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Duration of Inspections

The Conservation and Enforcement Measures, Chapter IV Joint Inspection and Surveillance Article 33 9 - Inspection Procedure currently states that the duration of an inspection shall not exceed (3) hours. Operational experiences have demonstrated that the (3) hour requirement can restrict inspectors in the time needed to complete a thorough and detailed inspection. Furthermore, in the context of joint patrols it would be desirable to allow for additional time to facilitate interpretational discussions and coordination necessary to facilitate consensus on inspection results/outcomes.

In addition to the elements described above, the movement to a (4) hour inspection duration would also serve to harmonize with the NEAFC *Scheme for Control and Enforcement* (Article 18.5) which states:

“The duration of an inspection **shall not exceed 4 hours**, or until the net is hauled in and the net and catch are inspected, whichever is longer.”

Possible Amendment

Chapter IV – Joint Inspection and Surveillance, Article 33 9, Inspection Procedures as follows:

9. The duration of an inspection shall not exceed ~~three~~ **four** hours, or until the net is hauled in and the net and catch are inspected, whichever is longer. This time limitation shall not apply in the case of an infringement.