

**34th ANNUAL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 2012****Modification of NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures*****Article 22 – Vessel Requirements*****Background**

The vessel requirements obligation under Article 22 of the NAFO CEM does not allow a transparent view of the fishing activities conducted in the NAFO Regulated area (RA). Moreover, there is no tool in place to communicate with the NAFO Secretariat to delete a vessel from the NAFO register, or to modify its authorization to fish. The scope of this proposal is to introduce amendments to Article 22 with the view to make the system more flexible. A more transparent view of the fishing effort deployed would also improve the effectiveness of sea inspection.

This new system would be based on (1) the notification by Contracting Parties of a list of vessels candidate to conduct fishing activities in the NAFO RA, (2) the delivery of an authorization to conduct such activities, identifying the species and/or regulated stocks on which directed fishing is allowed, and (3) the possibility to withdraw the notification, or to suspend the authorization.

Notified and authorized vessels will be recorded in a NAFO register.

By identifying the regulated stocks allowed for direct fishing, there is no need any more to identify those species/stocks in the COE message, not to maintain the specific authorization for species subject to a rebuilding plan, like GHL.

This proposal does not introduce new data elements. However, some of these data elements need a modified definition, for clarity.

Recommended changes:**1. Replace Article 22 by the following text**

Article 22 – Vessel Requirements

Notification of fishing vessels

1. Each Contracting Party shall notify the Executive Secretary by electronic means:
 - a. a list of its vessels flying its flag which it may authorize to conduct fishing activities in the Regulatory Area, hereinafter referred to as a "notified vessel", in the format prescribed in Annex II.C1 (NOT message);
 - b. from time to time, any deletion from the list of notified vessels, without delay, in the format prescribed in Annex II.C2, (WIT message);
2. No fishing vessel shall conduct fishing activities in the Regulatory Area unless it is listed as a notified vessel.

Authorization to conduct fishing activities

3. Same as existing paragraph 1 (no fishing activity without authorization)
4. Same as existing paragraph 2 (effort commensurate with opportunities)
5. Each Contracting Party shall transmit to the Executive Secretary by electronic means:
 - a. the individual authorization for each vessel from the list of notified vessels it has authorized to conduct fishing activities in the Regulatory Area, hereinafter referred to as an "authorized vessel", in the format prescribed in Annex II.C3 and no later than 30 days before the start of the fishing activities for the calendar year (AUT message).
Each authorization shall in particular identify the start and end dates of validity and, the species for which directed fishery is allowed. If the vessel intends to fish for regulated species referred to in Annexes I.A or I.B, the identification shall refer to the stock, where the regulated species is associated to the area concerned;
 - b. the suspension of the authorization, in the format prescribed in Annex II.C4, without delay, in case of removal of the authorization concerned or of any modification to its content, where the removal or the modification occurs during the period of validity (SUS message);
 - c. in case of resuming a suspended authorization, the new authorization, transmitted in accordance with the procedure described in sub a above.
6. Each Contracting Party shall ensure that the period of validity of the authorization matches with the certification period concerning the certification of the capacity plan referred to in paragraphs 10 to 12 below.

Vessels markings

7. Same as existing paragraph 5

Vessel documents to be carried on board

8. Same as existing paragraph 6, but with sub viii replaced by the following text:
 - viii. the capacity plan referred to in paragraph 10.
 - ix. estimation of freezing capacity or certification of refrigeration system will be provided if possible.

Capacity plan

9. No fishing vessel shall conduct fishing activities in the Regulatory Area without carrying on board an accurate up-to-date capacity plan, the capacity plan must be certified by a competent authority or recognized by its flag State
10. The capacity plan shall:
 - a. take the form of a drawing or description, of its fish storage place, including the storage capacity of each fish storage place in cubic meters. The drawing must consist of longitudinal section of the vessel, including a plan for each deck on which a fish storage place is located and the locations of freezers
 - b. show in particular the positions of any door, hatch and any other access to each fish storage place, with reference to the bulkheads;

- c. indicate the main dimensions of the fish storage tanks (refrigerated sea water tanks) and, for each one, indicating the calibration in cubic meters at intervals of 10 cm.
- d. have the true scale clearly indicated on the drawing.

11. Each Contracting Party shall ensure that, every two years, the capacity plan of its authorized vessels is certified correct by the competent authority.

Duties of the Executive Secretary

12. The Executive Secretary

- a. maintains a register of all fishing vessels notified in accordance with paragraph 1.a,
- b. identifies in the register the authorized vessels, including chartered vessels, and
- c. amends the register and any element related to the authorizations following notification by a Contracting Party of any modification.

13. Subject to the appropriate confidentiality requirements, the Executive Secretary shall:

- a. posts the register referred to in paragraph 13 on a secure portion of the NAFO website available to each Contracting Party;
- b. delete from the register any vessel that has not conducted fishing activities in the Regulatory Area for a period of two consecutive years, or that has been classified as IUU.

2. Remove paragraph 5.a from Article 10 and adjust subsequent sub paragraphs

As the new measures will cover all fisheries, Article 10 paragraph 5.a (specific authorization for GHJ) becomes obsolete and should be deleted. The subsequent points (b) to (f) should be adjusted to (a) to (e).

3. Remove the line "Directed species" line from Annex II.F section 2 (COE)

As the authorization to fish identifies the species for which a directed fishery is allowed, referring to the stock in case of regulated species, the field code DS in the COE message becomes obsolete and should be deleted.

4. Referring to Annex II.D part C

1. replace the category "Vessel Character Details" by the following table

Category	Data element	Field code	Type	Contents	Definitions
Vessel IMO Number	IMO Number	IM	Num*7	"nnnnnnn"	IMO ship identification number
Vessel Character Details	Vessel Tonnage Unit	VT	Char*2 Num*4	"OC"/"LC" Tonnage	According to: "OC" OSLO 1947 Convention /"LC" LONDON ICTM-69
	Vessel Power Unit	VP	Char*2 Num*5	0-99999	Total main engine power in "KW"
	Vessel Length	VL	Char*2 Num*3	"OA" Length in mete	Unit "OA" length overall. Total length of the vessel in meters, rounded to the nearest whole meter

	Vessel Type	TP	Char*3	Code	As listed in Annex II.I
	Fishing Gear	GE	Char*3	FAO Code	International Standard Statistical Classification of the Fishing Gear as Annex II.J
Authorization details	Start Date	SD	Num*8	YYYYMMDD	Licence detail; date on which the authorization starts
	End Date	ED	Num*8	YYYYMMDD	Licence detail; date on which the authorization end
	Directed Species	DS	Char*3 Num*6	FAO Species Code/ Area Code	Licence detail; species for which the authorization applies. In case of regulated species from Annex I.A or I.B, the content must refer to the stock (format GHL/N3LMNO)

5. Replace the first line of Annex II.D part E by the following ones.

Annex	Provisions	Code	Message/Report	Remarks
II.C	Article 22.1a	NOT	Notification	Notification of fishing vessels
II.C	Article 22.1b	WIT	Withdrawal	Notification of the withdrawal of a registered vessel
II.C	Article 22.6a	AUT	Authorization	Notification of vessels authorized to conduct fishing activities in the RA
II.C	Article 22.6b	SUS	Suspension	Notification of the suspension of an authorization to conduct fishing activities in the Regulatory Area, within its initial period of validity

6. Replace Annex II.C by the following tables

Annex II.C

1) Format for register of vessels

Data Element	Code	Mandatory /Optional	Remarks
Start record	SR	M	System detail; indicates start of record
Address	AD	M	Message detail; destination, "XNW" for NAFO
From	FR	M	Message detail; ISO-3 code of the transmitting
Record Number	RN	M	Message detail; message serial number in current year
Record Date	RD	M	Message detail; date of transmission
Record Time	RT	M	Message detail; time of transmission
Type of Message	TM	M	Message detail; message type, " NOT " as Notification of vessels that may conduct fishing activities in NAFO RA
Vessel Name	NA	M	Name of the vessel
Radio Call Sign	RC	M	International radio call sign of the vessel
Flag State	FS	M	State where the vessel is registered
Internal Reference Number	IR	O ¹	Unique Contracting Party vessel number as ISO-3 flag state code followed by number

External Registration Number	XR	M	The side number of the vessel
Vessel IMO Number	IM	M ³	IMO number in the absence of a side number
Port Name	PO	M	Port of registration or home port
Vessel Owner	VO	M ²	Registered owner and address
Vessel Charterer	VC	M ²	Responsible for using the vessel
Vessel Type	TP	M	FAO vessel code (Annex II.I)
Vessel Gear	GE	O	FAO statistical classification of fishing gear (Annex II.J)
Vessel Tonnage measurement method tonnage	VT	M	Vessel tonnage capacity in pairs as needed "OC" = "OSLO" Convention 1947, "LC" "London" Convention ICTM-69 Total capacity in metric tons
Vessel length measurement method length	VL	M	Length in meters in pairs as needed "OA" = overall; length in meters
Vessel Power measurement method Power	VP	M	Engine power in pairs as needed in "KW" PE = propulsion engine AE= Auxiliary summary engines Total installed engine power in vessel measured in "KW"
End of record	ER	M	System detail; indicates end of the record

¹ Mandatory when used as a single identification in other messages.

² Whichever one is appropriate.

³ Mandatory when External Registration Number is absent.

2) Format for withdrawal of vessels from the register

Data Element	Code	Mandatory /Optional	Remarks
Start record	SR	M	System detail; indicates start of record
Address	AD	M	Message detail; destination, "XNW" for NAFO Secretariat
From	FR	M	Message detail; ISO-3 code of the transmitting Contracting Party
Record Number	RN	M	Message detail; message serial number in current year
Record Date	RD	M	Message detail; date of transmission
Record Time	RT	M	Message detail; time of transmission
Type of Message	TM	M	Message detail; message type, "WIT" as Withdrawal of notified vessels
Vessel Name	NA	M	Name of the vessel
Radio Call Sign	RC	M	International radio call sign of the vessel
Internal Reference Number	IR	O	Unique Contracting Party vessel number as ISO-3 flag state code followed by number, if exists
External Registration Number	XR	M	The side number of the vessel

Vessel IMO Number	IM	M ⁴	IMO number in the absence of a side number
Start Date	SD	M	The first date as from which the withdrawal takes affect
End of record	ER	M	System detail; indicates end of the record

⁴ Mandatory when External Registration Number is absent

3) Format for authorization to conduct fishing activities

Data Element	Code	Mandatory /Optional	Remarks
Start record	SR	M	System detail; indicates start of record
Address	AD	M	Message detail; destination, "XNW" for NAFO Secretariat
From	FR	M	Message detail; ISO-3 code of the transmitting Contracting Party
Record Number	RN	M	Message detail; message serial number in current year
Record Date	RD	M	Message detail; date of transmission
Record Time	RT	M	Message detail; time of transmission
Type of Message	TM	M	Message detail; message type, "AUT" as Authorization of vessels to conduct fishing activities in the NAFO RA
Vessel Name	NA	M	Name of the vessel
Radio Call Sign	RC	M	International radio call sign of the vessel
Internal reference Number	IR	O	Unique Contracting Party vessel number as ISO-3 flag state code followed by number, if exists
External registration Number	XR	M	The side number of the vessel
Vessel IMO Number	IM	M ₅	IMO number in the absence of a side number
Start Date	SD	M	License detail; date as from which the Authorization takes effect
End date	ED	O	License detail: Date on which the authorization go to the end. Maximum time validity is 12 months.
Directed Species	DS	M	License detail; species allowed for directed fishery. Regulated species of Annex I.A or I.B must refer to the stock (Allow for several pairs of fields species and divisions i.e. //DS//GHL/3LMNO COD/3M RED/3LN//
End of record	ER	M	System detail; indicates end of the record

⁵ Mandatory when External Registration Number is absent

4) Format to suspend the authorization to conduct fishing activities

Data Element	Code	Mandatory /Optional	Remarks
Start record	SR	M	System detail; indicates start of record
Address	AD	M	Message detail; destination, "XNW" for NAFO Secretariat
From	FR	M	Message detail; ISO-3 code of the transmitting Contracting Party
Record Number	RN	M	Message detail; message serial number in current year
Record Date	RD	M	Message detail; date of transmission
Record Time	RT	M	Message detail; time of transmission
Type of Message	TM	M	Message detail; message type, "SUS" as Suspension of authorized vessels
Vessel Name	NA	M	Name of the vessel
Radio Call Sign	RC	M	International radio call sign of the vessel
Internal Reference Number	IR	O	Unique Contracting Party vessel number as ISO-3 flag state code followed by number, if exists
External Registration Number	XR	M	The side number of the vessel
Vessel IMO Number	IM	M ⁶	IMO number in the absence of a side number
Start Date	SD	M	License detail; date as from which the Suspension takes effect
End of record	ER	M	System detail; indicates end of the record

⁶ Mandatory when External Registration Number is absent