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NAFO Media Policy

Conditions for Attendance by Media Representatives at NAFO Meetings

- 1) All media requests for participation at each NAFO meeting or for interviews with NAFO officers shall be directed to the Secretariat.
- 2) After verification of media credentials, the Executive Secretary will inform the Chairs of the relevant NAFO bodies, the host country and the country in which the media organization is based, with as much advance notice as possible.
- 3) Media representatives shall register with the NAFO Secretariat on arrival at the meeting and provide a Press card or a letter of authorization or other documentation from the appropriate company.
- 4) The Executive Secretary can authorize attendance of media representatives at the Public Sessions of General Council, Scientific Council and Fisheries Commission, i.e. official opening and closing of the meetings, and other sessions so designated by the bodies concerned.
- 5) No more than two representatives of a particular publication or company shall be allowed to attend the meeting. They are required to remain in a designated area within the meeting room. Depending on the meeting facility, the total number of media representatives attending the meeting may have to be restricted.
- 6) Media representatives shall not be permitted to make statements or ask questions during sessions.
- 7) The use of cameras and/or recording equipment can be permitted by the Executive Secretary during the Public Sessions of NAFO meetings provided that it is set up and operated in a non-disruptive way. One additional person per team may be allowed into the meeting room for the operation of technical equipment (e.g. cameras).
- 8) Media representatives must leave the meeting premises when they are not attending sessions of NAFO bodies.
- 9) Background and other information material pertaining to the meeting in question will be compiled specifically for media representatives by the Executive Secretary and either handed out to them during meetings or sent electronically upon request prior to the meeting.
- 10) a) The Executive Secretary will prepare the Press Release in collaboration with the Chairs of the General Council, Fisheries Commission and Scientific Council and agreed upon at the end of the General Council meeting.
b) At the discretion of the President and the Executive Secretary, a Press Conference shall be held following the close of the Annual Meeting by the Chairs of the General Council, Scientific Council and the Fisheries Commission and the Executive Secretary.
- 11) Media representatives shall comply with these and with any other conditions determined by General Council or by the Executive Secretary.