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Scientific Council Recommendations Relevant to the Fisheries Commission

The Scientific Council wishes to inform the Fisheries Commission of the following recommendations and comments from its meeting in June 1980:

1. Regarding the International Scientific Observer Program, for which data collection procedures were adopted by the Scientific Council at its June 1980 Meeting (SCS Doc. 80/VI/25), it was considered necessary that bilateral parties involved in the Program should identify the appropriate fisheries to be covered.
2. The Scientific Council agreed that publication of the triennial list of fishing vessels should be continued without change, but noted that the Fisheries Commission might wish to comment on the adequacy of the vessel characteristics listed in the tables. The most recent issue of the List of Fishing Vessels was that containing data for 1977, which was published in April 1980.
3. The Scientific Council wishes to inform the Fisheries Commission that a comprehensive cooperative research program is being conducted in the Flemish Cap area, involving expensive moored and drifting scientific equipment. Concern was expressed about the excessive loss of a number of moored current meters and their guard buoys, presumably through fishing activity, and the Scientific Council strongly recommends that the Fisheries Commission consider how the fishing fleets might best be made aware of the location of moored scientific equipment in the NAFO area.