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Resolution on communicating measures taken to protect Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems in the NAFO area to other national authorities regulating industries other than fishing

NAFO Contracting Parties:

Following the identification by NAFO of concentrations of VMES in the NAFO Regulatory Area and their subsequent closure to bottom fishing activities, as outlined in article 17 of NAFO CEM;

Noting that these VMES could be affected by human activities other than fishing, which could undermine the effect of these closures;

Welcoming efforts in support of information sharing related to the various activities that may affect Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems (VME);

Commit to ensure that once a decision to close an area has been taken by the Commission, it is communicated, together with its scientific rationale, to all known relevant authorities of the Contracting Parties regulating industries active in the area of the closure, other than fisheries, with a view to ensuring the effectiveness of the conservation efforts in the area.

