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Paper on Chartering

Proposal to Modify Part I.B. and I.G. of NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures  
(amendments underlined)

**Amend Part I.B. as follows:**

B. Chartering Arrangements

1. Replace the wording by:

“Each Contracting Party may utilize partly or wholly quota and shrimp fishing days allocated to that Party under Schedule I and Part I.G by way of charter arrangement with a fishing vessel flying the flag of another Contracting Party notified in accordance with Part III.D, subject to:

- the consent of the flag Contracting Party;
  - a favourable proposal adopted through a mail vote in accordance with Article XI.2 of the Convention.
2. Contracting Parties shall limit such charter arrangements to one fishing vessel per year and for a limited duration not exceeding 6 months.
3. Contracting Parties intending to have recourse to such charter arrangements shall together with a request for a mail vote notify the following information to the NAFO Executive Secretary:
- the name and registration of the chartered vessel and the relevant flag Contracting Party
  - a copy of the charter
  - the fishing possibilities concerned
  - the date as from which the vessel is authorized to commence fishing on these fishing possibilities
  - the duration of the charter
4. The relevant flag Contracting Party shall notify in writing its consent to the NAFO Executive Secretary.
5. The NAFO Executive Secretary shall circulate the above information and the consent of the flag Contracting Party without delay to Contracting Parties.

6. The relevant flag Contracting Party is responsible for ensuring that the vessel complies with the requirements of the NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures. This does not nullify the obligations of the Contracting Party to which the quota and shrimp fishing days have been allocated under Part I of the Conservation and Enforcement Measures, as appropriate.
7. All catches and incidental catches from such chartering arrangements shall be recorded by the relevant flag Contracting Party separate from other national catch data recorded according to Part I.D., and shall be reported to the Contracting Party to which the fishing possibilities have been allocated and to the Executive Secretary separate from other national catch data according to Part I.D. The Executive Secretary shall add these catches to the catch statistics of the Contracting Party to which the fishing possibilities have originally been allocated.
8. As a pilot project, these provisions shall apply only to the year 2001.

**Amend Part I.G. as follows:**

- Insert a new point I.G.4.j) which would read:

“j) Fishing days of a Contracting Party may only be utilized by a vessel flying the flag of another Contracting Party under the conditions provided in I.B (chartering arrangements).”

- Renumber point I.G.4.j) as point I.G.4.k) which would read:

k) “Fishing days are not transferable between Contracting Parties” (deletion of the last part of the sentence)