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**Performance Assessment Review Recommendations addressed to the Fisheries Commission –
update on implementation**

[see attached Table]

PRP Recommendations addressed to Fisheries Commission

Recom No (PRP Rpt)	Recommendation Text	Way forward as proposed by FC Chair (GCWGW 12/2)	Time-scale	Latest FC and STACTIC Action and Comments	Reference	Progress Status
3.2.8	Recommends that NAFO continue incorporating relevant Port State Measures, in particular those of the FAO Port States Measures Agreement (FAO, 2009b), into its monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS) provisions.	Recommends that STACTIC continues to incorporate relevant port state measures, in particular those of the FAO Port State Measures Agreement into the NCEMs.	ST	At its May 2013 Intersessional Meeting, STACTIC agreed that in the interest of harmonization and efficiency, NAFO would await the completion of NEAFC's Port State Control review, anticipated by November 2013, prior to conducting its own review. <i>See also GC Doc Recomm. 29.</i>	FC Doc 13/4	Action Ongoing
3.2.10	Encourages NAFO to continue developing market-related measures as way of improving the monitoring of total removals from the various fish stocks harvested in the NAFO Convention Area and in the event of any potential illegal, unregulated and unreported (IUU) fishery developing.	The WG recommends to GC to continue developing and strengthening cooperation with other RFMOs and international organizations in line with Article XVII of the NAFO amended convention	LT	At its May 2013 Intersessional Meeting, STACTIC agreed that Chapter VIII of the CEM adequately addresses the recommendation. . <i>See also GC Doc Recomm. 31</i>	FC Doc 13/4	Action completed
6.1	Acknowledges that the complexity of management issues may entail necessary lengthy discussions between Contracting Parties. However, the Panel would advocate that, to the greatest extent possible, but consistent with the effective functioning of the Organization, the Fisheries Commission's deliberations in the main are held in public sessions.	Recommends that, to the greatest extent possible, but consistent with the effective functioning of the Organization, the Fisheries Commission's deliberations in the main are held in public sessions.	ST	<i>FC may reflect at this meeting whether this recommendation is being implemented.</i>		Action Ongoing
4.3	Recognizes that no directed shark fishing is being undertaken by NAFO Contracting Parties and that the by-catch of shark in the NAFO Regulatory Area is limited in the trawl fisheries. However, the Panel notes that the NCEM definition of 'shark weight' should be clarified in reference to the weight being either 'green' or 'processed' weight as this could impact the calculation of the amount of shark fins permitted aboard a fishing vessel (5% of the shark weight) (Article 17, NCEM).	Recommends that STACTIC clarify the definition of 'shark weight' in reference to the weight being either 'green' or 'processed' weight as this could impact the calculation of the amount of shark fins permitted aboard a fishing vessel (5% of the shark weight) (Article 17, NCEM).	ST	At its May 2013 Intersessional Meeting, STACTIC agreed that the issue of live versus green weight has been addressed.	FC Doc 13/4	Action completed

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4.6.1	Suggests that more transparent information on why any measures have come to be adopted should be provided, especially when such measures appear to be inconsistent with the scientific advice provided by the Scientific Council.	Recommends that more transparent information be included in the FC report on why any measures have come to be adopted.	ST	<i>The GC WG proposed that FC develop a framework for the presentation of key management decisions.</i> <i>See GC Doc Recomm. 25.</i>		Action to propose
5.3	Suggests that NAFO could consider expanding CEM Article 23, so that all catches are labeled according to the stock area where they were taken and traceability can be improved.	Recommends that STACTIC consider amendments to expand the requirements in CEM Article 24 (Product Labelling Requirements).	ST	At the 34th Annual Meeting, FC adopted the proposal <i>Product Labelling -- All products must be clearly labeled by species and identify the division of capture</i> . Article 27 of the 2013 NCEM was expanded. At its May 2013 Intersessional Meeting, STACTIC agreed that the issue of product labelling has been adequately addressed in the context of the PRP recommendation.	FC Doc 12/20; FC Doc 13/4	Action completed
4.7	The PRP views current NAFO management measures to be extensive and largely effective. Nevertheless, it urges the Fisheries Commission to further consider how the management of fishing, particularly excess capacity may augment stock sustainability and the meeting of the Convention's objectives.	To be discussed at GC Working Group meeting in March 2012. The GC WG recommends that the FC continues to examine the need for effort/capacity management measures to ensure that effort is commensurate with available resources.	MT	At the 34th Annual Meeting, Iceland expressed that it does not support this recommendation as it considers effort and capacity management measures are not an efficient tool in the management of fisheries. <i>See GC Doc Recomm. 22.</i>	FC Doc 12/31	Action to propose
4.9	If the situation should evolve, the PRP suggests that the above Resolution conditions may need to be reviewed in respect of NAFO addressing all the explicit provisions of UNFSA Article 11 that need to be taken into account when allocating fishing opportunities to new Members.	Recommends that NAFO reconsider previous work undertaken by the Working Group on the Allocation of Fishing Rights to Contracting Parties of NAFO and review the Resolution to Guide the Expectations of Future New Members with Regard to Fishing Opportunities in the NAFO Regulatory Area (NAFO GC Doc. 99/8), should new members join the organization.	LT	<i>No action taken yet.</i> <i>See GC Doc Recomm. 35.</i>		Action to propose