

NAFO Standing Committee on International Control (STACTIC) Intersessional Meeting

03–05 May 2023
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

Provisional Agenda

1. Opening by the Interim Chair, Patrick Moran (United States of America)

The meeting will be opened by the Interim Chair, Patrick Moran (United States of America).

2. Appointment of Rapporteur

3. Adoption of Agenda

4. Annual Compliance Review, 2022

The compilation of the fishing reports is part of the process of the Annual Compliance Review conducted by STACTIC in accordance with Rule 5.1(e) of the NAFO Rules of Procedure: Commission.

Under this agenda item, the NAFO Secretariat will present draft compilation, including the latest profiles and trends of fisheries in the NAFO Regulatory Area, and the apparent infringements of vessels and the follow-up actions.

Contracting Parties will be invited to review the draft compilation for completeness and accuracy and provide comments and guidance on the draft Annual Compliance Review.

5. Review of Article 30 of the NAFO CEM

As decided at the 2022 Annual Meeting, STACTIC agreed that the Observer Program Review Working Group (WG-OPR) continue their work on reviewing Article 30 of the NAFO CEM.

The recommendations of the WG-OPR from its July 2022 meeting are summarized in STACTIC WP 22-48 (Rev. 2). These recommendations have been endorsed by STACTIC to the Commission.

At this meeting, STACTIC will discuss the implementation of these recommendations.

6. NAFO MCS website and application development

The Secretariat has continued work on the enhancement to the MCS Website and the Observer application since the 2022 Annual meeting and will provide an update at this meeting.

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 Canadian proposals, one regarding the addition of labelling by date of capture for 3M redfish in Article 27 (STACTIC WP 22-25 Rev.) and the other regarding the use of CAT messages as the last catch report instead of COX (STACTIC WP 22-51), were deferred from the last meeting and could be discussed under this agenda item.

A new Japanese proposal for mesh size requirement in squid fishery could be discussed under this agenda.

8. Practical application of Port State Measures in NAFO

At the 2022 Annual Meeting, it was agreed to continue discussion on the practical application of port State measures at this meeting.

Update will be provided on recent and future NAFO Inspector's Workshop.

9. Marking of gears

At the 2022 Annual Meeting, it was agreed that the Secretariat would conduct an analysis/background document on the marking of gear rules currently applicable in the Convention on Conduct of Fishing Operations in the North Atlantic by types of gear used in NAFO. The Secretariat will present its findings at this meeting.

10. Report and Recommendations of the Editorial Drafting Group (EDG)

At the 2022 Annual Meeting, STACTIC agreed to continue the review of STACTIC WP 21-04 (Rev.) at the 2023 STACTIC Intersessional Meeting, including the review of Article 5.5 (j) of the NAFO CEM. STACTIC may instruct the EDG to conduct the review on its behalf.

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

The NAFO Secretariat will report on its experience in the implementation of binding measures adopted by the Commission at the 2022 Annual Meeting, which came into force in January 2023 (NAFO/22-285 of 02 December 2022).

Contracting Parties, particularly those with inspection presence, will be invited to report on its experience and issues encountered in the implementation of the new measures.

12. 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 are encouraged to continue to submit relevant documents to the Secretariat to augment the NAFO Members' pages and the public website. The Secretariat will also provide a list of all information currently available.

13. 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. The Secretariat will provide an overview of any changes since the last meeting.

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

JAGDM is scheduled to meet from 21-22 March 2023. 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.

The discussion of Canada's proposal (STACTIC WP 22-51) may continue under agenda item 7.

15. Discussion on garbage disposal onboard vessels

At the 2022 Annual Meeting, STACTIC requested feedback from the Scientific Council.

This item will remain open until the discussion can continue once feedback from the Scientific Council has been received.

16. Implementation of the Performance Review Recommendations

The Secretariat will provide an update on the implementation on the 2018 Performance Review recommendations in which STACTIC is the lead NAFO body.

17. Preliminary Discussion on the Review of Article 4 of the NAFO CEM

In accordance with Article 4.7 of the NAFO CEM, NAFO will review the Article 4 measures in 2023.

18. Other business

Any topics not covered by the agenda items above may be discussed under this agenda item including:

a. Report and Recommendations of the Working Group on Control of Landing Obligations

At the 2020 Annual Meeting, the NAFO "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" (COM Doc. 20-19).

This request was addressed by the WG on behalf of STACTIC. The response is documented in STACTIC WP 22-34 and endorsed by STACTIC to the Commission at the 2022 Annual Meeting.

STACTIC may wish to discuss its next steps towards the formulation of CEM measures pertaining to the control elements.

b. STACTIC Participation

At the 2022 Annual Meeting, the Commission adopted the STACTIC recommendation that pertains to STACTIC participation in meetings (STACTIC WP 22-47 Rev. now NAFO COM Doc 22-19). The Secretariat wishes to consult STACTIC whether it is the intention to revise the NAFO Rules of Procedure by incorporating the rules contained in STACTIC WP 22-47 (Rev.).

19. Time and place of next meeting

20. Adoption of report

21. Adjournment

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Tentative Timetable*

Wednesday, 03 May	
08:30 – 09:00 hrs	Registration
09:00 – 12:30 hrs	Meeting
12:30 – 14:00 hrs	Lunch Break
14:00 – 18:00 hrs	Meeting
Thursday, 04 May	
09:00 – 12:30 hrs	Meeting
12:30 – 14:00 hrs	Lunch Break
14:00 – 18:00 hrs	Meeting
Friday, 05 May	
09:00 – 12:30 hrs	Meeting
12:30 – 14:00 hrs	Lunch Break
14:00 hrs –	Meeting (closing)

**times subject to change at decision of meeting*