

Recommendation XI

THE NORTH EAST ATLANTIC FISHERIES COMMISSION AT ITS ANNUAL MEETING ON 12 NOVEMBER 2004 ADOPTED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 3(8) THE COMMISSION ESTABLISHES AN ADVISORY GROUP FOR DATA COMMUNICATION AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 14(3) OF THE NEAFC CONVENTION, THE COMMISSION SHALL DEVELOP WORKING ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE NORTHWEST-ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANISATION (NAFO) AND OTHER REGIONAL FISHERIES MANAGEMENT ORGANISATIONS (RFMOs) IN THE FIELD OF DATA COMMUNICATIONS.

ADVISORY GROUP FOR DATA COMMUNICATIONS

TERMS OF REFERENCE

- 1) The functions of the Advisory Group shall be to:
 - a) Monitor developments in data communication in relation to NEAFC, NAFO and other RFMOs;
 - b) Promote harmonisation of communications protocols used in NEAFC, NAFO, by Contracting Parties and other Regional Fisheries Management Organisations (RFMOs);
 - c) Ensure the standardization of the North-Atlantic Format and act as repository of the format;
 - d) Examine any relevant issues related to the functioning of the VMS;
 - e) On request from NEAFC, NAFO, or other RFMOs, or from Contracting Parties provide advice on proposals for amendments to message formats or other matters concerning data communications;
 - f) Present recommendations to NEAFC, NAFO, or other RFMOs or to Contracting Parties for amendments to message formats or other improvements in the field of data communication.
- 2) In performing its functions, the Advisory Group shall:
 - a) Invite Contracting Parties of NEAFC, NAFO and other RFMOs to participate in its meetings;
 - b) Develop a close cooperation with the secretariats of NEAFC, NAFO and other RFMOs.
- 3) The advisory group shall elect a chairman and a vice-chairman and draw up its own rules of procedure.