



NAFO

Northwest
Atlantic

Committed to

Fisheries

Conservation and Management of

Organizational

Highly skilled and experienced

Structure and conduct of performance reviews: experiences, best practices, challenges and opportunities

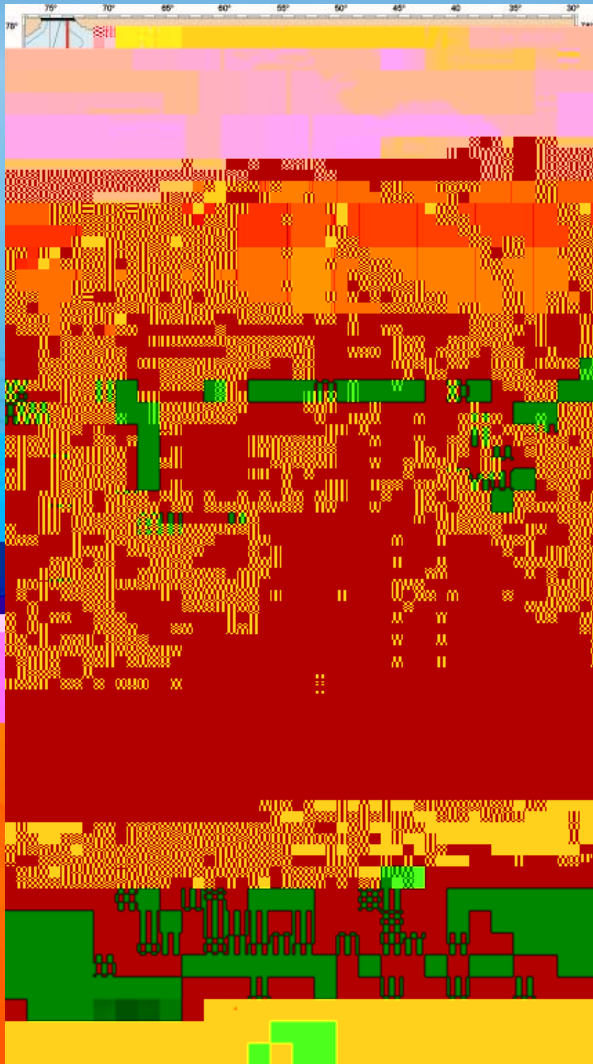
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Outline

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 - Terms of Reference
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NAFO Jurisdiction



- NAFO Convention Area is the entire Northwest Atlantic (delineated in Art. IV of NAFO Convention)
- NAFO Regulatory Area is the international waters outside of the EEZ of Canada, Denmark (Greenland), France (St. Pierre et Miquelon), USA and Bermuda (Art. I(p) of NAFO Convention)
- This is one of the few places where the continental shelf extends beyond 200 miles
- NAFO fisheries are mainly bottom trawling

12 Contracting Parties (CPs)



Canada



Iceland



Cuba



Japan



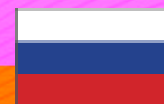
Denmark (in respect of
Faroelands & Greenland)



Korea, Republic of



Norway



Russian Federation



European Union (EU)



Ukraine

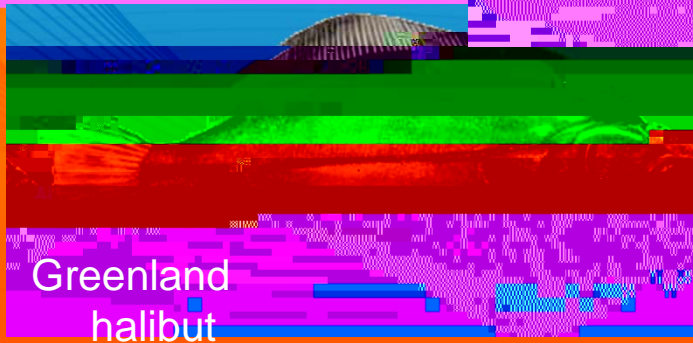
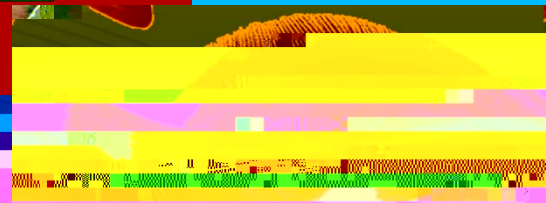
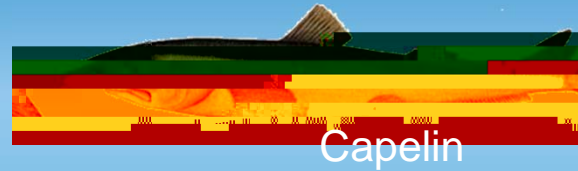


France (in respect of
Saint Pierre et Miquelon)



United States of
America

11 species currently under management



The NW Atlantic Fishery in 2018

- 43 vessels
- About 54 000 tonnes of catches* of NAFO regulated species
- Approximate value is CDN\$150 million (or about 100 million euro)
- Approximately 1,000 industry jobs directly linked to NAFO fisheries

* Preliminary estimate based on DailyCAT in the NAFO

NAFO Performance Reviews

- 2006 UNGAR Resolution on Sustainable Fisheries (61/105)
- 2011 – Report of NAFO's first Performance Review – all 225 recommendations

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ToR Review Panel Composition:

Six(6) Panelists of which

- 3 external experts

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ToR Work Schedule:

Twelve (12) month process:

- 3 months – selection of Review Panel experts;
- 6 months – Review Panel work
- 1 July 2018 – provisional Report to be circulated for comments from Contracting Parties
- 2 August 2018 – final Report
- September 2018 – presentation of final Report and Recommendations to the NAFO Annual Meeting

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Guiding Principles for the work of the Panel:

- Transparency
- Consensus based decision making
- Open consultation
- Evidence based analysis
- Free and frank discussion (ability to challenge).
- Specific and targeted recommendations

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Process undertaken by the Panel:

- Clear work plan with timelines.
- Aim to have a short and concise report.
- Specified responsibilities for individual Panel members.
- Each chapter had lead author, co author and peer reviewer.
- Regular video conferences to check on both process and policy issues.
- Reviewed by all.
- Panel members were engaged and constructive.

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Panel Findings – Achievements since 2011 Review:

- Increased transparency.
- Sustained protection of VMEs.
- Development of a robust basis for ecosystem approach.
- Expansion of use of risk based management strategies.
- Improvements in data collection.
- Improved framework for dialogue between scientists and managers.
- Generally satisfactory state of compliance.
- Increasingly positive cooperation with other fisheries bodies.

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Panel Findings Key process issues for NAFO to address:

- Ensure sufficient resources are available to handle the increasing science workload.
- Adopt a multi annual schedule/plan for the delivery of conservation and management advice, applicable over a cycle of at least five years.
- Publish an annual comparison between decisions adopted and relevant scientific advice.

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Panel Findings Key process issues for NAFO to address (cont'd):

- Establish codes for Vulnerable Marine Ecosystem indicator species.
- Develop

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Panel Findings Key policy issues for NAFO to address:

- Agree on a means to respond to instances of non r compliance by a Contracting Party with its reporting requirements.
- Implement measures to ensure that fisheries research data is complete and available for peer review.
- Develop mechanisms for the application of Art V1.11 of the Convention (Consistency of measures with coastal State).

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Panel Findings – Key policy issues for NAFO to address (cont'd):

- Establish conservation and management measures for Splendid Alfonsino in Subarea 6.
- Decide the level of acceptable risk regarding the outcome of conservation and management measures.
- Develop and publish an advisory decision making framework to ensure advice is linked explicitly to policy objectives.

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Panel Findings Key future challenges for NAFO:

- Increasing expectations and scrutiny from the public and international community.
- Transparency.
- Continuing changes to ecosystems and movement of fish stocks will challenge current governance and allocation regimes.
- Cumulative impact of other human activities.
- Overlapping governance regimes in the high seas.
- Consumer demands around sustainability and integrity of seafood.

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