

Recommendation to amend article 12 of the NEAFC scheme to clarify communication of catches with other RFMOs

The Commission hereby adopts the following recommendation pursuant to Article 8 of the Convention:

Article 12 of the NEAFC Scheme requests that the Secretary provide catch data from vessels of NEAFC Contracting Parties, for species that fall under the competence of other Regional Fisheries Management Organisations (RFMOs), to those respective RFMOs.

This paper offers amended wording to clarify in which scenarios the Secretary should share catch data with other RFMOs, to include to situations:

- 1) Whereby catches taken in the Regulatory Area by vessels of Contracting Parties of species which are regulated within the NEAFC convention area by other RFMOs (e.g ICCAT species), and,
- 2) Straddling stocks to other RFMOs (Irminger Sea Redfish)

Article 12 - Communication of Fishing Activities

1. Each Contracting Party shall ensure that its fishing vessels shall communicate by electronic means data set out in Annex IV: Recording of Catch and Fishing Effort; including all catches when engaged in fishing activities for fisheries resources as defined in Article 1(2) of the Convention by electronic means to the FMC.
The Secretary shall provide the information reported under the first paragraph in respect of any catches **taken** in the Regulatory Area by vessels of Contracting Parties of species **which are either regulated within the NEAFC convention area by under the competence of other RFMOs or straddling stocks** to those RFMOs. The Permanent Committee on Monitoring and Compliance (PECMAC) shall be informed about the transmission of this detailed information and shall report on those transmissions to the Annual Meeting.