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Inspection Party Composition: Article 33(4)

The current NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures (NCEM's), Article 33, explicitly calls for an inspection party to consist of "*at a maximum two inspectors*", with the possibility of a third member if it is an inspection trainees and only where vessel conditions permit.

Given that the measures already allow for the possibility of a three member inspection party and that allowing the third member, previously only an inspection trainee, to be a regular inspector would provide additional flexibility to those Contracting Parties that conduct inspections under the NCEMs, it would seem appropriate, especially in the context of tight inspection duration timeframes, to sanction the use of an additional inspector were warranted.

Furthermore, recent joint inspections, conducted with the USCG, also lend further credence to allow for an additional inspector to facilitate this type of joint activity and not force Contracting Parties with inspection vessels in the NRA to rotate between its own inspectors and that of a guest Contracting Party, but rather to allow a fully effective and multinational inspection party.

It should also be noted that the NEAFC *Scheme of Control and Enforcement*, Article 18.6, places no actual limit on the number of inspection party members, rather only limits the number of inspectors from each NEAFC Contracting Party, when inspecting the vessel of another Contracting Party.

Possible Amendment

Proposal – Amend Chapter IV – *Joint Inspection and Surveillance Scheme*, Article 33, *Inspection Procedure*.

Replace the current text of Article 33(4) with the following:

4. An inspection party shall consist of at maximum **four** inspectors. ~~Vessel conditions permitting,~~ An inspection trainee may accompany the inspection party for training purposes only, **however the inspection trainee counts against the inspection party maximum of four.** In such circumstances, the inspection party shall, upon arrival on board, identify the trainee to the master of the fishing vessel. This trainee shall simply observe the inspection operation conducted by the authorized inspectors and shall in no way interfere with the activities of the fishing vessel.