Information paper from the NEAFC Secretariat

According to article 44.6 – IUU Vessel Lists in the NEAFC Scheme of Control and Enforcement, the NEAFC Secretariat “after having been notified by CCAMLR, NAFO and SEAFO of vessels that have been confirmed as having been engaged in IUU fisheries shall without delay place the NCP vessels on the NEAFC IUU B-List.”

On the 18 of February 2019, the NEAFC Secretariat received from the South East Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (SEAFO) an updated IUU list (updated on 6 February 2019). After assessing the list, the Secretariat can confirm that no new vessels were notified by SEAFO and accordingly the NEAFC IUU B list does not need any addition of vessels. However, the Secretariat discovered that there were some discrepancies, between the NEAFC IUU B list and the IUU list provided by SEAFO, in regards to the information on the listed vessels.

Following are the discrepancies between the two lists:

- According to the SEAFO list the vessel Eros Dos was destroyed by fire on 7 November 2018. According to the NEAFC B list, the vessel last known situation was in St. Eugenia de Ribeira, Spain (05 March 2009).
- According to the SEAFO list the vessel listed by NEAFC as Labiko, is now listed under the name Claude Moinier, renamed from Labiko. The NEAFC B list states that the Labiko’s previous name is Maine. Moreover and with reference to S-HOD letter 19/03 from January 2019, where the heads of delegation were informed that the Secretariat received an e-mail from the Sea Star Shipping Agency under the law of the Republic of Liberia regarding the fishing vessel Labiko [2], where the NEAFC Secretariat was asked how the vessel could be removed or deleted from the NEAFC IUU B list since it is now under a new ownership and a new flag State. Thus, it is the understanding of the NEAFC Secretariat that the name is still in fact Labiko [2], as listed under the NEAFC IUU B list.
- According to the SEAFO list the vessel Ray, as listed by NEAFC, has a new name or Hai Lung. According to the SEAFO list the name Ray is the second previous name after Yele. Also, the IRCS listed on NEAFC’s list is not the same as is on the SEAFO list. According to the SEAFO list the IRCS is PQBT and according to the NEAFC list it is V3RB2. However, both lists has the same IMO number.

Request for guidance from PECMAC:

1) The NEAFC Secretariat would therefore like to inform the NEAFC Contracting Parties about these discrepancies and request for any up-to date information to help address these issues.
2) PECMAC is requested to provide guidance on how to deal with these sorts of discrepancies in future.