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**Reporting signalling the change of fishery – Article 9(3)**

**Background**

The NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures (NCEM) require a vessel fishing for shrimp and other species on the same trip to transmit a report to the Executive Secretary signalling the change of fishery, in order to calculate the 3M shrimp fishing days accordingly.

This requirement does not specify how the notification is to be sent by the vessel, nor does it include a link to the flag State Contracting Party. In order to clarify how these reports should be channelled, the role of the different actors and to make this information available in the NAFO MCS Website, it is proposed to amend the wording in Article 9(3).

**Proposal**

In CEM Article 9(3), to amend the text as follows:

*Each Contracting Party shall:*

- a) ensure that it receives from its vessels ~~A vessel~~ fishing for shrimp and other species on the same trip ~~shall transmit a notification report to the Executive Secretary~~ signalling the change of fishery and indicating date and time in UTC of the change of fishery.*
- b) ~~The flag State Contracting Party shall transmit the notification report to the Executive Secretary without delay.~~*

*The number of fishing days shall be calculated accordingly.*

In CEM, after Article 9(7), to insert the following sub-title and paragraph 8:

***Duties of the Executive Secretary***

8. *The Executive Secretary posts the report referred to in paragraph 3 to the NAFO MCS Website.*

