



Joint Deployment Plan NAFO/NEAFC 2015

NEAFC 3rd Mission

<u>PARTICIPANTS</u> Netherlands – 2 EU NEAFC Inspectors Latvia – EU NEAFC Inspector EFCA Coordinator & EU NEAFC Inspector	
<u>PERIOD:</u> 22/06/2015 to 08/07/2015	<u>AREA:</u> NEAFC Regulatory Area, Norwegian Sea; ICES IIa 1 aboard the Netherlands FPV <i>Barend Bieusheuvel</i>
<u>OBJECTIVES</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• As a Contracting Party of the North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC), the European Union was present in the NEAFC Regulatory Area during this mission with the Netherlands flagged FPV <i>Barend Bieusheuvel</i> to undertake Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) duties as scheduled in the merged NAFO / NEAFC JDP for 2015.• In accordance with Article 21 of the JDP, inspections of fishing vessels were carried out by four Union NEAFC inspectors. The participating Member States were Netherlands with a Latvian inspector in conjunction with the EFCA and with the NEAFC Coordinator also conducting inspections.• The key objectives of this MCS mission were to inspect vessels fishing in the NEAFC Regulatory Area and to undertake general surveillance of fishing activities in the area; including third country fishing vessels.• Regular information transmission and exchange; in particular inspection and surveillance data with the EFCA, NLD FMC, NEAFC Secretariat and EC DG MARE.	
<u>RESULTS</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 81 sightings of fishing vessels (LTU, RUS).• 14 inspections were carried out; 1 apparent infringement citation was issued for non-functioning VMS; in principle compliance was good.	
<u>OBSERVATIONS</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A maximum of 21 vessels was observed in the area at any one time. All vessels were targeting WHB and MAC. All vessels were operating with pelagic trawl gear.• One transshipment was observed and inspected.• Weather conditions were reasonable for most of the period, with boardings not being able to take place on only 1.5 days of the mission when the weather exceeded Force 8.	

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