Recommendation 10:2016

Recommendation to amend Article 11 and Annex VII of the NEAFC Scheme of Control and Enforcement

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

Article 11 shall be amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER III - Monitoring of Fisheries

Article 11 - Vessel Monitoring System

1. Each Contracting Party shall implement a vessel monitoring system (VMS) for its fishing vessels exceeding 20 metres between perpendiculars or 24 metres overall length which fish, or plan to fish, in the Regulatory Area and:
   a. require its fishing vessels, fishing in the Regulatory Area, to be equipped with an autonomous system able to automatically transmit messages to a land-based fisheries monitoring centre (FMC) allowing a continuous tracking of the position of a fishing vessel by the Contracting Party of that fishing vessel in conformity with the specifications and schedule set out in Annex VII a)

5. Contracting Parties shall, for the purposes of this Scheme, cooperate with the Secretary in order to maintain a database delimiting the Regulatory Area by latitude and longitude co-ordinates. Changes to these co-ordinates shall without delay be notified to the Secretary in a computer readable form according to the procedures described in Annex VII b) in order to keep this database up to date. The co-ordinates shall be without prejudice to each Contracting Party’s position concerning the delimitation of sea areas under their sovereignty and jurisdiction. The Secretary shall notify all Contracting Parties, and cooperating non-Contracting Parties, of any changes by providing them with updated co-ordinates in the format described in Annex VII b) without delay.
Annex VII shall be amended to read as follows:

**Annex VII - VMS and EEZs Delimitation**

**Annex VII a) - VMS**

**Annex VII b) – EEZs Delimitation**

Any changes to the coordinates used for the database defined in Article 11.5 shall be:

- Identified to the Secretary as changes pursuant to Article 11.5, with the number of points separately confirmed and a contact person identified for verification of resulting mapping;
- Submitted in decimal degrees and in the WGS84 datum, in an electronic version suitable for import directly into Geographic Information System (GIS) software, without the need for manual intervention;
- Latitude positive North Longitude positive East and plus sign (+) can be skipped for positive numbers. According to the example below:

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The Secretary shall examine the resultant map and ask the Contracting Party contact person to help resolve any problems noted.

Once the coordinates are finalised, changes to the database shall be made without delay.