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Proposal for improved catch reporting

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Introduction

At the STACTIC meeting in St. Pierre et Miquelon in 2009 DFG agreed to make a proposal for an improved catch reporting in the shrimp fishery in Division 3M and 3L, two management areas where the stocks are managed by fishing days and tonnes respectively. A uniform reporting system must be in place in order to make the control more transparent and effective. A reporting system based on weekly catches as well as daily catches should include quantities as well as number of fishing days.

As the CEM contains miscellaneous catch reporting rules it would simplify reporting obligations if the same rules were applicable in all fisheries in the regulatory area. Shrimp in Div. 3L, for example, are to be reported every day, Greenland halibut is to be reported on a five day basis in Subarea 2 and Divisions 3KLMNO while Redfish in some areas are to be reported every second week until catches reaches 50%, after which time weekly notification shall apply. These varying rules make it difficult to make a standardized reporting regime (especially the five days requirement).

When changing the reporting system in the shrimp fisheries it is obvious to introduce the weekly catch reporting in general for all fisheries in the Regulatory Area.

Proposal

To simplify, streamline and make the reporting regime more effective it is suggested to introduce a weekly catch report (CAT) in all areas for all fisheries. The weekly catch report is already implemented in NEAFC.

A daily catch report (CAT) is suggested in the:

- Div. 3L shrimp fishery
- “Others” quota in accordance with Article 3 paragraph 3.
- Greenland halibut in Subarea 2 and divisions 3KLMNO after 75% of the quota has been taken.

Catch prior to entry and exit from 3L have to be reported (Article 27.1c) as a CAT. It is suggested to keep this requirement as no alternative report exists.

Modification of Article 7.6.d)

Reference to five days becomes weekly basis

Reference to three days becomes daily basis

Delete the last sentence in Art. 7.6.d) second paragraph. *“The report shall for the first time be transmitted at the latest ten days after the entry into the Regulatory Area or after the beginning of the fishing trip”.*

Modification of Article 25.3

Reference to 48 hours becomes daily

Modification of Article 25.4

The daily notification shall be a daily CAT as specified in Annex X.2)

Modification to Annex X. 2)

The Data Element “Daily Catch” to become “Catch”

The remarks for that Data Element to become;

“Activity detail; Cumulative catch retained on board by species, either since commencement of fishing in the R.A. of last “Catch” report (CAT) or (CAX) if such report is sent according to Chapter VII, in pairs as needed.

FAO species code

Live weight in kilograms, rounded to the nearest 100 kilograms.”

The Date Element “Days fished” to be made mandatory

New bullet point c) Article 27

c) Catch report. This report shall be made by the master of the vessel for all species (3 alpha code) and stock area, in kg (rounded to the nearest 100 kilograms), including nil catch returns. The report shall contain the catches of the specified period:

i) On a weekly basis: catch cumulated in a week period from Monday to Sunday midnight preceding the report. The first report shall be made on the first Monday after the entrance in the NAFO Regulatory Area. The report shall be sent each Monday before 12.00 hours UTC.

This message is identified as CAT

ii) On a daily basis, if so specified in the CEM: The report shall be sent each day before 12.00 hours UTC of the day after fishing. This message is identified as CAT

Current bullet point “c” to become “d”, “d” to become “e” and “e” to become “f”.

Table in Article 27 to be amended

Report:	Code:	Remarks:
Catch	CAT	<i>Reporting of catches; daily, weekly and prior to crossing the boundary to 3L as appropriate</i>

Text that can be omitted from the CEM**Annex I.A. - Annual Quota Table (notes)**

2. The Contracting Parties shall notify the Executive Secretary every second week of catches taken by its vessels from this allocation until accumulated reported catch reaches 50%, after which time weekly notification shall apply. (...)

8. Each Contracting Party shall notify the Executive Secretary every second week of catches taken by its vessels from this stock until accumulated reported catch reaches 50%, after which time weekly notification shall apply. (...)