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## **EFCA Seminar on the “Practical Implementation of the New CFP Provisions in the Joint Deployment Plans”**

Dubrovnik, Croatia 15 & 16 January 2014

The EFCA seminar entitled “Practical Implementation of the New CFP Provisions in the Joint Deployment Plans” took place in Dubrovnik, Croatia on 15-16 January 2014. The seminar was attended by representatives from Member States, the European Commission, scientific institutions (ICES, STECF), and stakeholder representatives (Advisory Councils - ACs).

The seminar was very well attended and provided a forum for discussion amongst all actors on the organisation and implementation of the new CFP obligations and the implications for JDP operations. The objectives of the seminar were successfully achieved, namely to discuss openly the challenges for the control policy posed by the new Common Fisheries Policy, and how EFCA can support the Member States and the Commission in the implementation of these new measures. For this purpose, the EFCA paper on “Recommendations to support the implementation of the landing obligation” was presented and discussed.

The summary of the first day endorsed by participants is presented below in textbox 1 and the summary that the EFCA Executive Director made at the end of the seminar is also presented below in textbox 2. All presentations and a list of participants are also distributed along with this note.

EFCA has taken all the ideas presented in the meeting on board. The draft EFCA recommendations were generally supported and will be presented to the Administrative Board after contributions and feedback from all attendees have been taken into account. EFCA will advance on the basis of the outcome of this seminar.

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### ***Summary after the first day agreed by participants***

The draft EFCA recommendations to support the implementation of the landing obligation have been discussed and are generally supported with the following comments:

- Annex II – Immediate measures. EFCA will initiate coordinating the implementation of discard recording obligations falling under article 14.4 of the Control Regulation in the framework of JDPs. The outcome of the first technical discussions at the JDP Steering Group level should be presented to EFCA Administrative Board. The Commission underlined that the record of discards was a key issue in the perspective of the subsequent control of “*de minimis*” provision.
- Annex IV – Evaluation of control tools. There was general support to explore further additional tools. The control would be enhanced through a combination of tools, recognising that no one tool alone would be effective. The use of CCTVs has been widely discussed. Different approaches were examined: possible asset for certification, validation of reference fleet and full onboard control system.
- A general consensus emerged on a more proactive approach towards the industry involvement.
- Voluntary compliance approaches will also be explored

EFCA will advance on the basis outlined above.

### ***Summary of the seminar made by the EFCA Executive Director***

- Participants to the meeting (Member State Authorities, Commission representatives, AC representatives and scientific bodies representatives) welcomed the Seminar on the practical implementation of the new CFP provision in the EFCA Joint Deployment Plans.
- The draft EFCA recommendations for implementation of the landing obligation have been generally supported.
- EFCA has taken note of the ideas and proposals expressed during the meeting. EFCA will reflect in their use for the control of the landing obligation in the framework of the JDPs. Initiatives as the preparation of discard atlas could permit an improvement of the risk analysis systems linked to the control of the landing obligation. EFCA will present the first results of its reflection to the next Administrative Board in March 2014.
- The successful implementation of the landing obligation could depend on:
  - A dialogue with Member States authorities and stakeholders at a regional level.
  - The achievement of a level playing field.
- A general consensus emerged on a more proactive approach towards industry involvement, and voluntary compliance approaches will also be explored.