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09 May 2025

TO: All Contracting Parties; SC Chairs

Dear Colleagues,

Subject: 2025 Participation of Canadian vessels - Southerly Sacrifice and Sou'west Titan

Please find enclosed information received from Francine Desharnais, Regional Director, Science Bedford Institute of Oceanography, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, regarding the 2025 research plan of the Canadian vessels *Southerly Sacrifice* and *Sou'west Titan* in the NAFO Regulatory Area.

This information is posted on the NAFO public website at <u>https://www.nafo.int/Fisheries/Reporting-Requirements/Research-Vessels</u>, in accordance with Article 4.6 of the NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures.

Yours sincerely,

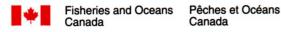
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May 7th, 2025

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Dear Ms. Benediktsdóttir:

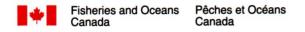
With reference to Article 4, Part 3 of NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures please be advised that the Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans is collaborating with the Atlantic halibut fishing industry to conduct the Industry-DFO Halibut Longline Survey, including stations considered stratified random and biological sampling (formerly 'commercial index'), in NAFO Divisions 3NOP4VWX+5Z between May 22<sup>nd</sup> and July 22<sup>nd</sup> of 2025. 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 with DFO certified At-Sea Fisheries Observers collecting data. The detailed information regarding the commercial fishing vessels that are collaborating in this research follows:

Vessel Name:	F/V Southerly Sacrifice	F/V Sou'west Titan
Length of Boat:	14.04 m	14.73 m
Beam:	7.91 m	9.41 m
Depth:	3.16 m	3.04 m
Call Sign:	VAH2575 (Victor Alfa	MMSI: 316055389
	Hotel 2575)	
Port of Registration:	Sambro, NS	Yarmouth, NS
<b>Registration Number:</b>	108924	109086

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.



Regards,

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