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ICNAF Cod Otolith Exchange Programme

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Following a recommendation from the Eighth Annual Meeting of ICNAF in June 1958, a Cod Otolith Exchange Programme was set up in 1958/59. Seventeen samples of cod otoliths, each containing twenty otoliths from commercial-sized fish and frequently an additional ten otoliths from smaller fish, were exchanged among interested scientists. This document contains in the appended tables a synopsis of their age analyses of the samples.

Table I summarises some pertinent data about the samples themselves.

Table I. Showing for each sample the ICNAF subdivision from which it was taken, the date, the country which collected the sample, and the countries to which the otoliths have been sent as part of the exchange programme.

Sample Letter*	As	Bs	C	Ds	Es	Fs	G	H	Is	K	Ls	Ms	N	Os	Ps	Q	Rs
Subdivision	4F	4T	4V	1F	1B	1F	1B	1B	1F	3K	3L	3W	3P	3W	3L	4T	5Z
Month	Jun.	Oct.	May	Aug. Sept.	Aug.	Aug.	Aug.	May	Sept.	Jun.	May	Sept.	Apr.	Sept.	Aug.	May	July
Year	1957	1957	1958	1957	1956	1957	1953	1957	1952	1955	1953	1955	1957	1957	1957	1954	1958
Canada (M & Q)	X	X	X														
Canada (Nfld.)										X	X	X	X				
Denmark					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
France																	
Germany					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Iceland																	
Norway																	
Portugal	X	X	X														
Spain														X	X		
U.K.																	
U.S.A.																	X

X Source of otoliths X Samples sent

* All samples include the otoliths of 20 commercial-sized fish. A small 'w' after the sample letter indicates that a sample of 10 small fish is included.

Six of the samples were from Subarea 1, six from Subarea 3, four from Subarea 4, and one from Subarea 5.

In the tables which follow, where two or more estimates are given and no indication is made as to which is the more probable, one has been chosen randomly to use in determining the mode and the deviation from the mode. This one is underlined. Where no single age dominated, either the median was chosen instead of the mode or the nearest whole number to the median.

Sr. Figueras' readings for Sample E have not been included in the calculations because of the gaps in his estimates. Mr. Wise's readings for Samples D and H have been excluded from the calculations; all other scientists were experienced in reading Subarea 1 otoliths.

In some cases readings were followed by a plus or a 1/2. These have been deleted in the summary tables.

LOWY OGD ORANGE JOHNSON PROPERTY

SAMPLE D SUBDIVISION IF DATE COLLECTED AUGUST 9, 1957. COLLECTED BY GERMANY

AUGUST 9, 1957. SEPTEMBER 16, 1957. (Nos. 19 & 20)

Serial No.	Sex	Length (cm)	Maturity	Estimated Age				Mean Deviation per Year	Total Deviation	Mean Deviation	Estimated Age at First Maturity									
				Canada (1947)	Mean (1947)	U.S. (1947)	U.S. (1947)				Canada (1947)	Mean (1947)	U.S. (1947)	U.S. (1947)						
1	♂	63	immature	7	7	7	7	7	0											
2	♂	63	immature	8	8	8	8	8	0											
3	♂	69	immature	10	10	10	10	10	0											
4	♂	77	immature	9	9	9	9	9	0											
5	♂	83	immature	12	12	12	12	12	0											
6	♂	87	immature	11	12.0 (11.7)	10	11	9 (10.2)	11	2	0.10	0.04								
7	♀	86	immature	12	12	12	12	12	0											
8	♀	88	?	11	12	12	12	12	10	12	1	0.28	0.02							
9	♀	98	immature	12	12	12	12	12	0											
10	♀	95	immature	15	15	15	15	15	15	1	0.20	0.01								
11	♂	77	immature	12	12	10	11	11-12	11	3	0.60	0.05								
12	♂	100	immature	12	12	13	12	12-13 (12.15)	12	2	0.10	0.03								
13	♀	72	immature	10	10	10	10	11	10	1	0.20	0.02								
14	♂	65	immature	10	10	12	11	12.7	12	3	0.68	0.05								
15	♂	61	immature	10	10	9	10	11.1	10	10	2	0.10	0.04							
16	♀	73	immature	8	8	8	8	10	10	8	2	0.10	0.05							
17	♀	66	immature	8	8	8	8	8	8	0										
18	♀	68	immature	7	7	7	7	7	7	0										
19	♀	93	immature	15	15	15	15	15	15	0										
20	♀	92	immature	15	16	16	16	16	16	1	0.20	0.01								
Total				214	219	215	216	222.225	210	217	18	0.18	0.0008							
21	♂	14	immature	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	0.10	0.10							
22	♂	28	immature	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0									
23	♂	32	immature	3	3	3	3	3	3	0										
24	♂	34	immature	3	3	3	3	3	3	0										
25	♂	35	immature	4	4	4	4	4	4	0										
26	♂	37	immature	4	4	4	4	4	4	0										
27	♂	40	immature	4	4	4	4	4	4	0										
28	♂	38	immature	4	4	4	4	4	4	0										
29	♂	31	immature	4	4	4	4	4	4	0										
30	♂	43	immature	5	5	5	5	5	5	0										
Total				34	35	34	36	35	35	34	4	0.08	0.0024							

ICAP OGD ORGAINIC EXCHANGE PROGRAM

SUBMISSION 13

DATE COLLECTED AUGUST 30, 1956

COLLECTED BY DENMARK

SAMPLE E

Serial No.	Sex	Length (cm)	Maturity	Estimated Age			Total Deviation	Mean Deviation Year	Estimated Age at First Maturity	Total Deviation
				Days	Months	Years				
1	♂	56	immature	5	5	5	0			
2	♂	65	mature	8	8	8	0	7		
3	♂	70	immature	9	9	9	0	9	9	9
4	♂	74	mature	10	10	10	0	7	6	7
5	♂	77	mature	11	11	11	0	6	6	6
6	♂	78	mature	11	11	11	0	7	7	7
7	♂	91	mature	22	22	22	1	6	8	7
8	♀	64	immature	6	6	6	0			6
9	♀	66	immature	6	6	6	0			
10	♀	70	immature	7	7	7	0			
11	♀	75	mature	8	8	8	0			
12	♀	76	mature	9	9	9	0	8	7	8
13	♀	81	mature	9	9	9	0	8	7	8
14	♀	87	mature	11	11	11	0			
15	♀	84	mature	11	11	11	0			
16	♀	75	mature	13	13	13	0			
17	♀	83	mature	14	14	14	0			
18	♀	77	mature	14	14	14	0			
19	♀	80	mature	14	14	14	0			
20	♀	79	mature	14	14	14	0			
Total				212	211	210	3	211	211	211
Es. 1	♂	41	immature	4	4	4	0			
2	♂	46	immature	4	4	4	0			
3	♂	49	immature	4	4	4	0			
4	♂	50	immature	4	4	4	0			
5	♂	50	immature	5	5	5	0			
6	♂	56	immature	5	5	5	0			
7	♀	42	immature	4	4	4	0			
8	♀	44	immature	4	4	4	0			
9	♀	44	immature	5	5	5	0			
10	♀	55	immature	5	5	5	0			
Total				44	45	45	0	44	44	44

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DATE COLLECTED - SEPTEMBER, 1952.
COLLECTED BY - UNITED KINGDOM

SAMPLE I SUBDIVISION IF

Serial No.	Sex	Length (cm)	Natally Mutilated	Retinitated Age				Retinitated Age at First Maturity								
				Annual Sample	Subsidiary Sample	Spin Range	U. K. Transit	Annual Sample	Subsidiary Sample	Spin Range	U. K. Transit					
1	♀	42	Immature	4	4	4	4	4	1	0.17	0.04					
2	♀	44	Immature	4	5	3-4	3	5	4	3	0.50	0.13				
3	♀	46	Immature	4	5	4	4	4	4	2	0.35	0.08				
4	♂	51	Immature	5	5	5	4	5	5	1	0.17	0.03				
5	♂	55	Immature	5	5	5	4	5	5	1	0.17	0.03				
6	♂	60	Immature	6	6	6	6	6	6	1	0.17	0.03				
7	♂	65	Immature	8	8	8	8	8	8	1	0.17	0.03				
8	♂	68	Immature	8	8	8	7	8	8	1	0.17	0.02				
9	♂	70	Immature	7	7	7	6	7	7	1	0.17	0.02				
10	♀	72	Immature	7	7	7	6	7	7	1	0.17	0.02				
11	♀	75	Immature	6	6	6	6	6	6	3	0.50	0.08				
12	♀	77	Immature	7	7	7	6	7	7	1	0.17	0.02				
13	♂	79	Immature	7	7	7	7	7	7	1	0.17	0.02				
14	♂	82	Immature	7	7	7	7	7	7	0						
15	♂	85	Immature	9	10 (4?)	9	9	9	9	1	0.17	0.02				
16	♀	90	Immature	9	10	9	9	9	9	1	0.17	0.02				
17	♀	91	Immature	10	10	8	10	9	10	3	0.50	0.05				
18	♀	96	Immature	12	11/12	11	10	11	11	3	0.50	0.05				
19	♀	116	Immature	12	12?	13	14	12	13-14	5	0.83	0.07				
20	♀	128	Immature	20	>18	18	19	14	17-18	17	5	0.83	0.04			
Total				157	>160	153	156-157	144	156-158	155	35	0.24	0.0413			
25	♀	12.5	Immature	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0					
26	♀	21	Immature	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0					
27	♀	22	Immature	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0					
28	♀	24	Immature	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0					
29	♀	26	Immature	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0					
30	♀	30	Immature	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0					
31	♂	31	Immature	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	0.17	0.04				
32	♂	33	Immature	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	0.17	0.04				
33	♂	35	Immature	3	3	3	3	3	3	0						
34	♂	37	Immature	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	0.17	0.04				
Total				23	23	24	23	21	23	25	3	0.05	0.0022			

ICMAP COO OPERATE KUCKWATER RESEARCH

SAMPLE L SURVIVISON 3L MAY 19, 1953 (COMMERCIAL) COLLECTED BY CANADA (N.F.L.D.)
 DICES COLLECTED OCTOBER 10, 1954 (SMALL)

Serial No.	Sex	Length (cm)	Maturity	Estimated Age				Estimated Age at First Maturity											
				Canada (N.F.L.D.)	France (N.F.L.D.)	Germany (N.F.L.D.)	Spain (N.F.L.D.)	Canada (N.F.L.D.)	France (N.F.L.D.)	Germany (N.F.L.D.)	Spain (N.F.L.D.)								
1	♂	41	Immature	3	4	4-5	4	4	4	2	0.40	0.10							
2	♂	46	Immature	6	6	6	6	5	5	6	1	0.20	0.03						
3	♂	51	Stage	6	6	6	5	5	5	6	2	0.40	0.07	2					
4	♂	55	Immature	6	-	6	6	5	5	6	1	0.25	0.04						
5	♂	57	Immature	6	7	6 (5?)	5	5	5	6	3	0.60	0.10						
6	♂	61	Immature	7	7	7	6	7	7	7	1	0.20	0.03	7	6				
7	♂	64	Immature	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	0			7					
8	♂	68	Immature	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	0			7	7	7			
9	♂	75	Stage	14	13	13	13	13	13	13	1	0.20	0.02	7	7	7	8		
10	♂	88	Immature	13	12	13 (12?)	12	13	13	13	2	0.40	0.03	8	7	8 (17?)	8	8	
11	♀	48	Immature	6	6	5	6	6	6	6	1	0.20	0.03						
12	♀	53	Immature	7	7-8	6?	6	8	8	7	3	0.40	0.09						
13	♀	57	Immature	6	6	6	7	9	9	6	4	0.80	0.13						
14	♀	59	Stage	8	10	8	8	12	12	8	6	1.20	0.15	8	8				
15	♀	61	Immature	6	8	7	6	9	9	6	6	1.20	0.20						
16	♀	65	Immature	7	8	8 (7?)	7	10	10	8	4	0.80	0.10						
17	♀	69	Stage	15	15	16	15	15	15	15	1	0.20	0.01	9	8	9	8	8	
18	♀	71	Stage	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	0			7	6	9 (10?)	8	7	
19	♀	84	Stage	14	14	15?	14	14	14	14	1	0.20	0.01	9	7	11?	10	10	
20	♀	104	Stage	14	14-15	16?	14	14	14	14	3	0.60	0.04	2	6-7	4?	13	?	
Total				170	175-177	174-175	166	180	180	171	42	0.42	0.0285						
15	♂	12.5	Immature	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0								
2	-	13.8	Immature	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0								
3	-	16.1	Immature	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0								
4	-	16.1	Immature	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0								
5	♂	17.1	Immature	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0								
6	♂	18.5	Immature	1	1	1?	1	1	1	1	0								
7	-	14.5	Immature	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0								
8	-	14.7	Immature	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0								
9	-	20.6	Immature	2	3	2 (3?)	3	2	2	2	0								
10	-	21.5	Immature	2	1-2	1?	0	1	1	1	2	0.40	0.40						
Total				44	44-45	43	43	43	43	43	4	0.08	0.0062						

DEAP OLD GROWTH RESEARCH PROGRAM

COLLECTED BY CANADA (N.F.L.D.)

DATE COLLECTED - APRIL 18, 1957.

SUBDIVISION 3 P M

SAMPLE N

Serial No.	Sex	Length (cm)	Maturity	Estimated Age			Estimated Age at First Maturity											
				Canada (Males) (Males) (Males)	Canada (Males) (Males) (Males)	Canada (Males) (Males) (Males)												
1	♂	46	Immature	5	5	6	5	1	0.35	0.07								
2	♂	50	Immature	6	6	6	11	1	0.33	0.03								
3	♂	55	Immature	10	11	10-11	9	1	0.33	0.04								
4	♂	58	Immature	8	9	9	13	4	4.03	0.10								
5	♂	62	Immature	10	14	13	12	0										
6	♂	66	Immature	12	12	12	10	1	0.33	0.03								
7	♂	68	Immature	10	11	10	9	1	0.33	0.04								
8	♂	71	Immature	8	9	9-10	19	2	0.87	0.07								
9	♂	77	Immature	9	10	11	15	1	0.33	0.02								
10	♂	80	Immature	15	15	16	4	1	0.38	0.03								
11	♂	83	Immature	3	4	4	4	0										
12	♀	50	Immature	4	4	4-5	6	0										
13	♀	53	Immature	6	6	6	7	0										
14	♀	54	Immature	7	7	7	7	0										
15	♀	60	Immature	6	8	8	8	2	0.67	0.03								
16	♀	63	Immature	7	8	7	7	1	0.33	0.05								
17	♀	65	Immature	6	8	7	8	2	0.67	0.03								
18	♀	67	Immature	7	10	12	10	3	1.00	0.10								
19	♀	68	Adult	7	8	9	8	2	0.67	0.03								
20	♀	77	Immature	16	16	17	16	1	0.33	0.02								
Total				164	181	184-197	178	24	0.40	0.0022								

1957 OGD CRABBLE RESEARCH PROGRAM

SAMPLE 0 SUBDIVISION 3N DRES COLLECTED SEPTEMBER, 1957. COLLECTED BY SPAIN

Serial No.	Sex	Length (cm)	Maturity (Spawning)	Estimated Age		Estimated Age at First Maturity		Total Deviation	Mean Deviation Year	Canada (N/A)	Spain	Total Deviation	Mean Deviation
				Canada (N/A)	Spain	Canada (N/A)	Spain						
0.1	♀	45	Immature	3	4-5	4		4	0.33	0.07			
2	♂	46	Immature	4	6?	4		4	0.67	0.17			
3	♀	48	Immature	4	4	4		4	0				
4	♀	48	Immature	5	5	5		5	0				
5	♀	48	Immature	4	4-5	5		5	0.33	0.07			
6	♀	49	Immature	4	4-5	5		5	0.33	0.07			
7	♂	49	Immature	4	5	5		5	0.33	0.07			
8	♀	49	Spawning	4	4	4		4	0.33	0.07			
9	♂	52	Immature	4	4	4		4	0				
10	♂	54	Spawning	5	5	5		5	0				
11	♀	55	Spawning	5	6	6		6	0.33	0.06			
12	♀	55	Spawning	4	6-7	6		6	0.67	0.11			
13	♀	55	Spawning	4	4	5		4	0.33	0.07			
14	♀	56	Spawning	4	7	5		5	3	1.00	0.20		
15	♀	57	Spawning	5	5	5		5	0				
16	♂	58	Spawning	5	6-7	5		5	0.33	0.07			
17	♀	61	Spawning	4	5?	5		5	0.33	0.07			
18	♀	66	Spawning	5	7	6		6	0.67	0.11			
19	♂	67	Spawning	5	5-6	6		6	1	0.33	0.07		
20	♂	70	Spawning	4	8	8		8	4	1.33	0.17		
Total				84	104-110	103		101	23	0.33	0.0638		
0s.1	♀	30	Immature	2		2		2	0				
2	♂	33	Immature	2		2		2	0				
3	♂	36	Immature	3		4		3	1	0.50	0.17		
4	♂	37	Immature	3		3		3	0				
5	♀	38	Immature	3		3		3	0				
6	♂	34	Immature	3		3		3	0				
7	♀	34	Immature	3		3		3	0				
8	♀	36	Immature	3		3		3	0				
9	♂	37	Immature	3		3		3	0				
10	♀	33	Immature	3		2		3	1	0.50	0.17		
Total				28		28		28	2	0.10	0.0036		

ICAW OIL COMPANY FISHING PROGRAM

SAMPLE P

SURVIVISION 3L

INSE COLLECTED AUGUST, 1957.

COLLECTED BY SPAIN

Serial No.	Sex	Length (cm)	Maturity	Stomach	Battlement Age				Battlement Age at First Maturity							
					Combs	Combs	U. K.	U. K.	Combs	Combs	U. K.	U. K.				
					Number	Number	Transit	Transit	Number	Number	U. K.	U. K.	Number	Number	U. K.	U. K.
1	♀	37	Immature		4	4	4	4	4	0						
2	♀	44	Immature		5	6	6	6	6	2	0.10	0.07				
3	♀	44	Immature		5	5	5	5	6	5	1	0.20	0.04			
4	♂	47	Immature		5	5	5	5	5	5	0					
5	♂	53	Immature		5	6	6	6	6	6	2	0.10	0.07			
6	♀	55	Immature		10	10	10	10	10	10	1	0.20	0.02			
7	♂	55	Immature		10	10	10	10	10	10	1	0.20	0.02			
8	♂	55	Immature		7	7	7	7	7	7	1	0.20	0.03			
9	♀	57	Immature		7	7	7	7	7	7	3	0.60	0.09			
10	♂	58	Immature		7	7	7	7	7	7	4	0.90	0.11			
11	♂	59	Immature		10	11-13	11	12	11	11	6	1.20	0.11			
12	♀	59	Immature		6	6	6	6	6	6	7	1.10	0.23			
13	♀	61	Immature		13	14	13	15	14	14	3	0.60	0.04			
14	♀	63	Immature		11	11 (10?)	11	14	11	11	3	0.60	0.05			
15	♀	65	Immature		12	12 (13?)	12	13	12	12	1	0.20	0.02			
16	♂	66	Immature		10	9-10	9	12	10	10	3	0.60	0.06			
17	♂	67	Immature		11	10	11	10	11	11	2	0.10	0.04			
18	♂	68	Immature		15	16	16	16	16	15	4	0.90	0.05			
19	♀	77	Immature		9	10	10	13	11	10	5	1.20	0.10			
20	♀	103	Immature		19	19	18	21	11-12?	19	10	2.00	0.11			
Total					181	185-189	182	207	180-181	186	51	0.59	0.032			
1	♀	39	Immature		3	3	3	3	3	3	0					
2	♀	39	Immature		4	4	4	4	4	4	3	0.60	0.15			
3	♀	41	Immature		4	5	5	5	5	5	3	0.60	0.12			
4	♂	40	Immature		4	4?	3	3	6?	4	1	0.20	0.05			
5	♀	36	Immature		4	4	4	4	4	4	0					
6	♂	40	Immature		4	4	4	4	4	4	1	0.20	0.05			
7	♀	36	Immature		4	4	4	4	4	4	1	0.20	0.05			
8	♂	33	Immature		3	3	3	3	3	3	0					
9	♂	31	Immature		3	2?	2	3	4?	3	3	0.60	0.20			
10	♂	37	Immature		4	5	3	3	4	4	3	0.60	0.15			
Total					37	38	32	35	42	38	18	0.36	0.095			

REPORT ON CREATIVE FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

SAMPLE Q - SQUIDSIDE 4-T - DATE COLLECTED MAY 2, 1954. - COLLECTED BY - FRANCE

Serial No.	Sex	Length (cm)	Maturity	Estimated Age		Total Deviation	Mean Deviation per Year	Standard Deviation	Estimated Age at First Maturity		Total Deviation	Mean Deviation
				Conch (Mph)	Parapod (Mph)				Year	Month		
1	♀	67	10	10		10	0					
2	♂	55	8	8		8	0					
3	♂	62	8	8		8	0					
4	♂	62	10	11	10	10	1	0.33	0.02	8		
5	♀	62	7	7	8	7	1	0.33	0.05	8		
6	♂	69	9	9	8	9	1	0.33	0.04	8		
7	♂	69	15	15	14	15	1	0.33	0.02	8		
8	♂	55	7	8	7	7	1	0.33	0.05			
9	♀	58	7	7	7	7	0					
10	♀	50	7	7	7	7	0					
11	♀	50	5	5	5	5	0					
12	♂	54	7	7	7	7	0					
13	♂	58	7	8	8	8	1	0.33	0.04	8		
14	♀	50	7	7	7	7	0					
15	♂	57	7	8	6-7	7	1	0.33	0.05			
16	♂	43	4	4	4	4	0					
17	♂	45	5	5	5	5	0					
18	♀	45	6	6	6	6	0					
19	♂	67	8	9	8-9	8	1	0.33	0.04	7		
20	♂	58	7	8	6(7)	7	2	0.67	0.10			
Total			151	157	154-151	153	10	0.17	0.011			

HEAT AND CRYSTALLINE POLYMERIZATION

SAMPLE R SUBDIVISION 5Z COLLECTED BY UNITED STATES JULY 8, 1958

Serial No.	Size	Length (cm)	Weight (mg)	Number of Crystals	Crystals		Retained Age				Retained Age at First Maturity					
					Canadian (N ₁)	U.S. (N ₂)	Fields	Total Deviation	Mean Deviation	Fields	Total Deviation	Mean Deviation				
R. 1		876		5	6											
2		900		6	6											
3		768		4	4											
4		1080		10	9											
5		860		6	6											
6		875		6	6											
7		833		4	4											
8		930		5	6											
9		1035		6	7 (6?)											
10		862		6	8											
11		813		4	4											
12		960		6	6 (5?)											
13		935		6	6 (7?)											
14		932		6	6 (5?)											
15		914		6	6											
16		764		5	5											
17		885		5	5											
18		826		5	6											
19		795		5	8 (9, 10?)											
20		-		-	-											
Total				106	114											
R ₅₋₁		555		3	2											
2		540		3	3											
3		491		2	2											
4		610		3	3											
5		605		2	2 (3?)											
6		488		2	2											
7		500		2	2											
8		480		2	2 (3?)											
9		606		3	4 (5?)											
10		601		3	3											
Total				25	25											

