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The proposal to amend Annex II.D.D.2.B "Return error numbers" of the NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures to prevent the loss of correct VTI reports

Background

In the NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures there are some Return error numbers relating to communication of VTI reports and requiring a follow-up action:

- 302 - "Transshipment" prior to "Catch on entry"
- 303 - "Catch on exit" prior to "Catch on entry"
- 304 - No "Position" received (TRA, COX)

The first two Return error numbers (302 and 303) means that if TRA or COX report was transmitted to the NAFO database before COE report these reports are rejected by database. In other words, these correct reports will be lost.

The return error number 304 means that if POS messages do not reach the NAFO database (e.g., satellite device onboard is out of order) all following correct reports TRA, COX will be rejected by database and will be lost.

To prevent the loss of correct VTI reports in the NEAFC the similar Russian proposal was considered by PECCOE and AGDC during 2012-2013. As a result of those discussions at the AGDC meeting in 2013 the table of return error numbers has been restructured. The updated table of return error numbers was approved at the NEAFC annual meeting in 2013 (see NEAFC Recommendation 13:2014).

In order to:

- prevent the loss of correct VTI reports transmitted by FMCs to NAFO database;
- improve the quality of information exchange between FMCs and NAFO Secretariat;
- harmonize with the return error codes adopted by NEAFC

We are submitting the following proposal.

Proposal

Add two new codes into NAFO table of Return error numbers (the same as in NEAFC):

- 301 – Catch prior to Catch on Entry
- 252 – Species not AUT or SUS.

Replace the table of Return error numbers (Annex II.D.D.2.B) "Return error numbers" with the following one:

Subject/Article	Error Numbers			Error cause
	Rejected (NAK) Follow-up action required	Accepted and Stored (ACK) Follow-up action required	Accepted and Stored (ACK) with warning	
Communication	101			Message is unreadable
	102			Data value or size out of range
	104			Mandatory data missing
	105			This report is a duplicate; attempt to re-send a report previously rejected
	106			Unauthorized data source
			150	Sequence error
			151	Date / Time in the future
			155	This report is a duplicate; attempt to re-send a report previously accepted
Article 25			250	Attempt to re-notify a vessel
		251		Vessel is not notified
		252		Species not AUT or SUS
Article 28		301		Catch prior to Catch on Entry
		302		Transshipment prior to Catch on Entry
		303		Catch on Exit prior to Catch on Entry
		304		No position received (CAT, TRA, COX)
			350	Position without Catch on Entry

**Recommendation to Amend Annex IX D 2b) of the NEAFC Scheme of Control
and Enforcement on Return Error Numbers**

The Commission hereby adopts the following recommendation pursuant to Article 5 of the Convention

Annex IX D 2b) Return error numbers:

Subject/Annex	Error Numbers			Error cause
	Rejected (NAK) Follow-up action required	Accepted and Stored (ACK) Follow-up action required	Accepted and Stored (ACK) with warning	
Communication	101			Message is unreadable
	102			Data value or size out of range
	104			Mandatory data missing
	105			This report is a duplicate; attempt to re-send a report previously rejected
	106			Unauthorised data source
			150	Sequence error
			151	Date / Time in the future
			155	This report is a duplicate; attempt to re-send a report previously accepted
Annex II			250	Attempt to re-Notify a vessel
		251		Vessel is not Notified
		252		Species not AUT, or LIM or SUS
Annex VIII		301		Catch prior to Catch on Entry
		302		Transshipment prior to Catch on Entry
		303		Catch on Exit prior to Catch on Entry
		304		No Position received (CAT, TRA, COX)
			350	Position without Catch on Entry
Annex X	401			Surveillance Exit prior to Surveillance Entry
		450		Observation without Surveillance Entry
		451		Inspectors or craft not notified