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June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Brynhildur Benediktsdóttir  
NAFO  
P.O. Box 638  
Dartmouth, NS B2Y 3Y9

Dear Ms. Benediktsdóttir:

With reference to Article 4, Part 3 of NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures please be advised that the Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans is collaborating with the halibut fishing industry to conduct the Atlantic Halibut Longline Survey, including stations considered stratified random and biological sampling (formerly ‘commercial index’), in NAFO Divisions 3NOP4VWX+5Zc between June 12<sup>th</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup> of 2023. Stations will occur both in the Canadian Zone and the NAFO Regulatory Area of 3NO.

The survey stations in the NRA will be fished with bottom longline gear composed of floating polypropylene, with weights of 1-4 lbs every 10 hooks. Hooks will be circle 15 and gangion length will be 28-36 inches from the mainline to the eye of the hook, with spacing of 15 ft (4.6 m) to 18 ft (5.5 m) between gangions. All survey stations (stratified random and biological sampling) within the NRA will be completed between June 12 and August 31, 2023 with fisheries DFO certified At-Sea Observers collecting data. The detailed information regarding the commercial fishing vessels that are collaborating in this research follows, with the additional required information under Article 4 Part 3a in adjoining documents:

<b>Vessel Name:</b>	<i>F/V Addie N Ainsley</i>	<i>F/V Vicious Fisher</i>
<b>Length of Boat:</b>	19 m	12.81 m
<b>Beam:</b>	6.5 m	6.78 m
<b>Depth:</b>	2.96 m	2.49 m
<b>Call Sign:</b>	Victor Yankee 2770	XJAK (Xray Juliett Alpha Kilo)
<b>Port of Registration:</b>	Halifax, NS	Woods Harbour, NS
<b>Registration Number:</b>	107392 (TC Official Number: 83437)	106793

The time-series of data from the stratified random survey was used in the 2021-2022 framework assessment of the Scotian Shelf and Southern Grand Bank Atlantic halibut and continues to be used annually to provide science advice on stock status.

The Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans would like to thank you for your consideration.



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Regards,

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## Information for NAFO Notification

### For each vessel intending to conduct research in the NRA:

Vessel Name	Addie n Ainsley
Vessel Email (if available)	<a href="mailto:heidireyno@hotmail.com">heidireyno@hotmail.com</a>
Vessel Phone Number (if available)	1-613-988-3179
Radio Call Sign	Victor Yankee 2770
IMO Number (for vessels greater than 100 gross tonnes)	
Side Number/Vessel Registration Number (VRN)	107392
License Holder (if applicable)	James L Mood Fisheries Ltd
Names of Masters (if available)	Frankie Reyno/Farley Pace
Contact Person	Frankie Reyno
Contact Person Email	<a href="mailto:heidireyno@hotmail.com">heidireyno@hotmail.com</a>
Contact Person Phone Number	902-456-6779
Vessel's Home Port	Sambro
Vessel Owner	REYNO FISHERIES LIMITED
Vessel Owner's Address	110 Bull Point Rd., Sambro, NS B3V 1R3
Vessel Type (FAO Vessel Code – see NCEM Annex II.I)	LL
Vessel Gear (FAO gear code – see NCEM Annex II.J) (optional)	LL
Vessel Tonnage (mt)	Gross tonnage 97.93
Vessel Length (m)	19.00
Vessel Power (kw)	447 power Propulsion

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### For each vessel intending to conduct research in the NRA:

Vessel Name	Vicious Fisher I
Vessel Email (if available)	
Vessel Phone Number (if available)	902-635-1794
Radio Call Sign	XJAK
IMO Number (for vessels greater than 100 gross tonnes)	
Side Number/Vessel Registration Number (VRN)	106793
License Holder (if applicable)	James L Mood Fisheries Ltd.
Names of Masters (if available)	Lorne Pace
Contact Person	Almond Mood
Contact Person Email	<a href="mailto:Info.moodfish@gmail.com">Info.moodfish@gmail.com</a>
Contact Person Phone Number	902-723-2360
Vessel's Home Port	Woods Harbour, NS
Vessel Owner	RHEI GRADE SEAFOODS LTD
Vessel Owner's Address	130 Falls Point Rd., Woods Harbour, NS
Vessel Type (FAO Vessel Code – see NCEM Annex II.I)	LL
Vessel Gear (FAO gear code – see NCEM Annex II.J) (optional)	LL
Vessel Tonnage (mt)	68.24
Vessel Length (m)	12.81
Vessel Power (kw)	410