

**44th ANNUAL MEETING OF NAFO - SEPTEMBER 2022****NAFO Lost Gear Map****Preamble**

At the 2021 Annual Meeting, STACTIC agreed under agenda item 12 “*Discussion of data classification and access rights*” that the map of lost or abandoned fishing gears, presented in STACTIC WP 21-39 (see below), be made available on the NAFO public website (COM Doc. 21-21 Rev.).

The Editorial Drafting Group (EDG), at its November 2021 meeting, reflected whether this can be done at the present time. It was noted that Article 13.15 of the NAFO CEM stipulates that lost gear information be posted to the **secure part of the NAFO website**. Therefore, Article 13.15 might need to be amended before the map can be posted to the NAFO public website.

The EDG agreed that STACTIC should review Article 13.15 and the lost gear map at the 2022 Intersessional meeting prior to posting it to the NAFO public website.

At the 2022 STACTIC Intersessional meeting it was agreed that if posting the lost gear map to the NAFO public website, Article 13.15 should be amended to read:

The Executive Secretary posts without delay the information provided by Contracting Parties in accordance with paragraph 14 of this Article to the secure part of the NAFO website as well as an anonymized version of the information without vessel identification information to the NAFO public website.

Proposal

The United States of America proposes that if posting the lost gear map to the NAFO public website, Article 13.15 should be amended to read:

The Executive Secretary posts without delay the information provided by Contracting Parties in accordance with paragraph 14 of this Article to the secure part of the NAFO website as well as an anonymized version of the information to the NAFO public website. The anonymized version shall remove all identifying information, including but not limited to the vessel name and call sign.

Legend

- Lost Gear
- VME Closures
- Divisions
- RegulatoryArea
- Contours

