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Areal and Seasonal Concentrations of Juvenile American
plaice and Yellowtail flounder

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In order to advise on areal and seasonal concentrations of juvenile American plaice and yellowtail flounder on the Grand Banks (Div. 3LNO), the Scientific Council recommends that:

- a) Member countries provide the Scientific Council with catch statistics for both landings and discards broken down on as fine a scale as possible, preferably by unit areas no larger than 1° latitude and 1° longitude, summarized on a monthly basis.
- b) Length sampling be enhanced for both nominal landings and discards. The sampling intensity should be on the same scale as given above, i.e. preferably by unit areas no larger than 1° latitude and 1° longitude summarized on a monthly basis.
- c) Surveys on juvenile flatfish be conducted on a seasonal basis for at least one year throughout the entire stock area.

The Scientific Council recognizes that the means of collecting these data would be determined on a fleet by fleet basis. It is further recognized that to achieve a) and b) above would require increased observer coverage by all countries concerned.