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Norwegian proposal for amending the NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures

Illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing
(ADOPTED)

One way of targeting the global phenomenon IUU fishing, is that an RFMO formally recognise IUU vessel lists established by other RFMOs. Such a joint effort has already been taken by NAFO and the North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC) as vessel listed by NAFO also formally will be listed by NEAFC, and vice versa.[1] Similar initiatives are under way in the RFMOs managing tuna and tuna like species as a joint meeting among those organisations in Kobe in January this year in principle agreed to establish a common list for all tuna RFMOs.

Recognizing the global nature of overfishing, especially in the field of high seas transhipment and landing of catches outside the jurisdiction of Parties to the relevant RFMO, Norway intends in CCAMLR and SEAFO to propose that they formally recognise the IUU list established by NAFO.

In order to enable these organizations to consider vessels on the NAFO IUU list for placement on their respective IUU lists, it is necessary for NAFO to provide details of the NAFO IUU list, including the reasons for listing or de-listing each vessel. For these reasons, Norway suggests the following amendments to the NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures:

Article 49, paragraph 6 shall read:

"The Secretariat shall transmit the IUU List and any relevant information regarding the List, including the reasons for listing or de-listing each vessel, to the secretariats of the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Resources (CCAMLR), the North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC) and the South East Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (SEAFO). The Secretariat shall also circulate the IUU List to other regional fisheries management organizations"

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[1] NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures, article 49, and article 44 of the NEAFC Scheme on Control and Enforcement.