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Reformatting Article 29.10 for consistency with the NAFO CEM

At the 2016 Annual Meeting, the Fisheries Commission adopted FC Doc. 16-13. Following the Annual Meeting the EDG reviewed the changes as they align with the NAFO CEM, and noted that the way in which the current text is drafted is not consistent with the rest of the NAFO CEM. Below are the draft changes proposed by the Editorial Drafting Group for incorporation into the 2018 NAFO CEM.

Article 29 – Vessel Monitoring System

10. The Executive Secretary:

- (g) upon request, provides the NAFO VMS data:
 - (i) for Search and Rescue and maritime safety purposes as required, and
 - (ii) to a Contracting Party, in a monthly aggregated and anonymized form limited to the most recent five-year period, for purposes identified in ~~the request made in accordance with paragraph 12.a. Upon receiving a request the Executive Secretary shall immediately forward it to all Contracting Parties. The data shall only be provided to the requesting Contracting Party in the absence of an objection received from another Contracting Party in accordance with paragraph 12.b. The Executive Secretary shall immediately forward any objection received to all Contracting Parties. in the absence of an objection from a Contracting Party within thirty days of the communication of the request by the Secretariat. Such requests shall be in writing and shall identify the purposes for which the VMS data will be used and the entities to which the data will be given. The request shall immediately be forwarded to all Contracting Parties. Any objection to the request shall be sent in writing to the Executive Secretary who shall immediately forward the objection to all Contracting Parties. The Contracting Party requesting the VMS data shall only provide the VMS data to the entities defined in the request on the condition that it is for their own use only and that the data is not the subject of further distribution.~~

Use of VMS Data for Other Purposes

~~12. The Contracting Party requesting the VMS data, under paragraph 10.g (ii), shall only provide the VMS data to the entities defined in the request on the condition that it is for their own use only and that the data is not the subject of further distribution.~~

- (a) A Contracting Party may request access to VMS data for other purposes. Such requests shall be made in writing to the Executive Secretary, and shall identify the purposes for which the VMS data will be used and the entities to which the data will be given. Upon receiving the VMS data the Contracting Party shall only provide them to the entities defined in the request on the condition that it is for their own use only and that the data is not the subject of further distribution.
- (b) A Contracting Party whom objects to a request for VMS data made by another Contracting Party shall send the objection in writing to the Executive Secretary within thirty days of the communication of the request by the Executive Secretary in accordance with paragraph 10.g(ii).

