RJ/MZZ 0//);
- (d) catch on board (COB): for any vessel fishing shrimp in Division 3L, prior to entry or exit from Division 3L, transmitted one hour prior to crossing the boundary of Division 3L;
- (e) transshipment (TRA):
 - (i) by donor vessel, transmitted at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the transshipment; and
 - (ii) by receiving vessel, no later than one (1) hour after the transshipment.

- (f) port of landing (POR): by a vessel that has received a transshipment at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of any landing;
- (g) catch of species listed in Annex I.C for which the total live weight on board is less than 100 kg, 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 the FAO ASFIS List of Species for Fishery Statistics. 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 with the 3-alpha codes presented in Annex I.C. The estimated weight of sharks caught per haul or set shall also be recorded.

These reports may be cancelled using the format specified in Annex II.F(8). If any of these reports is subject to correction, a new report must be sent without delay after Cancel report within time limits set out in this paragraph.

In case the flag State FMC accepts the cancellation of a report from its vessels it shall communicate it to the Executive Secretary without delay.

Annex II.F

6) “Catch on EXIT” Report

Format specifications when sending reports from FMC to NAFO (XNW) see also Annex II.D.A, II.D.B, II.D.C and II.D.D.1

Data Element	Field Code	Mandatory/ Optional	Requirements for the field
Start record	SR	M	System detail; indicates start of record
Address	AD	M	Message detail; destination, “XNW” for NAFO
From	FR	M	Message detail; Address of the transmitting party (ISO-3)
Record Number	RN	M	Message detail; Unique serial number starting at 1 each year for records sent from the FMC to (XNW) (See also Annex II.D.C)
Record Date	RD	M	Message detail; Year, month and day in UTC of the record transmission from the FMC
Record Time	RT	M	Message detail; Hours and minutes in UTC of the record transmission from the FMC
Type of Message	TM	M	Message detail; “COX” as Catch on Exit report
Sequence Number	SQ	M	Message detail; Unique serial number starting at 1 each year for messages sent from a vessel to final destination (XNW) (See also Annex II.D.C)
Radio call sign	RC	M	Vessel registration detail; international radio call sign of the vessel
Trip Number	TN	O	Activity detail; fishing trip serial number in current year
Vessel Name	NA	O	Vessel registration detail; name of the vessel
Master Name	MA	O	Name of master of vessel

External Registration Number	XR	O	Vessel registration detail; the side number of the vessel
Latitude	LA	O ¹	Activity detail; Latitude at time of transmission from the vessel
Longitude	LO	O ¹	Activity detail; Longitude at time of transmission from the vessel
Relevant Area	RA	M	NAFO area from which the vessel is about to exit
Catch species live weight	CA	M	Activity detail; Catch retained onboard by species and by Division since last CAT report in kilograms rounded to the nearest 100 kilograms. Allow for several pairs of fields, consisting of species (FAO 3 alpha codes) + live weight in kilograms (until 9 digits), with each field separated by a space, e.g. //CA/speciesspaceweight spacespeciesspaceweightspacespecies spaceweight//
<u>Discarding</u> <u>species</u> <u>live</u> <u>weight</u>	<u>RI</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>Activity detail; Catch discarded by species and by Division since last CAT report, in kg rounded to the nearest 100 kg. Allow for several pairs of fields, consisting of species (FAO 3 alpha codes) + live weight in kilograms (until 9 digits), with each field separated by a space, e.g.//RI/speciesspaceweightspacespecies spaceweightspacespecies spaceweight//</u>
Catch species live weight	OB	M	Activity detail; Total quantity by species on board rounded to the nearest 100 kg, upon exit from the RA. Allow for several pairs of fields, consisting of species (FAO 3 alpha codes) + live weight in kilograms (until 9 digits), with each field separated by a space, e.g. //OB/speciesspaceweightspacespecies spaceweightspacespecies spaceweight//
Days Fished	DF	O	Activity detail; number of fishing days in the Regulatory Area
Date	DA	M	Message detail; UTC date of transmission from the vessel
Time	TI	M	Message detail; UTC time of transmission from the vessel
End of record	ER	M	System detail; indicates end of the record

¹ Optional if the vessel is subject to satellite tracking in accordance with Article 29.1.