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Commercial Fishing

Compared with the previous year, there was an increase in effort from 40 to 47 trawler voyages to Subarea 1. These resulted in a total catch of 5,873.3 metric tons of all species - of which cod (5,326.2 metric tons) was the most important - and showed a small reduction in catch per vessel for the year and a reduction in quantity of cod of the category 'large'.

Also from Subarea 1 were two landings from a factory trawler totalling 903.9 metric tons of which the major part was landed as cod fillets.

One trawler and two factory trawler voyages were made to Subarea 3 and provided 119.4 metric tons and 753.3 metric tons respectively, the latter again consisting mostly of fillets.

Market Sampling

This was restricted to Subdivision F of Subarea 1. The raised cod measurements (2,841) gave the length composition of the total landings as in the accompanying table.

Comparative Fishing

Although no comparative fishing experiments were conducted in the ICNAF area in 1958, work carried out in the ICES area provided data which should be of direct relevance to the Commission's scientific programme. In particular, work is proceeding on investigations of the effects of codend top-side chafers, and preliminary results will be communicated at the 1959 Meeting.

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Total Catch in Region IV
Year 1958

	Total Catch (Nos. of fish)	%	100 hrs. fishing
35			
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39	246	0.0	3
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41	1,343	0.0	16
42	3,208	0.1	39
43	5,770	0.2	71
44	15,465	0.4	190
45	21,156	0.6	259
46	14,929	0.4	183
47	32,336	0.9	396
48	88,819	2.4	1,089
49	50,389	1.4	618
50	75,365	2.0	924
51	113,235	3.1	1,388
52	100,140	2.7	1,228
53	117,694	3.2	1,443
54	132,045	3.6	1,619
55	96,195	2.6	1,179
56	116,805	3.2	1,432
57	111,332	3.0	1,365
58	100,427	2.7	1,231
59	40,264	1.1	494
60-64	454,429	12.3	5,572
65-69	517,419	14.0	6,344
70-74	722,453	19.6	8,858
75-79	447,996	12.2	5,493
80-84	248,424	6.7	3,046
85-89	33,015	0.9	405
90-94	11,984	0.3	147
95-99	3,416	0.1	42
100-104	2,059	0.1	25
105-109	98	0.0	1
110-114	356	0.0	4
115-119	203	0.0	2
120-124	275	0.0	3
125-129	2,457	0.1	30
130-134	53	0.0	1
135-139	1,745	0.1	21
140-144	11	0.0	0
145-149			
150-154	64	0.0	1
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TOTAL	3,683,620		45,162
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Cwt. per 100 hours	2002.0		

Total No. of measurements = 2,841.

Total weight landed: 163,285 cwt.

Total hours fishing: 8,156.