



Joint Deployment Plan NAFO/NEAFC 2015

NEAFC 4th Mission

<u>PARTICIPANTS</u> Denmark – 2 EU NEAFC Inspectors Lithuania – 1 EU NEAFC Inspector EFCA Coordinator	
<u>PERIOD:</u> 15/07/2015 to 29/07/2015	<u>AREA:</u> NEAFC Regulatory Area, Norwegian Sea; ICES IIa 1 aboard the Danish FPV <i>Vestkysten</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 Danish flagged FPV <i>Vestkysten</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 three Union NEAFC inspectors. The participating Member States were Denmark and Lithuania.• 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, NEAFC Secretariat and EC DG <i>MARE</i>.	
<u>RESULTS</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 35 sightings of fishing vessels (RUS, FRO).• 18 inspections were carried out; no apparent infringement detected, in general compliance level was high.	
<u>OBSERVATIONS</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A maximum of 22 vessels was observed in the area at any one time. The majority of fishing vessels were targeting MAC and three of them fished for WHB. 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 one day of the mission when the weather exceeded Force 6.	

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