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Management Measures - Minimum Fish Size

D. Minimum Fish Size*

1. Vessels of a Contracting Party shall not retain on board any fish of a species listed in Part V., Schedule VII that is below the minimum size as listed in that Schedule. If the amount of undersized fish in any one haul exceeds 10% by number, the vessel shall immediately change fishing area (minimum 5 nautical miles) in order to seek to avoid further catches of undersized fish.
2. Undersized fish shall not be transhipped, landed, transported, stored, displayed or offered for sale, but shall be returned immediately to the sea.

*Note: Canadian vessels will abide (until further decision by the Fisheries Commission) by their equivalent national regulation which requires landing of all catches.