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Canadian proposal for the regulation of minimum mesh size  
for the fishing of groundfish in the Regulatory Area

Noting the practical advantages of having a standard minimum mesh size for all gears used in the fishery for groundfish in the Regulatory Area, and noting that the Government of Canada hereby gives notice that effective 1 July 1981 all towed gears used in the fishery for groundfish in Canadian fisheries waters will be subject to a minimum mesh size of 130 mm irrespective of material except when fishing for redfish in Divisions 3NOP and Subarea 4 and for silver hake,

The Commission, therefore, in order to provide consistency of regulation,

recommends

that, effective 1 July 1981, Contracting Parties take appropriate action to prohibit the taking of groundfish, other than redfish in 3NO, in waters of the Regulatory Area by persons under their jurisdiction with trawl nets (towed gear) having in any part of the net, meshes of dimensions of less than 130 mm or 5-1/8 inches irrespective of material. The mesh size relates to netting when measured wet after use or the equivalent thereof when measured dry before use.