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Fisheries Commission's Request for Scientific Advice on  
Management of Certain Stocks to be provided at the  
Special Scientific Council Meeting in November 1993

The Fisheries Commission request the Scientific Council to consider and provide advice on the following questions:

1. Minimum Fish Size:
  - a) Feasibility and necessity of determining minimum fish size for the following species: witch, redfish, Greenland halibut.
  - b) To advise on the minimum fish size to be used when round length is used for witch, redfish and Greenland halibut.
2. The Russian project for scientific/commercial fishery in the Regulatory Area for establishing a mesh size of 90 mm when fishing for redfish in Divisions 3N and 30:
  - maximum 5 vessels;
  - maximum 250 fishing days in total;
  - a team of scientists will monitor the project, circulating among the 5 vessels;
  - only pelagic trawls will be used in the project;
  - the scientific team will ensure that the trawls are set in such a way that catch of other groundfish is avoided.

The Scientific Council is to review the results to determine if the mesh size exemption for redfish fisheries in Divisions 3N and 30 should continue beyond 1994.