

## **Excerpt from the Report of the Working Group of the Future of NEAFC, 2002**

### **IUU - illegal, unreported and unregulated - fishing**

Attention was drawn to the detailed paper submitted by Norway for the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting on the International Plan of Action (IPOA) on IUU fishing. Three topics were highlighted

1. Port State Control. This matter has been mandated to PECCOE
2. The exchange of the information between NARFMOs
3. New entrants

The meeting found that it was not necessary to implement all parts of the IPOA on IUU. The situation in the North Atlantic should be kept in mind and form the basis for moving forward. Those elements relevant to the North Atlantic should be selected.

#### Port State Control

It was agreed that two items should be put into NEAFC's work programme, called for by the IPOA on IUU fishing: the development of a list of IUU vessels and their activities and a list of countries of flags of convenience. These lists may be taken up at a later meeting of PECCOE in 2002 reporting to the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting.

The identification of IUU vessels and how to draw up list of these was seen as part of port state control. What are the criteria for placing vessels on the list and removing them from the list?

The forthcoming Annual Meeting should deal with *inter alia* the outcome of the meeting of ICCAT on IUU Fishing (27-28 May 2002 in Tokyo), which will cover these issues.

**Actions arising:** The Working Group recommends to the Commission at the Extraordinary Meeting 10-12 April 2002 to mandate PECCOE at its meeting in May 2002 to develop a harmonised system for port state control by NEAFC's Contracting Parties in accordance with Annex 2. Lists of IUU vessels and states of flags of convenience should be developed by PECCOE later in 2002 and be on the agenda of the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting