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Brynhildur Benediktsdóttir  
Executive Secretary  
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 May 22<sup>nd</sup> and July 31<sup>nd</sup> of 2024. Stations will occur both in the Canadian Zone and the NAFO Regulatory Area (NRA) 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 May 22<sup>nd</sup> and July 31<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 with fisheries DFO certified At-Sea Observers collecting data. The detailed information regarding the commercial fishing vessels that are collaborating in this research follows:

<b>Vessel Name:</b>	<i>F/V Southerly Sacrifice</i>	<i>F/V Vicious Fisher I</i>
<b>Length of Boat:</b>	14.04 m	12.81 m
<b>Beam:</b>	7.91 m	6.78 m
<b>Depth:</b>	3.16 m	2.49 m
<b>Call Sign:</b>	VAH2575 (Victor Alfa Hotel 2575)	XJAK (Xray Juliett Alpha Kilo)
<b>Port of Registration:</b>	Sambro, NS	Woods Harbour, NS
<b>Registration Number:</b>	1008924	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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Regional Director, Science  
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Fisheries and Oceans Canada

cc P. Doherty  
N. Pond  
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D. Harper

## Information for NAFO Notification

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

Vessel Name	Southernly Sacrifice
Vessel Email (if available)	Greyno88@gmail.com
Vessel Phone Number (if available)	403-927-6931
Radio Call Sign	VAH2575
IMO Number (for vessels greater than 100 gross tonnes)	N/A
Side Number/Vessel Registration Number (VRN)	108924
License Holder (if applicable)	Gordie Reyno
Names of Masters (if available)	Gordie Reyno
Contact Person	Melanie Flemming
Contact Person Email	melanie@sambrofisheries.com
Contact Person Phone Number	902-868-2140
Vessel's Home Port	Sambro, NS
Vessel Owner	Gordie Reyno
Vessel Owner's Address	73 Atlantic View Dr. Sambro Head, NS B3V 1L2
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)	97.59
Vessel Length (m)	14.04
Vessel Power (kw)	360

## Information for NAFO Notification

### 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