

**44th ANNUAL MEETING OF NAFO - SEPTEMBER 2022****Control Measures for 3M Cod – Article 7 of the NAFO CEM****Background**

To improve the recovery of the 3M cod, several flanking measures were introduced in 2020, including a 100% port inspection benchmark for vessels with more than 1,250 kg of 3M cod catches on board. In 2021, the inspection benchmark was maintained at 50% of the landings until the TAC remains under 6 000 tonnes. STACTIC shall review these control measures and propose the necessary amendments before the Annual Meeting in 2022.

In order to maintain a dedicated focus on control until a there is a more substantial recovery of the stock, it is proposed to amend Article 7.6(c) and footnote 1 of the NAFO Control and Enforcement Measures (NAFO CEM), with a view to keep a 25% inspection benchmark when the TAC is under 12 000 tonnes, and 50% inspection benchmark if the TAC is under 6 000 tonnes.

Without prejudice to the possibility for the STACTIC or the NAFO Commission to revisit these provisions where necessary, the 2-step inspection benchmark intends to provide a more stable and predictable inspection control effort without the need to revise the measure every year.

Proposal

It is proposed to delete footnote 1, renumber footnotes accordingly, and amend Article 7.6(c) of the NAFO CEM as follows:

*(c) inspect ~~at least 50% of the~~ landings or transshipments of 3M cod in its ports and prepare an inspection report in the format prescribed in Annex IV.C, which it submits to the Executive Secretary within 14 working days from the date on which the inspection was completed. The PSC3 report shall identify and provide details of any infringement to the CEM detected during the port inspection. It shall include all relevant information available in reference to infringements detected at sea during the current trip of the inspected fishing vessel. **Inspections of landings or transshipments shall be conducted at a rate of:***

(i) at least 50% when the TAC for cod in Division 3M in Annex I.A is under 6 000 tonnes, and

(ii) at least 25% when the TAC for cod in Division 3M in Annex I.A is between 6 000 and 12 000 tonnes.

