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Review of NAFO Resolutions (Prepared by the NAFO Secretariat)

At the 2023 Annual Meeting of NAFO, two resolutions were adopted, which prompted a broader discussion on how NAFO Resolutions are presented on the NAFO public website.

In the past, resolutions were reviewed at Annual Meetings but this has not been done since the 2015 Annual Meeting. To explore best practices, the NAFO Secretariat reviewed how other Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs) present resolutions to remain informative and relevant to the general public.

The Secretariat identified two practical amendments to improve the clarity and relevance of the NAFO Resolutions page. First, reinstating a periodic review would help determine whether any resolutions should be removed from the website to ensure the content remains current. Second, linking to original meeting reports, in addition to providing the full text of each resolution, would offer valuable context and clarify intent, particularly as resolutions may become outdated or replaced over time. These changes are straightforward to implement and are expected to enhance context for the general public without requiring significant resources.

The Secretariat proposes the following practical updates to improve the clarity and accessibility of the NAFO Resolutions page:

- **Periodic Review:** The Secretariat will present a working paper to the Commission every five (5) years so Contracting Parties would have the opportunity to assess whether any NAFO Resolutions could be removed and/or considered outdated, obsolete, or superseded by subsequent developments.
- **Enhanced Documentation:** In addition to the full text of the NAFO Resolution, the Secretariat will add links to original meeting documents for each adopted resolution, providing additional context for public understanding.

If in agreement, the NAFO Secretariat seeks endorsement from STACFAD for the implementation of the two above-mentioned (2) practical updates.

Annex 1. An illustrative example of how the revised format for NAFO Resolutions will appear on the public website. The updated layout includes links to original meeting documentation to enhance clarity and context, alongside the full text of Resolutions from 1979 to 2024.

It will be available online on the public website at: <https://www.nafo.int/Portals/0/PDFs/gc/NAFO-Resolutions.pdf>.

NAFO Resolutions (1979 to 2024)

Resolution (2/23)	<i>Resolution relating to addressing the Impact of Climate Change on NAFO Fisheries, adopted by the Commission on 22 September 2023.</i>	NAFO/COM Doc. 23-13	<i>Proposed: 22 September 2023 In force: 22 September 2023</i>
Resolution (1/23)	<i>Non-Binding Resolution relating to Core Principles on Labour Standards in NAFO Fisheries, adopted by the Commission on 22 September 2023.</i>	NAFO/COM Doc. 23-26	<i>Proposed: 22 September 2023 In force: 22 September 2023</i>
Resolution (1/17)	<i>Resolution on communicating measures taken to protect Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems in the NAFO area to other national authorities regulating industries other than fishing, adopted by the Commission of NAFO on 22 September 2017.</i>	NAFO/COM Doc. 17-28	<i>Proposed: 22 September 2017 In force: 22 September 2017</i>
Resolution (1/12)	<i>Resolution on the protection of Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems from activities other than fishing, adopted by the Fisheries Commission of NAFO on 21 September 2012.</i>	NAFO/FC Doc. 12/29	<i>Proposed: 21 September 2012 In force: 21 September 2012</i>
Resolution (1/08)	<i>Resolution on the interpretation and implementation of the Convention on the Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, adopted by the General Council on 26 September 2008.</i>	NAFO/GC Doc. 08/3	<i>Proposed: 26 September 2008 In force: 26 September 2008</i>
Resolution (1/06)	<i>Resolution to reduce Sea Turtle mortality in NAFO fishing operations, adopted by the Fisheries Commission of NAFO on 22 September 2006.</i>	NAFO/FC Doc. 06/7	<i>Proposed: 22 September 2006 In force: 22 September 2006</i>
Resolution (2/99)	<i>Resolution to guide implementation of the Precautionary Approach within NAFO, adopted by the Fisheries Commission on 17 September 1999.</i>	NAFO/FC Doc. 99/13	<i>Proposed: 17 September 1999 In force: 17 September 1999</i>

Resolution (1/99)	<i>Resolution to guide the expectations of future new members with regard to fishing opportunities in the NAFO Regulatory Area, adopted by the General Council on 17 September 1999.</i>	NAFO/GC Doc. 99/8	<i>Proposed: 17 September 1999 In force: 17 September 1999</i>
Resolution (1/97)	<i>Resolution relating to the non-participation of Bulgaria and Romania in NAFO, adopted by the General Council on 19 September 1997.</i>	NAFO/GC Doc. 97/7	<i>Proposed: 19 September 1997 In force: 19 September 1997</i>
Resolution (1/95)	<i>Resolution that Subareas 2 and 3 shall, as regards of the management of Greenland halibut, be geographically divided in two (2) parts, adopted by the Fisheries Commission on 9 June 1995.</i>	NAFO/FC Doc. 95/5	<i>Proposed: 9 June 1995 In force: 9 June 1995</i>
Resolution (1/94)	<i>Resolution on report by the Standing Committee on Fishing Activities of Non-Contracting Parties in the Regulatory Area (STACFAC), adopted by the General Council on 23 September 1994.</i>	NAFO/GC Doc. 94/06	<i>Proposed: 23 September 1994 In force: 23 September 1994</i>
Resolution (1/93)	<i>Resolution on the report of the Standing Committee on Fishing Activities of Non-Contracting Parties in the Regulatory Area (STACFAC), adopted by the General Council on 10 September 1994.</i>	NAFO/GC Doc. 93/5	<i>Proposed: 10 September 1993 In force: 10 September 1993</i>
Addendum to Resolution (1/93)		NAFO/GC Doc. 93/5	
Resolution (1/90)	<i>Resolution on non-NAFO fishing activities, adopted by the General Council on 14 September 1990.</i>	NAFO/GC Doc. 90/8	<i>Proposed: 14 September 1990 In force: 14 September 1990</i>
Resolution (1/89)	<i>Resolution calling on all Contracting Parties for compliance with the NAFO management framework in place since 1979, and compliance with NAFO decisions in order to provide for conservation and maintain the traditional spirit of cooperation and mutual understanding in the Organization, adopted by the General Council on 15 September 1989.</i>	NAFO/GC Doc. 89/03	<i>Proposed: 15 September 1989 In force: 15 September 1989</i>
Resolution (4/88)	<i>Resolution calling on all Contracting Parties to avoid excessive or inappropriate use of the objection procedure, adopted by the General Council on 16 September 1988.</i>	NAFO/GC Doc. 88/8	<i>Proposed: 16 September 1988 In force: 16 September 1988</i>
Resolution (3/88)	<i>Resolution urging the Contracting Parties to continue and improve the Annual Scientific Program, requesting the same Contracting Parties and the Executive Secretary to urge non-members of NAFO to cooperate with the program and requesting the Scientific Council to evaluate at the 1989 Annual Meeting the progress of the program,</i>	NAFO/FC Doc. 88/10	<i>Proposed: 15 September 1988 In force: 15 September 1988</i>

	<i>adopted by the Fisheries Commission.</i>		
Resolution (2/88)	<i>Resolution determining the date on which the proposal establishing the modified Scheme of Joint International Enforcement to be entitled "Scheme of Joint International Inspection" shall become a measure binding on all Contracting Parties, adopted by the Fisheries Commission on 10 February 1988.</i>	NAFO/FC Doc. 88/3 and FC Doc. 88/1	<i>Proposed: 10 February 1988 In force: 10 February 1988</i>
Resolution (1/88)	<i>Resolution regarding reporting of provisional monthly catches by species and stock area, adopted by the Fisheries Commission on 10 February 1988.</i>	NAFO/FC Doc. 88/2	<i>Proposed: 10 February 1988 In force: 10 February 1988</i>
Resolution (1/86)	<i>Resolution of the General Council of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization Concerning Modification of Statistical Boundary between Subareas 4 and 5 of the Convention Area. (amends Annex III of the Convention) adopted by the General Council on 12 September 1987 (in force 09 October 1987).</i>	NAFO/GC Doc. 86/2 (Rev. 2)	<i>Proposed: 12 September 1987 In force: 9 October 1987, by unanimous decision of the General Council and assent from the observer from the U.S.A. on 18 September 1987</i>
Resolution (1/85)	<i>Resolution concerning reporting on catches and scientific sampling, adopted by the Fisheries Commission on 13 September 1985.</i>	NAFO/FC Doc. 85/8 (Rev.) Appendix VI	<i>Proposed: 13 September 1985 In force: 13 September 1985</i>
Resolution (1/81)	<i>Resolution expressing serious concern at the activities of Spanish vessels and inviting Spain to adhere to the Convention, adopted by the Fisheries Commission on 26 June 1981.</i>	NAFO/FC Doc. 81/VI/7, Appendix IV	<i>Proposed: 26 June 1981 In force: 26 June 1981</i>
Resolution (4)	<i>Resolution concerning modification of the western boundary of Subarea 1 of the Convention Area (amends Annex III of the Convention), adopted by the General Council on 7 June 1979 (to be effective 1 January 1980).</i>	NAFO/GC Doc. 79/VI/6, Appendix IV	<i>Proposed: 7 June 1979 In force: 1 January 1980</i>
Resolution (3)	<i>Resolution concerning the establishment of a Scientific Observer Scheme, adopted by the Fisheries Commission on 7 June 1979.</i>	NAFO/FC Doc 79/VI/8, Appendix X	<i>Proposed: 7 June 1979 In force: 7 June 1979</i>
Resolution (2)	<i>Resolution relating to vessels of non-Member countries operating in the Regulatory Area, adopted by the Fisheries Commission on 7 June 1979.</i>	NAFO/FC Doc 79/VI/8, Appendix IX	<i>Proposed: 7 June 1979 In force: 7 June 1979</i>

Resolution (1)	<i>Resolution relating to administrative and financial arrangements for NAFO, adopted by the General Council on 9 March 1979.</i>	Proceedings of the Inaugural Meeting, March 1979, pg. 11-12	<i>Proposed: 9 March 1979 In force: 9 March 1979</i>
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