

Recommendation to Adopt the UN/CEFACT International Standard for Communications between the NEAFC Secretariat and Fisheries Monitoring Centres

As proposed by PECMAC, the Commission hereby adopts the following recommendation pursuant to Article 8 of the Convention:

The international standard UN/CEFACT “Fisheries Language for Universal Exchange” shall be implemented as the format for electronic communications between FMCs and NEAFC Secretariat no later than June 2019 for the purpose of reporting catches and fishing effort and transshipments as appropriate, pursuant to NEAFC Scheme Chapter III - Monitoring of Fisheries as amended for ERS.

The specifications set out in Annex VIII and IX may be used for the transmission to the Secretary for up to two years transition period after the electronic reporting system becomes operational.

After the transition period [Annex IX A*] Annex VIII of NEAFC Scheme will be repealed.

** note that some parts of the Scheme are on a separate timeline for transition to UN/CEFACT and so references to Annex IX should be reviewed.*