

Recommendation on amending the NEAFC Scheme of Control and Enforcement on the framework on control applicable to research vessels in the NEAFC Regulatory Area

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

Article 5 of the NEAFC Scheme of Control and Enforcement is amended as follows:

Article 5 – Notification of Fishing Vessels

1. Each Contracting Party shall notify, in computer readable form, to the Secretary prior to 1 January of each year if possible, or in any case before the vessel's entry into the Regulatory Area, all fishing vessels authorised to fish and notably whether the vessel is authorised to fish one or more regulated resource. No fishing vessel shall conduct fishing activities in the Regulatory Area unless it is listed as a notified vessel. The notification shall include for each fishing vessel the information listed in the format of Annex II. Each Contracting Party shall notify any modifications to this information without delay.

2. Unless otherwise provided, research vessels carrying out scientific research on fisheries resources in the Regulatory Area shall not be bound by conservation and control measures pertaining to fishing in the Regulatory Area.

3. By way of derogation from paragraph 2, each Contracting Party shall ensure that its research vessels marketing all or part of the catch obtained during research activities in the Regulatory Area are notified to the Secretary in accordance with paragraph 1 and comply with all recording and reporting of catches and fishing effort as per the NEAFC Scheme.

4. ~~2.~~ The Secretary shall make available to all Contracting Parties the information notified under paragraph 1.

5. ~~3.~~ The Secretary shall make the lists of all fishing vessels notified and all fishing vessels authorised to fish in the NEAFC Regulatory Area publicly available on the NEAFC website by providing the following information:

- o Vessel Name
- o Vessel IMO Number (where available)
- o Flag State
- o External Registration Number (where available)
- o IRCS
- o Vessel Type (where available)
- o Vessel Tonnage
- o Vessel Length
- o Vessel Power

The list of authorised vessels shall include the regulated resources, start date and end date of the authorisation.