

**FIRMS Steering Committee Meeting****Eighth Session****Rome, Italy, 4 - 5, and 8 February 2013****ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY NAFO DURING THE  
INTERSESSONAL PERIOD****Author: NAFO Secretariat****1. Developments on inventories of Marine resources, and of fisheries;**

NAFO continues to submit Marine Resource information. In 2012 all submissions were up to date.

NAFO has begun submitting Fishery information and in 2012 submitted 4 Fact Sheets relating to the 2011 fishery. The next step is to improve and update the submission for the 2012 fishery, incorporating some new information and parameters. This includes the update of the high-level Fishery page which provides an overview of all NAFO fisheries.

In 2012 NAFO updated its Partnership Agreement Annex 2 to reflect the submission of information to the Fisheries Module.

**2. Reporting on status/trends of Marine resources, and of fisheries;**

The NAFO Scientific Council continues to review the assessments of NAFO stocks and provide classification information based on FIRMS criteria.

Stock Size (incl. structure)	Fishing Mortality			
	None–Low	Moderate	High	Unknown
Virgin– Large		3LNO Yellowtail flounder		
Intermediate	3M Redfish 3LN Redfish	3LNO Northern shrimp <sup>1</sup> SA0+1 Northern shrimp <sup>1</sup> DS Northern shrimp <sup>1</sup>	3M Cod	Greenland halibut in Uummannaq <sup>2</sup> Greenland halibut in Upernavik <sup>2</sup> Greenland halibut in Disko Bay <sup>2</sup>
Small	SA3+4 Northern shortfin squid	SA2+3KLMNO Greenland halibut		3NOPs White hake 3LNOPs Thorny skate
Depleted	3M American plaice 3LNO American plaice 2J3KL Witch flounder 3NO Cod 3NO Witch flounder 3M Northern shrimp <sup>1,3</sup>			SA1 Redfish SA0+1 Roundnose grenadier
Unknown	SA2+3 Roughhead grenadier 3NO Capelin 3O Redfish	0&1A Offsh. & 1B– 1F Greenland halibut		SA2+3 Roundnose grenadier

<sup>1</sup> Shrimp will be re-assessed in October 2012

<sup>2</sup> Assessed as Greenland halibut in Div. 1A inshore

<sup>3</sup> Fishing mortality may not be the main driver of biomass for Div. 3M Shrimp

### 3. Development/review of standards

n/a

### 4. Development of Applications or Web pages (e.g. new module at Secretariat level, or enhancements in streamlining workflow at Partner level);

At the FSC 7 NAFO agreed to lead the discussion on the deep-sea thematic page. E-mail were sent to various other Partners but discussion was limited and it was generally felt that each organization has its own definitions of “Deep-Sea” and it may not be possible to agree on a standard.

As well during FSC7 a new thematic page was proposed for the North Atlantic to express the science to management decision making process among NAFO, NEAFC, ICES, DG MARE and ICCAT. It was agreed that NAFO would lead the discussion. NAFO had developed a poster for its own internal use and is prepared to introduce this as a jumping off point for future development within FIRMS (attached).

### 5. Development of case studies/prototypes;

n/a

**6. Training or skills development;**

Nothing has happened this year on the NAFO front.

**7. Promotional activities;**

NAFO has a link to the FIRMS website on its website.

**8. Planned activities during the coming intersession period.**

NAFO has no extraordinary plans for the near future.