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TO: All Contracting Parties;
Representatives of STACTIC; and
Chairs of Commission and STACTIC

Dear Colleagues,

Subject: Provisional Agenda – *NAFO Standing Committee on International Control (STACTIC) Intersessional Meeting*, 06–08 May 2024 in Copenhagen, Denmark

Pursuant to Rule 4.2 of the *NAFO Rules of Procedure: Commission*, please find enclosed the provisional agenda for the *NAFO Standing Committee on International Control (STACTIC) Intersessional Meeting* taking place 06–08 May 2024 at **Nordatlantens Brygge** (Strandgade 91) in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Further to NAFO/24-046 of 05 February 2024, two items were added under agenda item 20 “*Other Business*”.

All relevant meeting documentation will be accessible on the NAFO Meetings SharePoint at <https://meetings.nafo.int/stactic/may> as it becomes available. As adopted at the 2023 Annual Meeting of NAFO (COM Doc. 23-28), the guidelines for the classification of working documents reads “*The Contracting Party submitting a Working Paper is responsible to designate that Working Paper as “open access” and made available to the general public on the NAFO website prior to the meeting. If the Contracting Party does not make such a designation, then it will not be made available to the general public on the NAFO website prior to the meeting.*”

A gentle reminder that, pursuant to Rule 6.a of the *NAFO Standing Committee on International Control (STACTIC) Rules of Procedure regarding data confidentiality and participation in meetings* (COM Doc. 22-19), “*Contracting Parties shall provide to the NAFO Secretariat a list of all STACTIC attendees no less than 10 days in advance of any STACTIC meeting, noting all participants’ affiliations.*”

For those Contracting Party representatives that are unable to attend the meeting in-person, hybrid capabilities will be provided. For logistical purposes, we would appreciate if Contracting Parties can indicate on the list of STACTIC attendees those that will be participating in-person and/or virtually.

We kindly ask your assistance in providing this information to the members of your meeting delegation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Brynhildur Benediktsdóttir
Executive Secretary

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Enclosed: Provisional Agenda; Tentative Timetable and General Information (06 pgs.)

NAFO Standing Committee on International Control (STACTIC) Intersessional Meeting

06–08 May 2024
Copenhagen, Denmark

Provisional Agenda

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

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

2. Appointment of rapporteur

A rapporteur will be nominated and appointed.

3. Adoption of agenda

4. Annual compliance review 2023

The NAFO Secretariat will present the draft compilation of the fishing reports as 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. Contracting Parties will be invited to review the draft compilation for completeness and accuracy.

At the 2023 Annual Meeting, STACTIC agreed that Contracting Parties will review the format of the annual compliance review and discuss the inclusion of other compliance elements, as well as the possible deletion of certain sections that are not relevant to the conclusions and recommendations section pertaining to compliance at this meeting.

5. NAFO MCS website and application development

The Secretariat has continued work on the MCS Website, the Observer application, and the ePSC application since the 2023 Annual meeting and will provide an update at this meeting.

6. Review of Article 30 of the NAFO CEM

The STACTIC Observer Program Review Working Group (WG-OPR) will provide an update on its tasking outlined in the revised Terms of Reference (COM Doc. 23-25) under this agenda item.

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 concerning the NAFO CEM are deliberated.

At the 2023 STACTIC Annual Meeting, it was agreed that STACTIC will continue its discussion on Canada's proposal on labeling requirements (STACTIC WP 22-25 (Rev.)) at this meeting.

8. Discussion on the review of Article 4 of the NAFO CEM

In accordance with Article 4.7 of the NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures (CEM), NAFO will review the Article 4 measures in 2024.

9. Review of the new measures in the yellowtail fishery

At the 2023 Annual Meeting, the NAFO Commission adopted new measures in the yellowtail fishery (COM Doc. 23-12) and STACTIC shall review the new measures in accordance with Article 6.11 of the 2024 NAFO CEM.

10. 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 2023 Annual Meeting, which came into force in October 2023 (NAFO 23-234 of 06 October 2023) and January 2024 (NAFO/23-249 of 28 November 2023).

Contracting Parties will be invited to report on their experience and issues encountered in the implementation of the new measures.

11. Discussion on the definition of directed fisheries and bycatches

At the 2023 STACTIC Annual Meeting, it was agreed that STACTIC will start the discussion on the definition of directed fisheries and bycatches at this meeting. The Commission also noted that STACTIC, in these discussions, ensure that there is coordination with other relevant NAFO bodies where appropriate.

12. Practical application of Port State Measures in NAFO

At the 2023 STACTIC Annual Meeting, it was agreed that STACTIC will wait to continue the discussion on calculating the percent difference in PSC3 reports until PECMAC has reached a decision. If an update from PECMAC is available, it will be discussed under this agenda item.

13. Marking of gears

At the 2023 STACTIC Annual Meeting, it was agreed that NAFO Secretariat will research the vessel and gear marking requirements of other RFMOs and report back at the 2024 STACTIC Intersessional meeting.

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

The Editorial Drafting Group (EDG) met on 03 November 2023 to review the 2024 draft NAFO CEM (STACTIC WP 23-27). The EDG agreed that STACTIC should discuss Article 12.6 of the NAFO CEM regarding the possible posting of research submissions to the public website at this meeting.

15. 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 share relevant Practices and Procedures with STACTIC and to submit relevant documents to the Secretariat. The Secretariat will also provide a list of all information currently available on the Practices and Procedures webpages.

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

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

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

The JAGDM meeting is scheduled to take place on 24 April 2024 (originally scheduled for 23 February 2024), and an update from that meeting will be presented under this agenda item. STACTIC may also make requests to JAGDM under this agenda item.

18. 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.

19. STATLANT 21

At the 2023 Annual Meeting, it was agreed that a letter be sent from the STACTIC Chair to the Scientific Council Chair requesting information on how STATLANT 21 data is being used, what data is being used and if other sources of data could be used in its place. STACTIC will continue the discussion on STATLANT 21 at their meeting following the reply from the Scientific Council Chair.

20. Other business

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

a. Introducing Electronic Reporting System (ERS) and Vessel Monitoring Systems (VMS) in NAFO based on the FLUX UN/CEFACT International Standard.

b. 2024 NAFO Inspectors Workshop

21. Time and place of next meeting

Under this agenda item, the time and place of the next STACTIC meeting will be discussed.

22. Adoption of report

23. Adjournment

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Tentative Timetable*

Monday, 06 May	
08:45 – 09:00 hrs	Registration
09:00 – 12:30 hrs	Meeting
12:30 – 14:00 hrs	Lunch Break
14:00 – 18:00 hrs	Meeting
Tuesday, 07 May	
09:00 – 12:30 hrs	Meeting
12:30 – 14:00 hrs	Lunch Break
14:00 – 18:00 hrs	Meeting
Wednesday, 08 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*

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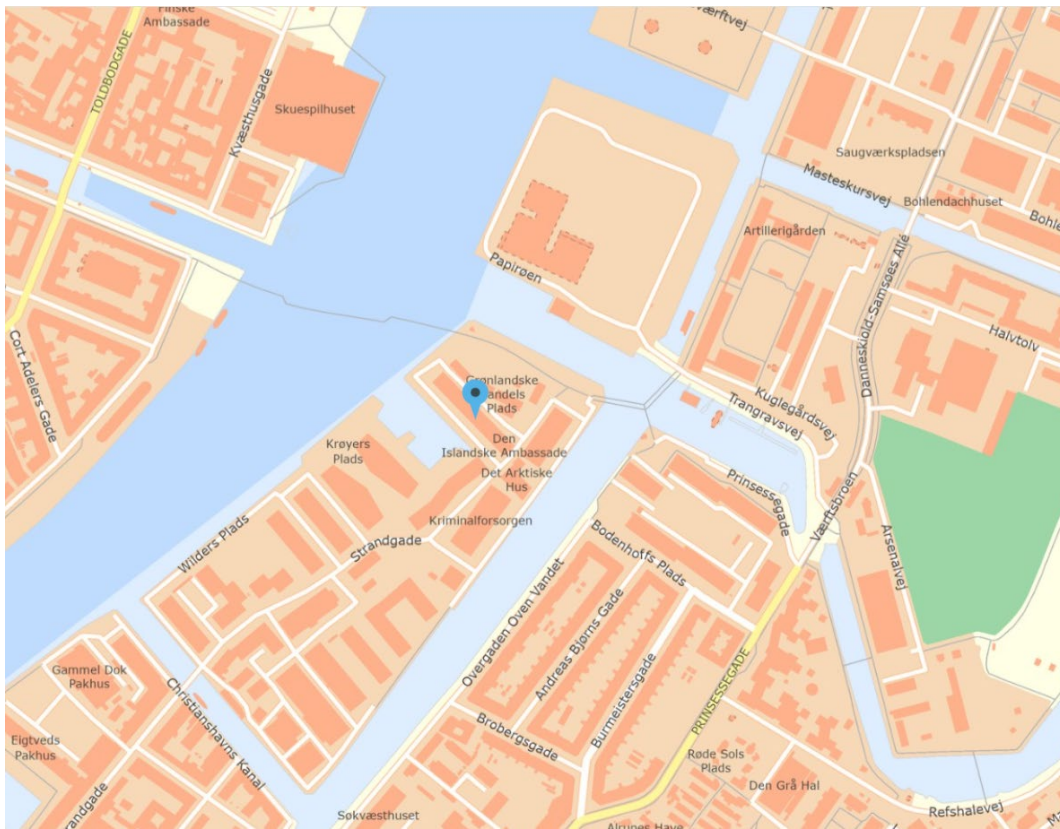
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General Information

Meeting Venue

The meeting will be held at:

Nordatlantens Brygge
Strandgade 91
1401 Copenhagen K
Copenhagen, Denmark
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Hotel Accommodations

There are a number of hotels in close proximity to the meeting venue. Reservations are to be made by participants directly with your preferred hotel.

Public Transportation

For public transportation, there are few different options:

- Take metro line M1 or M2 to Christianshavn st. From there it will take you approx. 11 minutes (900 m) on foot. From Christianshavn st. you can also take bus 2A to Refshaleøen. Step off the bus on Bodenhoffs Plads and walk for 8 minutes.
- Take metro line M1, M2 or M3 to Kongens Nytorv. From there it will take you approx. 13 minutes (1100 m) to walk to Nordatlantens Brygge.
- Take bus line 26 to Nyhavnsbroen. From there it will take you approx. 7 minutes (650 m) to walk.