

**39th ANNUAL MEETING OF NAFO - SEPTEMBER 2017****Clarifying Access to Information in the NAFO CEM****Background**

At the STACTIC Annual meeting in September 2016, the NAFO Secretariat presented STACTIC WP 16-37 outlining the existing confidentiality measures in the NAFO CEM. The Working Paper highlighted a few areas where the access rights were “unspecified”. It was agreed that:

- **Canada would draft a proposal to address the areas in the NAFO CEM that were highlighted in STACTIC WP 16-37 requiring clarity on access rights to information.**

Since the Annual meeting, some of the “*unspecified*” items were clarified as a result of adopted proposals. This paper addresses the outstanding item on access rights with respect to the list of observers.

Proposed Amendments

Article 30.A.7 – Providing Contracting Parties with an Inspection Presence access to the List of Observers

7. The Executive Secretary:

- (a) posts to the NAFO MCS Website a copy of the observer report in PDF format; **and**
- (b) ensures that any Contracting Party:
 - (i) with an inspection presence in the Regulatory Area, is automatically provided with a copy of the report referred to in paragraph 2(h), including individual hauls and co-ordinates.
 - (ii) without an inspection presence in the Regulatory Area, upon request, is provided with a copy of the report referred to in paragraph 2(h), providing daily catch totals by species and division.
- (c) **makes the list of observers posted to the MCS website as referred to in paragraph 2 available to Contracting Parties with an Inspection Presence.**

