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**List of serious infringements: use of sorting grids – NAFO CEM Article 38.1.g**

**Background**

Article 13.9 of the NAFO Control and Enforcement Measures (CEM) requires vessels conducting a direct fishery for COD 3M with trawl gear to use a sorting grid placed on the top-side panel of the trawl and with a minimum bar spacing of 55mm.

Article 38.1(g) of the NAFO CEM includes within the list of serious infringements using an unauthorized grid size. However, the grid size is not a parameter currently regulated. At the same time, the list does not include the lack of use of the grid where is mandatory or the use of a grid with a bar spacing contrary to Article 13. In order to address these issues, it is proposed to amend the wording in Article 38.1 (g).

**Proposal**

In CEM Article 38.1 (g), to amend the text as follows:

***List of Serious Infringements***

1. *Each of the following violations constitutes a serious infringement:*

[...]

*(g) fishing with an unauthorized mesh ~~or grid~~-size, grid or grate bar spacing, or without the of use of grid or grate, contrary Article 13;*

