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Observer reporting timeframe and template – Article 30(14)(e)

Background

The reporting obligations for vessels established in Article 28(6)(c) NAFO Control and Enforcement Measures (NCEM) require the catch report (CAT) “of the *quantity of catch retained and quantity discarded by species for the day preceding the report*” to be “*sent daily before 12:00 UTC unless otherwise submitted in a COX report.*”

Article 30(14)(e) of the NCEM requires each flag Contracting Party shall ensure that observers assigned to their vessel, without however clarifying the reporting period to be used by the observer:

- (e) *transmit daily, whether the vessel is fishing or not, before 12:00 UTC to the Fisheries Monitoring Centre (FMC) of the flag State Contracting Party, in accordance with Annex II.G, the OBR report, by division.*

As a result, observers might report on a 24 hours basis but transmitting data relating to a difference timeframe than the one which is mandatory for the master. Thus, it is proposed the reporting period to be specified.

Proposal

In order to align the reporting period and to facilitate the assessment and control of the reported information, it is proposed to amend Article 30(14)(e) as follows:

- (e) *transmit daily, whether the vessel is fishing or not, before 12:00 UTC to the Fisheries Monitoring Centre (FMC) of the flag State Contracting Party, in accordance with Annex II.G, the OBR report, by division, with the information for the day preceding the report.*

