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TO: All Contracting Parties;  
Representatives of STACTIC; and  
Chairs of Commission and STACTIC

Dear Colleagues,

**Subject:** Provisional Agenda – *NAFO Standing Committee on International Control (STACTIC) Intersessional Meeting, 05–07 May 2025 in Bergen, Norway*

Further to NAFO/25-034 of 03 February 2025, and pursuant to Rule 4.2 of the *NAFO Rules of Procedure: Commission*, please find enclosed the provisional agenda for the *NAFO Standing Committee on International Control (STACTIC) Intersessional Meeting* taking place 05–07 May 2025 at the Hotel Opus XVI (Vågsallmenningen 16) in Bergen, Norway.

All relevant meeting documentation will be accessible on the NAFO Meetings SharePoint at <https://meetings.nafo.int/stactic/may> as it becomes available.

As adopted at the 2023 Annual Meeting of NAFO (COM Doc. 23-28), the guidelines for the classification of working documents reads “*The Contracting Party submitting a Working Paper is responsible to designate that Working Paper as “open access” and made available to the general public on the NAFO website prior to the meeting. If the Contracting Party does not make such a designation, then it will not be made available to the general public on the NAFO website prior to the meeting.*”

A gentle reminder that, pursuant to Rule 6.a of the *NAFO Standing Committee on International Control (STACTIC) Rules of Procedure regarding data confidentiality and participation in meetings* (COM Doc. 22-19), “*Contracting Parties shall provide to the NAFO Secretariat a list of all STACTIC attendees no less than 10 days in advance of any STACTIC meeting, noting all participants’ affiliations.*”

For those Contracting Party representatives that are unable to attend the meeting in-person, hybrid capabilities will be provided. For logistical purposes, we would appreciate if Contracting Parties can indicate on the list of STACTIC attendees those that will be participating in-person and/or virtually.

We kindly ask your assistance in providing this information to the members of your meeting delegation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Brynhildur Benediktsdóttir  
Executive Secretary

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Enclosed: Provisional Agenda and General Information (04 pgs.)

*NAFO Standing Committee on International Control (STACTIC) Intersessional Meeting*

05-07 May 2025  
Bergen, Norway

**Draft Provisional Agenda**

**1. Opening by the Chair, Patrick Moran, (United States of America)**

*The meeting will be opened by the Chair, Patrick Moran (United States of America).*

**2. Appointment of rapporteur**

*A rapporteur will be nominated and appointed.*

**3. Adoption of agenda**

**4. Annual compliance review 2024**

*The NAFO Secretariat will present the draft compilation of the fishing reports as part of the process of the Annual Compliance Review conducted by STACTIC in accordance with Rule 5.1(e) of the NAFO Rules of Procedure: Commission. Contracting Parties will be invited to review the draft compilation for completeness and accuracy.*

**5. Annual compliance review format**

*At the 2024 Annual Meeting, it was agreed that Canada and the Secretariat will coordinate a virtual meeting with interested Contracting Parties prior to the 2025 STACTIC Intersessional Meeting to review other RFMOs compliance reviews and identify key elements that could potentially be adopted within NAFO.*

**6. NAFO MCS website and application development**

*The Secretariat has continued work on the MCS Website, the Observer application, and the ePSC application since the 2024 Annual Meeting and will provide an update at this meeting.*

**7. Report and recommendations of the Observer Program Review Working Group (WG-OPR)**

*The STACTIC Observer Program Review Working Group (WG-OPR) met from 22–24 January 2025 and will provide an update on its tasking outlined in the revised Terms of Reference ([COM Doc. 23-25](#)) under this agenda item.*

**8. Report and recommendations of the Editorial Drafting Group (EDG)**

*The Editorial Drafting Group (EDG) met on 05 November 2024 to review the 2025 draft NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures (CEM) (STACTIC WP 24-30). The EDG forwarded a few items to STACTIC for consideration, which will be addressed under other agenda items.*

**9. New and pending proposals on enforcement measures: Possible revisions of the NAFO CEM**

*This is a regular agenda item where new and pending proposals concerning the NAFO CEM are deliberated.*

## **10. Discussion on the review of Article 4 of the NAFO CEM**

*In accordance with Article 4.7 of the NAFO CEM, NAFO will review the Article 4 measures in 2025.*

## **11. Review of specific measures in Article 6 of the NAFO CEM**

### **a. Measures relating to the cod fishery in Division 3M**

*In accordance with Article 6.11 of the NAFO CEM, STACTIC shall review the measures referred to in paragraphs 8 (i) and 8 (ii).*

### **b. Measures relating to the yellowtail flounder fishery**

*In accordance with Article 6.12 of the NAFO CEM, STACTIC shall assess if the provisions in paragraphs 6.3(g) and 8 bis led to an increase on American plaice bycatches or directed fishery on American plaice; and review paragraphs 6.3(g) and 8 bis.*

### **c. Numbering of Article 6.8 of the NAFO CEM**

*At the November 2024 STACTIC EDG Meeting, it was recommended that STACTIC should discuss the number of Article 6.8 at the 2025 STACTIC Intersessional Meeting.*

## **12. Half-year review of the implementation of new NAFO CEM measures**

*The NAFO Secretariat will report on its experience in the implementation of binding measures adopted by the Commission at the 2024 Annual Meeting, which came into force in October 2024 (NAFO/24-250 of 11 October 2024) and January 2024 (NAFO/24-262 of 03 December 2024 and NAFO/24-269 of 19 December 2024). Contracting Parties will be invited to report on their experience and issues encountered in the implementation of the new measures.*

*Following the adoption of the changes in the NAFO CEM relating to surveillance procedures ([COM Doc. 24-06](#)), it was agreed that STACTIC will consider whether a standardized template is required at the 2025 STACTIC Intersessional Meeting.*

## **13. Discussion on the definition of directed fisheries and bycatches**

*At the 2024 Annual Meeting, the Commission agreed to re-convene the Ad hoc Working Group on Bycatch, Discards and Selectivity to consider NAFO's current measures relating to directed fisheries and mitigating bycatch of moratoria species as outlined in [COM Doc. 24-19](#). Any updates from that meeting will be presented under this agenda item.*

*At the November 2024 STACTIC EDG Meeting, it was agreed that the instances where the standard definition of "directed fishery" is not used in the NAFO CEM, outlined in STACTIC EDG-WP 24-02, be forwarded to STACTIC for discussion at the 2025 STACTIC Intersessional Meeting.*

## **14. Introduction of electronic communication between FMCs and NAFO using the international standard UN/CEFACT "Fisheries Language for Universal Exchange" (FLUX)**

*At the 2024 Annual Meeting, it was agreed that STACTIC assess all necessary changes and technical preparations needed to consider the introduction of the international standard UN/CEFACT "Fisheries Language for Universal Exchange" (FLUX) for the VMS and ERS domains, giving priority to the VMS domain.*

**15. Practical application of port State measures in NAFO**

*At the 2024 STACTIC Annual Meeting, it was agreed that prior to the 2025 STACTIC Intersessional Meeting, Contracting Parties reflect on STACTIC WP 24-20 (Rev. 5) and consider whether a uniform approach to the calculation of the percent in the PSC3 forms in NAFO is needed.*

**16. Review and evaluation of practices and procedures**

*It was agreed that this be a standing agenda item with the intention of providing Contracting Parties with the opportunity to share domestic Practices and Procedures. Contracting Parties are encouraged to continue to share relevant Practices and Procedures with STACTIC and to submit relevant documents to the Secretariat. The Secretariat will also provide a list of all information currently available on the Practices and Procedures webpages.*

**17. Review of current IUU list pursuant to NAFO CEM Article 53**

*The IUU list will be reviewed in accordance with Article 53 of the NAFO CEM.*

**18. Other business**

*Any topics not covered by the agenda items above may be discussed under this agenda item.*

**19. Time and place of next meeting**

*Under this agenda item, the time and place of the next STACTIC meeting will be discussed.*

**20. Adoption of report****21. Adjournment**

*NAFO Standing Committee on International Control (STACTIC) Intersessional Meeting*

05-07 May 2025  
Bergen, Norway

**General Information**

**Meeting Venue**

The meeting will be held at:

[Hotel Opus XVI](#)  
Vågsallmenningen 16  
Bergen, Norway  
Tel: +47 53 01 22 00  
E-mail: [booking@opus16.no](mailto:booking@opus16.no)

**Hotel Accommodations**

The hotel is located in the heart of Bergen city center.

There are several hotels in close proximity to the meeting venue. Reservations are to be made by participants directly at your preferred hotel.

**Tourism Information**

<https://www.opus16.no/your-city-guide>