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**Catch Recording in Logbooks (Tow by Tow/Set by Set)**

**Background**

Currently, the NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures require that fishing vessels record their catches on a daily basis. By-Catch requirements in Article 6.2 and Minimum fish size requirements in Article 14.4 are based on catches in a single haul. The Peer Review Panel and Scientific Council have identified that Catch per unit effort is an important component used in estimating removals from fish stocks. To ensure the most reliable and complete data is available in determining catch per unit effort as well as for the purpose of monitoring compliance with these provisions it is recommended that fishing vessels be required to record catches on a tow by tow or set by set basis.

Tow by tow/set by set information has been highlighted by Scientific Council in its 2012 report (SCS.12/19) as an essential element in completing fisheries assessments and more broadly in the ecosystems approach to fisheries.

**Proposed Amendments**

**Replace existing text in Article 25.1(b) by adding the following text.**

(b) accurately record the catch of each tow /set and complete fishing logbook entries as specified in Annex II.A

**Replace Annex II.A with the following text.**

## **Annex II.A**

### **Recording of Catch (Logbook Entries)**

#### FISHING LOGBOOK ENTRIES

##### Item of Information

Vessel name

Vessel nationality

Vessel registration number

Registration port

Type of gear used

Date - dd-mm- yyyy

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Start time of tow (UTC)

Start Position - latitude

- longitude

- Division

- Water Depth

End Position -- latitude

- longitude

- Division

- Water Depth

End time of tow (UTC)

Species names (Annex I.C)

Catch of each species (kilograms live weight)

Catch of each species for human consumption in the form of fish

Catch of each species for reduction

Discards of each species

By-Catch limits exceeded Art. 6 para 2 Y/N

Trial tow Art. 6 para. 3(c) Y/N

Place(s) of transshipment

Date(s) of transshipment

Master's signature

##### Instructions:

\* Please see Annex I.C for Species codes; Annex II.J for applicable gear and attachment codes.