

**31<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 2009**

**“Port State Measures” Administrative Changes  
Proposal by Canada**

Explanatory Memorandum

At the 2008 NAFO annual meeting, Fisheries Commission amended the NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures to include Port State Measures. The Port State Measures currently include duties for the Port State Contracting Parties, Flag State Contracting Party, the Secretariat and the master of the vessel. Chapter V Port State Control Article 46.3 – Duties of the Port State Contracting Party are required to designate the competent authority which shall act as the contact point for the purposes of receiving notifications under Article 48 (1, 2 and/or 3)..... etc. There currently is not a requirement for the Flag State Contracting Party to provide a point of contact for Port State Contracting Parties as required under Article 46 5.

Proposal

**Amend Chapter V – Port State Control, Article 47, Duties of the Flag State Contracting Party as follows:**

**Add:**

- 3. The Flag State Contracting Party shall designate the competent authority, which shall act as the contact point for the purposes of receiving notifications in accordance with Article 46 (5) and providing confirmation in accordance with Article 46 (6), and communicate this information to the NAFO Secretariat for dissemination to Contracting Parties.**

**Amend Chapter V – Port State Control, Article 49, Duties of the Executive Secretary as follows:**

**Add:**

**1 d) The information about the designated competent authorities in each Flag State Contracting Party.**