

28th ANNUAL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 2006

**Divisions 3LM Shrimp – New Management Measures
(Adopted)**

Background or Explanatory Memorandum

The shrimp fishery in the NAFO Regulatory Area is comprised of two components:

- 3M dominated by lower value industrial shrimp with catch rates of ~10t/day
- 3L dominated by higher value/better quality shrimp with catch rates of ~20-25t/day

Masters advise that the value of 3L shrimp is approximately 3 times the value of 3M shrimp. With higher catch rates in 3L and high operating costs, the motivation to misreport is high. One day in Division 3L, on average, equates to a gross value of \$60,000 while one day in Division 3M, on average, equates to a gross value of \$10,000.

The following measures are proposed to improve the effectiveness of the MCS program:

Proposed Measurements for Shrimp Fishery

The following are proposed measures [**bold**] to improve compliance in the 3L shrimp fishery.

Article 6 - Shrimp in Division 3L

4. Prior to entry into any port, vessels or their representatives shall provide the competent port authority at least 24 hours before the estimated time of arrival with the following:

- i) Estimated time of arrival;**
- ii) Estimate of quantities of shrimp retained onboard;**
- iii) Information on the Division or Divisions where the catches were taken.**

Article 19 - Product Labeling Requirements

1. When processed all fish harvested in the Regulatory Area shall be labeled in such a way that each species, product category **and date of capture** is identifiable. It shall also be clearly marked as having been caught in the Regulatory Area. Furthermore, all shrimp harvested in Division 3L **and 3M** and all Greenland Halibut harvested in Sub-area 2 and Divisions 3KLMNO shall be marked accordingly **with the stock area**.

Article 20 – Recording of Catch and Stowage

6. Fishing vessels shall keep a stowage plan that shows the location of the different species in the holds as well as the quantities of such species on board in product weight stated in kilograms. **In the case of shrimp, vessels shall keep a stowage plan that specifies the location of shrimp taken in Division 3L and specifies the location of shrimp taken in Division 3M as well as the quantities of shrimp, by Division, on board in product weight stated in kilograms. The stowage plan** shall be updated every day for the preceding day reckoned from 0000 hrs (UTC) until 2400 hrs (UTC). The stowage plan shall be kept on board until the vessel has been unloaded completely.