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Terms of Reference
Ad Hoc Working Group on Port State Control Alignment (AHWGPsCA)

Structure:

The Ad Hoc Working Group on Port State Control Alignment (AHWGPsCA) is understood to report directly to STACTIC, and its Chair. The group will take its direction from, report and make recommendations to, STACTIC .

The Working Group shall be comprised of a core of Editorial Drafting Group (EDG) members, augmented by interested Contracting Party representatives, in sufficient number to be effective, and capable of contemplating the broad interests of NAFO, while remaining small enough to remain efficient.

The AHWGPsCA will appoint a Chair from its membership, who will act the as groups representative and be responsible to preside over meetings/activities and provide updates to STACTIC.

Objective:

Compare the provisions and spirit of the *FAO Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing – 2012* with the current NAFO Port State Control Measures (Chapter VII) and propose recommendations to STACTIC as necessary to align the NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures (CEM's) with the FAO Agreement.

Duties

The AHWGPsCA's will:

- Compare the NAFO Port State Control provisions against those of the FAO Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing – 2012;
- Review the amendments made to the NEAFC Scheme of Control and Enforcement (Rec 09 2014: Alignment of NEAFC Scheme with FAO Port State Measures Agreement);
- Identify amendments to the existing NAFO Port State Control scheme necessary to align with the FAO Agreement on Port State Agreement and ensure continued consistency with the NEAFC Port Control Scheme; and
- Make recommendations to STACTIC as appropriate.

Meetings:

Meetings may be held at the discretion of the group, Chair or at the request of STACTIC, in consultation with Contracting Parties and the NAFO Secretariat.

The AHWGPSCA shall communicate regularly through teleconferences and electronically, as required.

Reporting

The AHWGPSCA will issue a written report of its deliberations, and any accompanying recommendations, to STACTIC for consideration.

An oral update will also be provided during the intervening STACTIC intercessional and annual meetings.