

**35<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 2013****Directed Species DS in Authorization message for Transshipment vessel****Background**

According to Article 25 – Vessel Requirements 1 a) Each Contracting Party shall notify to the Executive Secretary a list of its vessels flying its flag which it may authorize to conduct fishing activities in the NAFO Regulatory Area.

Further, Article 25.5 a) requires that each CP shall transmit the individual authorization for each vessel from the list of notified vessels it has authorized to conduct fishing activities in the NAFO RA, in the format prescribed in Annex II.C3 AUT message.

The data element Directed Species–DS in the AUT message identifies the stocks and area for which the particular vessel is allowed to fish.

STACTIC was requested by one Contracting Party to clarify how the DS field should be populated in the case of transshipment vessels e.g. all known species, one species or leave blank. Transshipment vessels can not necessarily verify what kind of species will be transhipped. Since this information is not necessarily useful for NAFO purposes, the Chair proposed to make the following amendments to the CEM.

**Proposed Amendment**

**Replace existing Article 25.5 (a) second paragraph, first sentence with the following:**

**Each authorization shall in particular identify the start and end dates of validity and, the species for which directed fishery is allowed, unless exempted in Annex II.C.3.**

**Also in Annex II.C. 3**

**Add footnote XX to M (mandatory): For transshipment vessels the DS field is optional.**