

**45th ANNUAL MEETING OF NAFO - SEPTEMBER 2023****Edits to Article 12.1 (d bis) of the NAFO CEM****Article 12 – Conservation and Management of Sharks*****Duties of the Contracting Party***

1. Each Contracting Party shall:

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(d bis) Notwithstanding the provisions in paragraph (d), a flag State Contracting Parties may allow the retention on board and landing of dead, incidental catches of Greenland sharks provided that this is consistent with its with applicable domestic law that mandating requires a general discard ban or that dead fish be landed, may, in accordance with their national law and provided that the fish is dead, retain on board and land incidental bycatch of Greenland sharks. Contracting Parties shall ensure that fishing vessels ~~Fishermen~~ are prohibited from drawing any commercial value from such fish. Contracting Parties with Domestic law mandating a general discard ban or that dead fish be landed shall provide the Secretariat with its Domestic legislation within 30 days prior to any fishing activity. Contracting Parties that fall under the criteria of this derogation shall inform the Secretariat that the derogation is in accordance with its domestic law.

Duties of the Executive Secretary

7. The Executive Secretary posts without delay the information provided by Contracting Parties in accordance with Article 12.1(d bis) to the NAFO MCS Website and the secure part of the NAFO Website. The Executive Secretary posts the above information provided by the Contracting Parties to the NAFO MCS Website and the public part of the NAFO Website.

