

NAFO Standing Committee on International Control (STACTIC) Intersessional meeting  
10–13 May 2021  
via WebEx

**Provisional Agenda**

**1. Opening by the Chair, Kaire Märtin (European Union)**

*The meeting will be opened by the Chair, Kaire Märtin (European Union).*

**2. Appointment of Rapporteur**

**3. Adoption of Agenda**

**4. Annual Compliance Review, 2020**

*This draft compilation is part of the process of the Annual Compliance Review conducted by STACTIC in accordance with the NAFO Rules of Procedure: Commission 5.1.e. Under this agenda item, the NAFO Secretariat will present the latest profiles and trends of fisheries in the NAFO Regulatory Area including apparent infringements.*

*In relation to COVID-19, at the 2020 Annual Meeting, the Commission agreed that STACTIC should compile, make a first review of, including appropriate recommendations, and report for decision-making to the Commission on the measures undertaken by Contracting Parties via the compliance review. The Annual Compliance Report for 2020, when indicating non-compliances by a Contracting Party with a given obligation on control, should identify as well any difficulties directly linked to the COVID-19 pandemic to be differentiated from any other non-compliances. This first assessment role for STACTIC does not aim at revising the decision of Contracting Party to suspend a control measure, but to differentiate the reasons for the non-compliance of a measure between COVID and non-COVID related ones.*

*At the 2020 Annual Meeting, STACTIC agreed to review the 2020 responses in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic and that Canada will draft a template for an annex to the Annual Compliance Review for discussion at this meeting.*

**5. Review of Article 30 of the NAFO CEM**

*At the 2020 Annual Meeting, STACTIC agreed to continue to discuss the issues relating to the Article 30 - Observer Program requirements at this meeting.*

**6. STACTIC Participation**

*It was agreed at the 2019 Annual Meeting, that the NAFO ad hoc Working Group on STACTIC Participation (WG-SP) be tasked with addressing the issue of participation of industry representatives in STACTIC. This working group was scheduled to meet in May 2021 in Halifax, Canada but it has been decided to postpone the WG-SP meeting until it can be held in-person.*

**7. New and pending proposals on enforcement measures: Possible revisions of the NAFO CEM**

*This is a regular agenda item where new and pending proposals on enforcement measures are deliberated.*

*Two proposals were deferred at the 2020 Annual Meeting and could be discussed under this agenda item. The first was a joint proposal by Norway, the European Union, and the United States of America on the inclusion of vessels from IUU lists of other RFMOs on the NAFO IUU list. The other proposal was from Canada relating to measures concerning vessels demonstrating repeat non-compliance of serious infringements in the NAFO Regulatory Area.*

**8. Discussions on the interpretation of Article 10 of the NAFO CEM**

*At the 2019 Annual Meeting, STACTIC discussed the interpretation of Article 10 – Greenland halibut of the NAFO CEM. STACTIC was unable to come to an agreed understanding of the requirements and requested the Commission to advise on the interpretation of the port inspection requirements outlined in Article 10 - Greenland halibut of the NAFO CEM. The Commission asked STACTIC to continue its deliberations on this issue during subsequent meetings.*

*At the 2020 Intersessional and Annual meetings, it was agreed to defer this item to this meeting.*

**9. Practical application of Port State Measures in NAFO**

*At the 2019 Annual Meeting, STACTIC agreed that a general discussion on the practical application of the port State measures be held at the Intersessional meeting.*

*At the 2020 Intersessional and Annual meetings, it was agreed to defer this item to this meeting.*

**10. Marking of gears**

*At the 2019 Annual Meeting, Contracting Parties agreed to report on their domestic implementation of the FAO guidelines on “Marking of gears”.*

*At the 2020 Intersessional and Annual meetings, it was agreed to defer this item to this meeting.*

**11. NAFO MCS website and application development**

*The NAFO Secretariat will present the new enhancements to the MCS Website and provide an update on the status of the Observer Application.*

**12. Report and recommendations of the Editorial Drafting Group (EDG)**

*The NAFO STACTIC Editorial Drafting Group (EDG) met virtually in November 2020 to complete the work forwarded to them by STACTIC at the 2020 Annual Meeting. The EDG will provide its report (STACTIC WP 20-32) and recommendations under this agenda item.*

**13. Half-year review of the implementation of new NAFO CEM measures**

*The NAFO Secretariat will report on its experience in the implementation of measures adopted by the Commission which came into force in January 2021 (NAFO/20-277 dated 02 December 2020).*

**14. Review and evaluation of Practices and Procedures**

*It was agreed that this be a standing agenda item with the intention of providing Contracting*

*Parties with the opportunity to share domestic practices and procedures. Contracting Parties were encouraged to continue to submit relevant documents to the NAFO Secretariat to augment the NAFO Members' pages. The NAFO Secretariat will also provide a list of all information currently available.*

**15. NAFO Inspectors Workshop**

*An update on the next NAFO Inspectors Workshop will be provided under this agenda item.*

**16. Review of current IUU list pursuant to NAFO CEM, Article 53**

*The IUU list will be reviewed in accordance with Article 53 – IUU Vessel List of the NAFO CEM.*

**17. Bycatch and discards**

**a. STACTIC input in the development of management options as outlined in sections 4.1 and 4.2 of the Action Plan in the Management and Minimization of Bycatch and Discards (NAFO COM Doc. 17-26)**

*According to the Action Plan, the NAFO ad hoc Working Group on Bycatches, Discards and Selectivity (WG-BDS) in the NRA and STACTIC are the NAFO bodies identified to perform the tasks pertaining to time-area management and fishery-specific solutions, with the timeline culminating to the 2021 Annual Meeting.*

*STACTIC may wish to discuss how to move forward in completing the tasks, including a coordinated effort with the WG-BDS.*

**b. Measures on discards**

*From the September 2020 Annual Meeting (NAFO COM Doc. 20-19): “The Commission also agreed to request STACTIC to consider what control elements would be necessary for NAFO to adopt a landing obligation policy in order to encompass ongoing discussions in various NAFO bodies dealing with measures on discards.”*

**c. Bycatch and discard analysis**

*The Secretariat will present and update on the data analysis of the haul by haul (logbook) data to highlight the difference in the interpretations of bycatch calculations using only Annex I.A species versus the total catch in any one haul and the impacts it would have on employing the move-along provisions outlined in Article 6.6(b), as requested in STACTIC WP0-18.*

*STACTIC may wish to discuss how this activity could complement the work of WG-BDS.*

**18. Discussion of data classification and access rights**

*At the 2019 Annual Meeting, Contracting Parties agreed to review the material on the Practices and Procedures webpage, in advance of this meeting. The Secretariat agreed to consolidate the information relating to lost gears and research vessels on the NAFO Members Pages. STACTIC will review the information to determine which information may be posted to the public website, and which information should be migrated to the MCS website.*

*At the 2020 Intersessional and Annual meetings, it was agreed to defer this item to this meeting.*

**19. Report and advice of the Joint Advisory Group on Data Management (JAGDM)**

*Advice and recommendations from JAGDM, relevant to STACTIC, will be presented under this agenda item. STACTIC may also make requests to JAGDM under this agenda item.*

**20. Recommendations from NAFO working groups**

*At the 2020 Annual Meeting, the Commission agreed that STACTIC address the recommendations from the NAFO Catch Estimation Strategy Advisory Group (CESAG) in COM-SC Doc. 20-08 and from the NAFO Joint Commission-Scientific Council Working Group on the Ecosystem Approach Framework to Fisheries Management (WG-EAFFM) in COM-SC Doc. 20-06. STACTIC agreed to discuss the recommendations at the 2021 STACTIC Intersessional meeting.*

**21. Discussion on garbage disposal onboard vessels**

*At the 2020 Annual Meeting, STACTIC agreed to continue discussion on garbage disposal onboard vessels at this meeting. The United States of America and Norway also agreed to work on a joint proposal relating to the insertion of a reference to MARPOL Annex V in the NAFO CEM for presentation at this meeting.*

**22. Discussion on labour conditions onboard vessels**

*At the 2020 Annual Meeting, Contracting Parties agreed to provide their Single Point of Contact (SPOC) to the Secretariat for inclusion on the MCS website.*

**23. Discussion of the reporting of shark catches in the NAFO Regulatory Area**

*At the 2020 Annual Meeting, STACTIC agreed that Canada, Denmark (in respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland), the European Union, and the United States of America would continue the work on standardizing the identification and data collection requirements for Greenland sharks and provide an update at this meeting.*

**24. Implementation of the Performance Review Recommendations**

*At the 2019 Annual Meeting, the Commission adopted the Action Plan for Implementation of the Recommendations from the 2018 Report of the NAFO Performance Review Panel (COM Doc. 19-32). The items in the action plan identified for STACTIC (outlined in STACTIC WP 20-28) will be discussed under this agenda item.*

*At the 2020 Intersessional and Annual meetings, it was agreed to defer this item to this meeting.*

**25. Issues relating to the impacts of COVID-19**

*Ongoing issues resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic may be discussed under this agenda item.*

**26. Other business**

*Any topics not covered by the agenda items above may be discussed under this agenda item.*

**27. Time and place of next meeting**

**28. Adoption of report**

**29. Adjournment**

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**Tentative Timetable\***

<b>Monday, 10 May 2021</b>	
08:00 – 12:00 hours	Meeting
<b>Tuesday, 11 May 2021</b>	
08:00 – 12:00 hours	Meeting
<b>Wednesday, 12 May 2021</b>	
08:00 – 12:00 hours	Meeting
<b>Thursday, 13 May 2021</b>	
08:00 – 12:00 hours	Meeting

*\*times subject to change at decision of meeting*