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Soviet proposal on actions which could be taken
by the Fisheries Commission in relation to
international regulation of the fisheries

by

the USSR Delegation

The analysis of national catches and national allocations in the NAFO Regulatory Area shows that some Contracting Parties take their quotas from some stocks from one year to another at the range of 1 to 50% which is in contradiction to the purpose of the International Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries which envisages the optimum utilization of fishery resources of the Regulatory Area. This leads to the loss of thousand tonnes of valuable food fish which could have contributed to the men's protein diet.

If one or another Contracting Party is not able to take its quotas on a regular basis in significant quantities, 80% or less due to technical or other reasons, it would be quite fair to allocate to that Contracting Party the quotas in such tonnage which could be realistically taken.

In this connection the following recommendation is proposed to the attention of the Fisheries Commission:

"When allocating the Total Allowable Catches (TACs) the Fisheries Commission is entitled to decrease the fish quota for each Contracting Party by 20% from the level of the previous year if such quota had been taken by the Contracting Party by 80% or less consistently within two previous years..."