What is Transshipment?

Transshipment is comparable to practices found in the supply chains of fresh produce.

Traditional Farming
Tomatoes are picked on a farm and then transported to a refrigerated truck. The truck then drives the tomatoes to a storage facility.

Transshipment
Fishing boats unload the catch to refrigerated cargo vessels, sometimes far away from land while on the high seas, so fishing boats can continue to catch.

Responsible transshipment practices can include oversight from human observers, fishery management organizations, governments and new e-observer technologies. When utilized correctly, transshipment is safe, responsible and helps deliver high-quality fish to consumers across the globe.

When done responsibly, transshipment saves time and fuel, making the practice more sustainable and cost efficient.

We should all work to create better practices that benefit workers and the marine environment.