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# Observer Program – Article 30 Standardization of Observer program data and Reporting requirements in the NAFO Regulatory Area

#### **Explanatory Memorandum**

As outlined in STACTIC WP 12/41, in the 2012 Progress report of the Expert Panel, it was recommended that standard protocols be developed and applied for the reporting of NAFO observer information by all flag States.

To ensure that data is collected and reported in a consistent and timely manner thereby, facilitating the compilation and analysis of the observer data, it is recommend that provisions be adopted in the NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures (NCEMs) that require the use of a standard observer collection template and that the NAFO Secretariat automatically disseminate the reports to those Contracting Parties with an inspection presence in the NAFO Regulatory Area (NRA).

Article 30, 2 (g) currently requires that observers submit to the flag State Contracting Party and to the Executive Secretary, within 30 days following completion of a deployment, a report, however the measures fails to identify a standard format for this report

A review of material currently available on the NAFO website uncovered an Electronic Observer Report template that comes in two separate spreadsheets – (1) on catch and effort data (NAFO Observer Catch Data Form), (2) on the length frequency data (NAFO Observer Length Frequency Form). These forms capture the information that the observers are required to collect and record.

This amendment to the measures would ensure that data is collected and reported in a consistent and timely manner thereby facilitating the compilation and analysis of the observer data.

In support of this objective, Canada is proposing the use of a standardized data collection format and process through the addition of a new Annex II. M (standardized observer report template). The proposal would facilitate the compilation and analysis of observer data. This in turn would enhance the quality of reporting, reduce costs and make the information more relevant for all Contracting Parties and key stakeholders.

#### **Proposal**

Article 30 – Observer Program,

#### (1) Replace the current Duties of the flag State Contracting Party 2. (g) with the following:

(g) submits to the flag State Contracting Party and to the Executive Secretary, within 30 days following completion of a deployment, a report <u>as set out in Annex II.M</u>, detailing the data recorded pursuant to this paragraph.

(2)Add: Annex II.M Observer Report (annex 1)

## (3) Replace the current *Duties of the Executive Secretary* 7. with the following:

- 7. The Executive Secretary will provide to any Contracting Party:
- (a) with an inspection presence in the NRA, a copy of the report referred to in paragraph 2(g), including individual hauls and co-ordinates.
- (b) without an inspection presence in the NRA, upon request, a copy of the report referred to in paragraph 2(g), providing daily catch totals by species and division.

### Annex II. M, Standardized Observer Report Template

# Part 1. Fishing Trip and Gear Information

## 1A. Fishing Trip

Vessel Call Sign  Vessel Name  Flag State  Trip Number  Fishing Master's Name  Number of Crew  Observer's Name  Observation Date Started
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Fishing Master's Name  Number of Crew  Observer's Name  Observation Date Started
Number of Crew Observer's Name Observation Date Started
Observer's Name Observation Date Started
Observation Date Started
Observation Date Ended
Date of Report
Vessel Length (m)
Vessel Type
Vessel Gross Tonnage
Engine Power (indicate HP or KW)
Frozen Hold Capacity (m <sup>3</sup> )
Fish Meal Hold Capacity (m <sup>3</sup> )
Other Hold Capacity (m <sup>3</sup> )
Directed Species
NAFO Division/s visited
Date of Entry into NRA
Date of Exit from NRA
Port of Landing
Other Area/s visited
Comments

## 1B.Trawl Gear Information

	Trawl Gear Information																
Gear #	Gear Type	Gear Make	Mesh Size (mm)														
			Wings		Body		Lengthening Piece		Codend		Attachments	Grate Spacing	Straps				
	Type		High	Low	Average	High	Low	Average	High	Low	Average	High	Low	Average			
Comment	s:																

## Part 2. Catch and effort information by tow/set/haul

	Catch and Effort Information by Haul																	
				START		FINISH			Species Direct	Directed								
Haul #	Gear #	Date (YYYYMMDD)	NAFO Division	Latitude (decimal)			Time (UTC) (HHMM)	Latitude (decimal)	Longitude (decimal)		Time (UTC) (HHMM)	(FAO 3- alphaSpecies Code)	Directed Species? (yes or no)	Product Form	Conversion Factor Used	Retained (kg)	Discarded (kg)	Comments
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## **Part 3. Compliance Information**

Enter observation on:

- Discrepancies between logbook entries and observer's estimates.
   Functional of satellite tracking device.
- 3) Any other observation

## Part 4. Effort and Catch Summary

## 4A. Effort Summary

	Effort Summary Table										
NAFO	Gear #	Directed	Da	ate	# of hauls	Dept	h (m)	# Hours fished	# Fishing Days		
Division	Geal #	Species	Start	Finish		Minimum	Maximum				

## 4B. Catch Summary

Trip Catch Summary (catch by Division and Species)									
NAFO	Species	Catch (kg)							
Division	Species -	Retained	Discarded	Total					

# **Part 5. Length Frequency Form**

Length Frequency	Trip Number:				
Species Code:	Tow/Set/Haul #:				
Sample Type:	Measure Type:				
Meas. Convention	Total Measured:				
Sample Wt.:	Catch Weight:				
Gear Type:	Gear Number:				

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