



Serial No. N7112

NAFO/COM Doc. 20-11
[Adopted]

42nd ANNUAL MEETING OF NAFO - SEPTEMBER 2020

100% Port Inspection Benchmark for 3M Cod – Article 7 bis

Background

The Total Allowable Catch (TAC) for 3M cod recommended for 2021 by the NAFO Scientific Council represents a sharp decline in catches compared to 2020. In view of the status of the stock additional measures to the TAC are being considered, including spatio-temporal closures and the use of selectivity devices to reduce the fishing mortality of juveniles.

In the context of reduced fishing opportunities, enhanced control is necessary to ensure compliance with the management measures and to guarantee an accurate data of 3M cod catches. The inspection of landings ensures the verification of the quantities caught and is deemed as an important tool to prevent misreporting. In view of the status of the stock it is proposed as regards 3M cod to implement the same port inspection benchmark that applies to Greenland halibut under Article 10(4)(e) of NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures (NCEM). In order to facilitate that each Contracting Party inspects each landing of 3M cod in its ports, additional elements for control such as designated ports and prior notifications are also proposed.

Proposal

In CEM, after Article 7, to add the following “**Article 7 bis – 3M Cod**”¹:

Control Measures

1. *Each Contracting Party shall apply the following control measures for vessels with more than 1,250 kg of 3M cod catches on board*²:
 - (a) *prohibit its vessels from landing or transshipping 3M cod catches in ports other than those designated in accordance with Article 43.*
 - (b) *require that at least 48 hours before its estimated time of arrival in port, a vessel or its representative on its behalf, advises the competent port authority of its estimated time of arrival, the estimated quantity of 3M cod retained on board, and information on the division or divisions where any other cod catches retained on board were taken.*

1 *STACTIC shall review this Article and propose amendments as appropriate to the Commission at its Annual Meeting in 2021. This Article is only applicable when the TAC for Cod in Division 3M in Annex I.A is under 3000 tonnes.*

2 *Each Contracting Party shall inspect vessels with less than 1250 kg of 3M cod onboard on a risk-based approach.*



(c) inspect each landing or transshipment of 3M cod in its ports and prepare an inspection report in the format prescribed in Annex IV.C, which it submits to the Executive Secretary within 14 working days from the date on which the inspection was completed. The PSC3 report shall identify and provide details of any infringement to the CEM detected during the port inspection. It shall include all relevant information available in reference to infringements detected at sea during the current trip of the inspected fishing vessel.

Duties of the Executive Secretary

- 2. The Executive Secretary posts without delay the port inspection report submitted in accordance with paragraph 1(c) to the NAFO MCS Website and ensures that it is made available to all Contracting Parties.*