



Joint Deployment Plan NAFO/NEAFC 2015

NEAFC 1st Mission

PARTICIPANTS

Ireland - EU NEAFC Inspectors

EFCA Coordinator

PERIOD:

AREA: NEAFC Regulatory Area, ICES XII

16/03/2015 to 27/03/2015

aboard the Irish L.E. Eithne

OBJECTIVES

- Monitoring of compliance with the NEAFC Scheme of Control and Enforcement, associated Management Measures and Community legislation by the fishing vessels operating in the NEAFC Regulatory Area; including third country fishing vessels.
- Monitoring of the reliability of catch recording and reporting.
- Regular information transmission and exchange; in particular inspection and surveillance data with the EFCA, IE FMC, NEAFC Secretariat and EC DG MARE.

RESULTS

- 18 sightings of 18 individual fishing vessels (RUS & NOR).
- 18 inspections were carried out; 1 apparent infringement citation was issued for not having RSW calibration documents; compliance was good.

OBSERVATIONS

- A maximum of 26 vessels was observed in the area at any one time. All vessels were targeting WHB. All vessels were operating with pelagic trawl gear.
- No transhipment activity took place.
- Weather conditions were reasonable for most of the period, with boardings not being able to take place on only 3 days of the mission when the weather exceeded Force 7.