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NAFO/25-132

29 May 2025

TO: All Contracting Parties
Representatives of WG-BDS

Dear Colleagues,

Subject: Meeting Date – *NAFO Commission Ad hoc Working Group to Reflect on the Rules Governing Bycatches, Discards and Selectivity (WG-BDS) in the NAFO Regulatory Area Meeting*, 14 September 2025 in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

Further to NAFO/25-115 of 02 May 2025, we are pleased to confirm the *NAFO Commission Ad hoc Working Group to Reflect on the Rules Governing Bycatches, Discards and Selectivity (WG-BDS) in the NAFO Regulatory Area Meeting* will be held 14 September 2025 at the Halifax Convention Centre (1650 Argyle Street) in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. The Secretariat will coordinate with the Chair to develop the draft provisional agenda, which will be transmitted to all Contracting Parties in due time.

To facilitate participants' travel arrangements, we are enclosing information regarding the meeting venue and hotel arrangements. Participants are strongly urged to make their travel arrangements **as early as possible**.

For those Contracting Parties 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 attendees those that will be participating, specifying if the attendance is in-person or virtual.

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: General Information (01 pgs.)

NAFO 47th Annual Meeting
15–19 September 2025
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

General Information

Meeting Venue

The meeting will be held at:

[Halifax Convention Centre](#)
1650 Argyle St,
Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 0E6

Hotel Accommodations

A block booking of a limited number of rooms have been secured at the following hotels:

<p>Cambridge Suites Halifax 1583 Brunswick Street Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 3P5</p> <p>\$239.00 CAD/night (plus taxes)</p>	<p>Reservations are to be made by participants directly with the hotel using the following booking link:</p> <p>Book your group rate at Cambridge Suites Halifax</p>	<p>To receive the special rate, rooms must be booked by <u>Thursday, 14 August 2025.</u></p>
<p>Courtyard Halifax Downtown 5120 Salter Street Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 0A1</p> <p>\$259.00 CAD/night (plus taxes)</p>	<p>Reservations are to be made by participants directly with the hotel using the following booking link:</p> <p>Book your group rate at Courtyard Halifax Downtown</p>	<p>To receive the special rate, rooms must be booked by <u>Thursday, 14 August 2025.</u></p>
<p>Hampton Inn by Hilton 1960 Brunswick St Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 2G7</p> <p>\$219.00 CAD/night (plus taxes)</p>	<p>Reservations are to be made by participants directly with the hotel.</p> <p>To book online: www.Halifax.HamptonInn.com Please select “<i>Special Rate Codes</i>” by the date at top and enter AFO in the “<i>Group Code</i>” field.</p> <p>To book by telephone Call the hotel directly at +1-902-429-6620 or through the toll-free number at +1-855-331-0337 and mention block name “<i>Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization</i>” or group code AFO”</p>	<p>To receive the special rate, rooms must be booked by <u>Friday, 01 August 2025.</u></p>

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