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TO: All Contracting Parties;  
SC Chairs

Dear Colleagues,

**Subject:** 2026 Participation of Canadian vessel – *F/V Cameron & Girls*

Please find enclosed information received from Taryn Tomlinson, Regional Director, Science, Maritimes, Bedford Institute of Oceanography, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, regarding the 2026 research plan of the Canadian vessel *F/V Cameron & Girls* in the NAFO Regulatory Area.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Brynhildur Benediktsdóttir', is positioned above the printed name.

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Enclosed: (02 pgs.)

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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 2026. 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>, 2026 with DFO certified At-Sea Fisheries Observers collecting data. The detailed information regarding the commercial fishing vessel that is collaborating in this research in the NRA follows:

<b>Vessel Name:</b>	<i>F/V Cameron &amp; Girls</i>
<b>Length of Boat:</b>	14.85 m
<b>Beam:</b>	7.81 m
<b>Depth:</b>	3.16 m
<b>Call Sign:</b>	CFK5173
<b>Port of Registration:</b>	Shelburne, NS
<b>Registration Number:</b>	107906

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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