

## Agenda Item 7 – IUU

### Intro

Like so many others, Canada considers that the global fight against IUU fishing should continue to be a core area of the FAO's work.

### Transshipment

An important recent contribution by the FAO is the Voluntary Guidelines on Transshipment, which represent an important step forward in supporting stronger transshipment regulations. We are pleased to support the endorsement of the Guidelines by COFI.

Moving forward, Canada will look for opportunities where the Guidelines can support discussions at RFMOs as those organizations look to improve their management of transshipment.

### PSMA

Another important FAO contribution is the Port State Measures Agreement, and we welcome the FAO's ongoing work to support members in ratifying and implementing the Agreement.

We encourage other Members who have not already done so to ratify the PSMA as soon as they are able, and we look forward to the Fourth Meeting of the Parties to the PSMA in May.

### Global Record

Canada also appreciates the continued development of the Global Record, a valuable tool for aggregating information from relevant authorities, such as those from authorized vessel lists and IUU vessel lists maintained by States and RFMOs. Since COFI 34, Canada has completed submission of data on our vessels for Phase 1, and we encourage other members to do likewise.

### DVD

A specific initiative we would like briefly to highlight is the Dark Vessel Detection program Canada launched in 2021. The program uses satellite technology to locate and track vessels whose location transmitting devices have been switched off, sometimes in an attempt to evade monitoring, control and surveillance. Canada has worked with several international partners to support their enforcement efforts using this technology, as one contribution to the fight against IUU fishing.

### IUU Action Alliance

Canada is also pleased to be a member of the IUU Fishing Action Alliance, along with the UK, the US, and Iceland. The Alliance is focused on acknowledging existing international commitments; enhancing monitoring, control and surveillance; and improving transparency and data sharing. We would welcome others to the Alliance who share a strong commitment to advancing these goals.

### Vessel tracking proposal

Finally, Chair, we thank Norway for their proposal on vessel tracking. We see a good deal of potential value in such a measure, and so Canada is pleased to support moving ahead with this work.