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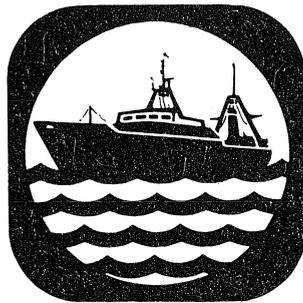


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Foreword

In accordance with its mandate to disseminate information on fisheries research to the scientific community, the Scientific Council of NAFO publishes the *Journal of Northwest Atlantic Fishery Science*, which contains peer-reviewed primary papers and notes on original research, and *NAFO Scientific Council Studies*, which contains review papers of topical interest and importance and selected contributions to special meetings and symposia. Each year since 1981, the Scientific Council has organized special sessions on topics of particular interest, and many of the documented contributions to these sessions have been published in NAFO publications or in other fishery-oriented periodicals.

During 5–7 September 1984, the special session on “Biology and Ecology of Squids in the Northwest Atlantic” was held at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada, with T. W. Rowell (Canada) and Ch. M. Nigmatullin (USSR) as conveners. Keen interest in the contributions and associated discussion prompted the participants to propose that the Scientific Council consider publishing all suitable papers in a single volume. Of the 27 documented contributions, 15 papers and a bibliography were accepted for publication in this issue of *Studies* after critical review by one or both conveners and the editor, with the occasional assistance of other fishery scientists. The titles and available abstracts of the remaining 11 contributions, which were either not submitted or not suitable for inclusion in this volume, are listed on pages 171–175.

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