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**Amending NAFO CEM Article 13.11(c)  
Lost or Abandoned Fishing Gears**

**Background Information**

At the intersessional STACTIC meeting in Copenhagen 06-08 May 2024 Denmark (in respect of the Faroe Island and Greenland) agreed to draft a proposal on a definition of abandoned, lost, or otherwise discarded fishing gear, that could be included in Article 1 of the NAFO CEM for discussion at the 2024 Annual Meeting.

The definitions of abandoned, lost or discarded fishing gear are copied from FAO Voluntary Guidelines for the Marking of Fishing Gear.

With reference to point 18 (Implementation of the Performance Review Recommendations) - of the STACTIC Report on the discussion on a reference to MARPOL this is done in point 4 a) "Definition of fishing gear" and in the amendment to article 13.11 prohibition of discarding fishing gear at sea, which also is in line with the NEAFC Schem of Control and Enforcement.

**Amendments to Article 13.11:**

(c) no master shall deliberately abandon **or discard** fishing gear, except for safety reasons.