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Canadian Proposal for Reporting Fish on Board Vessels Entering ICNAF Area

Canadian Surveillance officials acting under the ICNAF Scheme of Joint International Enforcement have, on many occasions been informed by the Captains of vessels of some Member Countries, that some or all of the fish on board their vessels was caught outside the ICNAF area including the United Kingdom, Norway and on grounds immediately outside the Eastern extremity of ICNAF jurisdiction. It is noted that the Commission lacks any measures to require vessels to report, or record, such catches prior to commencing a fishery in its waters.

In order to provide better control of quota compliance and to make the surveillance effort under the Scheme of Joint Enforcement more meaningful it is requested that the Commission consider adoption of a regulation to provide that fishing vessels be required to report to the Commission the amount of processed fish on board immediately prior to the first entry from the high seas beyond national fisheries jurisdiction, into that part of the convention area which lies beyond the areas in which coastal states exercise fisheries jurisdiction, in each calendar year and immediately prior to each subsequent entry following discharge or transfer of fish cargo if such discharge or transfer takes place at the vessel's home port or outside waters under ICNAF jurisdiction.

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