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# ANNUAL MEETING - MAY-JUNE 1960 <br> Annotated List of Papers Relating to Fisheries 

Research in the ICNAF Area.

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Item 4 of the Report of the Ad hoc Subcommittee on Publications, App. XII to the Report of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics, Annual Meeting, 1959, reads:
> "With the aid of the FAD biblingraphic service and assistance from member countries, the Secretariat shall compile each year a list of all papers relating to Fisheries Research undertaken in the ICNAF area, for review at the next Annual Meeting concerning publication in the "Red Book". In addition to the references, this list shall also include brief abstracts, as provided by FAO unless the authors concerned wish to provide their own brief abstracts for this purpose. "

Following this request the attached list of papers has been prepared by the Secretariat.

Papers published by ICNAF or circulated for ICNAF meetings are not included. The present list includes papers which have been published in the calender year 1959; a few papers from 1958, but not considered in the 1958 list are included.

In preparing the list the FAO "Current Bibliography" have been consulted, and use has been made of papers forwarded to the Secretariat by the member countries. A provisional list was circulated to member countries, and a number of these have returned the list with their amendments (incorporated in this final list).

Abstracts marked (FAO) are from the FAO "Current Bibliography"; those not marked are prepared in the institutions from which the papers are issued. In some cases when abstracts from FAO or from the institutions were not available, a brief abstract was prepared in the Secretariat, marked (Secr.).

The Standing Committee on Research and Statistics is requested to consider the need for a further circulation of this list (in the "Red Book" or in the "Annual Proceedings"), and to review the list.
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## I. HYDROGRAPHY

Adrov, M.M. 1959. Hydrological regime in the eastern part of the Danish Strait in spring 1955. (Russian). Trans. of the Polar Institute; vol. XI. Moscow.

Describes temperature and salinity (also oxygen and phosphate) conditions in the sea between East Greenland and West Iceland in March-April 1955. (Secr.)
$\begin{aligned} & \text { Alekseyev, A.P. } \begin{array}{l}\text { 1959. Polar front in the Norwegian and Greenland Seas. } \\ \text { (Russian). Trans. of the Polar Institute; vol. XI. }\end{array} \\ & \text { Moscow. }\end{aligned}$ Moscow.

Describes (with tables, maps and sections) temperature and salinity conditions in the N. Atlantic between Greenland, Iceland and Spitsbergen. (Secr.).
Bumpus, Dean F. 1959. Investigations of climate and oceanographic factors influencing the environment of fish. Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, unpublished ms. No. 59-2, 7 pp. Hydrography of Guif of Maine and Georges Bank.

Bbhnecke, G. Bluckmann, A.
1959. Die Expeditionen von F.F.S. "Anton Dohrn" und V.F.S. "Gauss" im Intern. Geoph. Jahr 1957/58. Dtsch. Hydr. Zeitschrift. Erg. Reine B ( $4^{\circ}$ ),3 Hamburg. pp.1-107
After a report on the cruises in the N. Atlantic and on the hydrographic sections made follow in special papers on the results; of these papers the following three appear to deal especially with the ICNAF area:

Koopman, $G$. Thermo-haline Schichtung im jahreszeitilchen Wechsel zwischen Kap Farvel und der Flamischen Kappe. (Seasonal changes in the thermo-haline stratification between Kap Farvel and Flemish Cap.
Beck, B. ; Kalle, K; E. Rogalla. Die Schichtung im Sauerstoffgehalt im Jahreszeitlichen Wechsel zwischen Kap Farvel und der Flumischen Kappe. (Seasonal changes in stratification of oxygen-content between Kap Farvel and Flemish Cap).

Krey, J.: Hantschmann, D.: St. Wellershaus. Der Sestongegehalt entlang eines Schnittes von Kap Farvel bis zur Flamischen Kappe im April und September 1958. (Content of seston along a section Kap Farvel-Flemish Cap in April and September 1958).

Campbell, N.J. 1959. An international geophysical year project. Fish. Res. Bd. Canada, Atlantic Prog. Repts., No. 72, 33-36.

As a contribution to the studies of the International Geophysical Year, this Oceanographic Group took part in IGY project known as "Project Deep Water Circulation". The area covered for this project extended from Bermuda to Baffin Bay with oceanographic sections extending seaward from the continent. A preliminary study of the data on the longitudinal section has revealed some rather interesting distributions of properties between subtropical and polar waters.

Day, C. G. 1959. Oceanic observations, 1958, east coast of the United States. Woods Hole Ocean. Inst. U.S. Fish and Wildife Service; Spec. Sc. Rep. Fish No. 318; pp. 1-119.
Daily water temperature and salinity observations for 1958 from 17 localities along the Atlantic coast are tabulated, plotted and discussed. Ill. by large numbers of sections and tables. (Secr.).


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around the coast of the Atlantic Provinces of Canada have been analvzer for their content of major and minor chemical constituents. The salt water in the Bras d'Or Lakes of Cape Breton Island, N.S., was different from that in the contiguous Atlantic Ocean and showed evidence of much dilution. The seven other samples examined averaged 17.17 $0 / 00$ for chlorinity and $31.030 / 00$ for salinity. These averages are low for open oceanic waters. The average composition of sea water for this area was as follows in grams per kilogram: $\mathrm{Na}, 9.55 ; \mathrm{K}, 0.34 ; \mathrm{Ca}, 0.37 ; \mathrm{Mg}, \mathrm{I} .15$; $\mathrm{SO}_{4}, 2.36 ; \mathrm{B}$ as $\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{BO}_{3}, 0.0243$. Concentrations of the trace elements in micrograms per iltre varied within the following Iimits: As as As203, 1.4 to 2.0; Co, 0.33 to 0.67 ; $\mathrm{Cu}, 1$ ? to $22 ; \mathrm{F}, 860$ to 1200 ; I, 6 to $53 ; \mathrm{Mo}, 6.3$ to $14.0 ; \mathrm{PO}_{4}$, 5 to 69; Si, 44 to $95 ; \mathrm{Zn}, 6.5$ to 10.9. N1ckel was also present in all samples but vanadium was not detected. The various ratios of the mineral elements, especially to chlorine, have been calculated, and show only slight divergence from those for open ocean water.

## II. PLANKTON

Bé, A.W.H., M. Ewing and L.W. Linton. 1959. A quantitative multiple opening-and-closing plankton sampler for vertical towing. ICES, J. du Cons. 25(1): 36-46.

Il1. description of apparatus and its method of operation (FAO.)

Brunel, Jules. 1959. De la Diatomée à la Morue - I - Le Phytoplancton. Actualités Marines, vol. 3, no. 3, pp. 5-10.

A summary of phytoplankton as a link in the chain of food for cod.
(Secr.).
Brunel, Plerre. 1959. Le zooplancton de la baie des Chaleurs en. 1955: distribution horizontale quantitative et correlations hydroclimatiques. Contribution no. 73, Département des Pêcheries, Quebec, pp. 1-65

Based on vertical hauls with Hensen Net and on hydrngraphic observations volume and number of individuals of the main zooplankton groups were determined in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, May-Sept. 1955. Largest volumes were found offshore in spring and summer, smaller volumes in fall.
(Secr.).
Cushing, D. H. 1959. On the nature of production in the Sea. Fish. Inv. Ser. II, XXII (6), London.

A model of plankton production in temperate seas is developed and related to data from the North Sea. The balance of nutrients in the water is discussed for algal cultures, lakes and the sea. Production in oceanic waters is then discussed with special reference to the Sargasso Sea.
Cushing, D. H. 1959. The seasonal variation in oceanic production as a problem in population dynamics. J. Cons. Int. Expl. Mer. 455-464.

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| Fritz, Raymond | L. 1959. Hake tagging in Europe and the United States, 1931-1958. ICES, Journal du Cons. 24(3): 480-485. |
|  | A review of past experiments on Merluccius and a new method. |
| Hansen, P. M. | 1959. Cod fry and small cod in coastal waters and on the offshore Banks of W. Greenland, 1957. ICES; Ann. biol. vol. 14 p. 103-5. |
|  | Distribution and frequency of eggs, larvae and young cod. The data indicate a good 1957 year-class. |
|  | (Secr.) |
| Hansen, P. M. | 1959, Danish investigations (cod) in the coastal waters and on the offshore banks of W. Greenland in 1957. ICES, Ann. biol. vol. 14, p. 107-14. |
|  | The data reported and considered in Danish Research Rep. 1957. ICNAF Ann. Proc. vol. 8. p. 27-42. |
| Jones, R. | 1959. A method of analysis of some tagged haddock return J. Cons. Int. Explor. Mer, 25 (1), 57-72. |
|  | A mathematical analysis of tagged haddock returns, in which a distinction is made between relatively random movements and the more directional ones obtained at certain seasons. |
| Jónsson, J. | 1959. Greenland stock - Icelandic cod investigations in SW. and Se. Greenland waters, 1957. ICES, Ann. biol. vol. 14 p. 115-8. |
|  | Most of the samples considered are collected in E. Greenland waters, a few are from Subarea 1 (Godthaab-Frederikshaab). Data on age, length, age at first maturity, growth and abundance are given. <br> (Secr.) |
| Jónsson, J. | 1959. On the spawning stocks of cod in East Greenlandic and Icelandic waters in 1959. Aegir, vol. 52 no. 20. Reykjavik. Icelandic text with English summary. |
| Kohler, A. C. | 1959. Growth and parasites of cod during a year in captivity. Fish. Res. Bd. Canada, Prog. Repts. Atlantic Coast Sta., No. 72. pp. 3-7, September 1959. |
|  | Cod (Gadus morhua $L_{\text {. }}$ ) of 29 to 42 cm initial length were kept in tanks for 54 weeks and were fed frozen herring at maximum, intermediate and maintenance rates. Small fish of the group feeding at a maximum rate increased $157 \%$ in weight in a year while large ones feeding at this rate increased $98 \%$ in weight during the same interval. The conversion factor for weight of food used for growth to weight of cod ranged between 2.1 and 24 for cod making intermediate tin fast growth. |

At une end of the experiment the fish were examined for the presence of larval nematodes (Porrocaecum decipiens Krabbe). An unusually large percentage of those found ( $33 \%$ ) were on the skin side of the fillet. This observation together with earlier observations by D. M. Scott indicate that they move from stomach to body cavity, through the musculature to the epidermis.

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Rasmussen, B. 1959. Greenland stock. On the migration pattern of the West Greenland stock of cod. ICES, Ann. biol. vol. 14 p. 123-4.

A total of 3263 cod were tagged 1953/57 in the Holsteinsborg deep off West Greenland. Of these 431 or $13.3 \%$ have been recaptured. Recaptures made during the same season show a decided northward migration during late summer and autumn. In winter the cod migrate to the southern banks in order to spawn. In the southern localities recently spent fish are recaptured in May and June. Later in summer and autumn recaptures are made fur ther north. The tagging experiments show a seasonal movement of the West Greenland cod stock, with a southward spawning migration to about $62^{\circ} \mathrm{N}$. lat. in winter and a northward feeding migration to 68 or $70^{\circ}$ N. lat. in summer.

Only 7 specimens migrated to Iceland and one to Newfoundland. The results indicate that the West Greenland area north of $62^{\circ}$ is dominated by an almost separate population of cod with a more or less closed migration pattern. Only very few specimens of this true West Greenland stock migrate out of the area. In the opinion of the author there are at least two stocks of cod to be found in West Greenland waters, one with a northern distribution pattern as shown by the tagging results, the other a southern population around the Cape Farewell - Julianehaab region which may partly belong to the Icelandic or perhaps a mixed east Greenland-stock. Further taggings are necessary in the Cape Farewell region and off East Greenland in order to elucidate this latter problem.

Schaefer, R. H. 1959. A study of the growth and feeding habits of the whiting or silver hake, Merluccius bilinearis (Mitchili) of the New York Bight. Thesis, Rutgers Univ.

Age and growth - (FAO)
Scott, D. M. and W. R. Martin. 1959. The incidence of nematodes in the fillets of small cod from Lockeport, Nova Scotia, and the southwestern Gulf of St. Lawrence. J. Fish. Res. Bd. Canada, 16(2): 213-221.

The incidence of nematodes in fillets of Atlantic cod (Gadus callarias) was determined in 1957 in four areas within 10 miles of Lockeport, N. S., and six areas in the southwestern Gulf of St. Lawrence. About $1,500 \mathrm{cod}$, mostly between 1 and 6 years of age, were examined. All nematodes examined (517) were larvae. About $97 \%$ belnnged to the genus Porrocaecum; the remalnder appeared to belong to the genus Andsakis. In all areas there was a progressive increase in.incidence with increasing age of cod. I. Gr. IV and V over $70 \%$ were infected. Lncal variation in incidence was ooserved in the Lockeport region. Cod were more heavily infected in inshore than in offshore waters. The samples from the Gulf of St. Lawrence showed less geographic variation in incidence than the Lockeport samples. The incidence in cod from the Magdalen Islands was noticeably lower than that in cod from the New Brunswick shore. Cod in the Gulf of St. Lawrence were infected to about the same extent as those from the offshore areas near Lockeport. The relation between local variations in incidence and the distribution of seals is briefly discussed.

Woodhead, A. D. 1959. Variations in the activity of the thyroid gland of the cod, Gadus callarias L.. in relation to its migrations in the Barents Sea - I. Seasonal changes. J. Mar. biol. Ass. U.K., 38:407-15.

A seasonal cycle of activity has been demonstrated in the thyroid gland of both adult and immature cod. It has been suggested that thyroid activity may initiate and sustain the active migration of the cod.

Wondhead, A. D. 1959. Variations in the activity of the thyroid gland of the cod, Gadus callarias L., in relation to its migrations in the Barents Sea. II. The "dummy run" of the immature fish. J. Mar. Biol. Ass. U.K. 38.417-22.

The average length of the immature cod caught between Bear Island and the Norwegian coast in March 1956 increased from north to south and it appeared that the length of the southerly overwintering migration increased as the fish became older. It is suggested that the greater length of migration in larger immature cod is related to continued high level of thyroid activity.

Yergeau, René. 1959. La morue du Bas-Saguenay. Actualités Marines, vol. 3, no. 2, pp. 3-10.

A sample of 1,974 cod fished with hooks, trawl and in traps in 1956 in Bas-Saguenay (Gulf of St. Lawrence) was treated statistically. Mean length and weight were determined, and the relation weight-length was calculated. Conversion factors were calculated for varlous size groups for gutted, headed fish to round fresh fish.
(Secr.)

## B. Flat-Fishes.

Lux, Fred E. 1959. A case of partial albinism in the four-spotted flounder, Hippoglossina oblonga. Cope1a 1959 (3): 253. (per tittle)

Lux, Fred E. 1959. Riddle of the N. E. yellowtall flounder. Maine Coast Fisherman 13(8): 10.

Semi-popular account of tagging and migration.
McCracken, F. D. 1958. On the biology and fisherv of the Canadian Atlantic halibut, Hippoglossus hippoglossus i. J. Fish. Res. Bd. Can., 15:1269-311.

Location of fishing grounds, movements of fish, comparisons of populations, analysis of the fisheries and discussion of prediction of future yields. (FAO).

Rae, B. B. 1959. Halibut - observations on its size at first maturity, sex ratio and length/weight relationship. Mar. Res. Scot. 1959, No. 4, 19 pp.

Observations made on commercial and research catches taken over the North Atlantic, with information on sex ratios, and some consideration of the results in relation to halibut fisheries.

McIntyre, A. D. 1959. Halibut. Scottish investigations. Ann. Biol. Copenhague, 14(1957), 31-33.

Biological statistics of halibut caught by F.R.V. "Explorer" in 1957 during two trips to Faroese waters and three trips to Icelandic waters.

Ronald, Keith. 1959. A check list of the Metazoan Parasites of the Heterosomata. Contribution No. 67, Department of Fisheries, Quebec, pp. 1-152.

## C. Redfish

Hansen, P.M. 1959. Danish catches of redfish (Sebastes marinus) in West Greenland fyords. ICES; Ann. biol. vol. 14, p. 39.
Measurements of small redfish.
(Secr.)

Kelly, George F. and Robert S. Wolf: 1959. Age and growth of the redfish (Sebastes marinus) in the Gulf of Maine. Fish. Bull. of fish and Wildi. Serv. 60: l-31 (Fish. Bull. 156).

Validity of the otolith, which accrues one opaque and one hyaline band per year.

McIntyre, A. D. 1959. Scottish investigations. Ann. biol. Copenhague, 14 (1957), 33-35.

Biological statistics of redfish caught by F.R.V. "Explorer" in 1956 and 1957 during four trips in Icelandic coastal waters. Although the fish were not specifically identified "it is likely that the majority, if not all over 30 cm , were Sebastes marinus."

Magnússon, J. 1959. Fiskileit 1958 (Redfish Cruises in 1958). Aegir, vol. 52 nos. 4-5. Reykjavik. Icelandic text with English summary.

Magnússon, J. 1959. On the sex ratio of redfish in East Greenland and Icelandic waters in 1957. ICES, Ann. biol. vol. 14 p . 35-9.

The paper deals with a number of samples of redfish (Sebastes marinus) from off the East Greenland coast between Kap Farvel and Angmagsalik and off West Iceland. It shows that the sex ratio varies considerably both with area and depth and possibly also with season.
(Secr.).
Templeman, W. 1959. Redfish distribution in the North Atlantic. Bull. Fish. Res. Bd. Canada, No. 120,173 pp.

The distribution of Sebastes marinus and to a much lesser degree that of Sebastes viviparus is described. Though Sebastes marinus may be divided in Sebastes marinus morinus, the ordinary redfish, and sebastes marinus mentelin, the deep-water redfish, these two subspecies were usually not differentiated in the available data. Therefore, mostly, it is possible to consider only the distribution of Sebaste marinus including both subspecies.

Templeman, W. and E. J. Sandeman. 1958. Red flesh in redfish, Sebastes marinus (L.). J. Fish. Res. Bd. Canada, 15(4), pp. 695700 .

Occasional fillets of redfish salmon red in colour have been found in the Newfoundland area. A portion of a minced pair of the red fillets was extracted with acetone and the absorption spectrum of the solution measured at various wavelengths from 350 to $700 \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{\mu}$. Maximum absorption was obtained at $475 \mathrm{~m} \mu$, which is similar to that of astaxanthin in acetone. An acetone extract of normal whitish-coloured redfish fillets showed no appreciable absorption over this range of wavelengths. Instances of red coloration of the flesh are also noted in haddock, cod and saithe.

Templeman; W. and E. J. Sandeman. 1959. Variations in caudal pigmentation in late-stage pre-extrusion larvae from marinus-mentella-type female redfish from the Newfoundland area. J. Fish. Res. Bd. Canada, 16(6): 763-789.

Late stage pre-extrusion larvae have been examined from 37 marinus-type and 44 mentella-type redfish, obtained from three localities in the Newfoundland-area. Examination of 120 larvae from each fish has revealed that a difference exists between the two types, in the relative presence or absence of caudal melanophores in their larvae. The caudal melanophores, when present, are situated near the base of the caudal fin and ventral to the vertebral column. Caudal melannphores were absent in only 2. $3 \%$ of the larvae from mentella-type parents in contrast to the absence of caudal melannphores in 76.1\% of the larvae from marinus-type parents. When only those larvae having caudal melanophores are considered, larvae from marinus-type parents usually have but a single melanophore whereas those from mentella-type parents usually have two caudal melanophores.

This difference between larval samples provides evidence of the existence of a real genetic difference between mentella and marinus types of redfish in the Northwest Atlantic.

## D. Others, Various

Beverton, R.J.H. and Holt, S.J. 1959. A review of the lifespans and mortality rates of fish in nature and their relation to growth and other physiological characteristics.

CIBA Foundation Colloquia on Ageing 5 (The Lifespan of Animals) pp. 142-180.

A relation between size and longevity is established and is shown to differ from one group to another e.g. clupeoids live longer for their size than gadoids.

The findings suggest the possibility of being able to obtain an approximate estimate of natural mortality rate from growth rate.

Blaxter, J.H.S. and Dickson, W. 1959. Observations on the swimming speeds of Gadus callarias, $G$. aeglefinus, $G$. merlangus, Clupea harengus, Salmo trutta (see and brown trout), Scomber scombrus, Pleuronectes platessa and Carassius auratus, together with observations on total distance swum at such speeds before exhaustion.

Boulanger, J.-M. 1959. Morue, Sébaste et Capelan. Actualités Marines, vol. 3 , no. 3, pp. 11-15.

Summary of research carried out at the Marine-biological Station de la Tabatière concerning cod, redfish and capelin.
(Secr.)
Colton, John B. Jr. 1959. A Field Observation of Mortality of Marine Fish Larvae due to Warming. Limnol. and Ocean. 4(2): 219222.

Dead and decomposing larvae of northern forms found in intrusion of warm water on Georges Bank, while southern and oceanic forms were taken alive.

Gulland, J. A. and Holt, S. J. 1959. Estimation of growth parameters for data at unequal time intervals. J. Cons. Int. Expl. Mer. 25. 47-49:

Theory of method of determining coefficients of von Bertalanffy equation from data of tagging experiment etc., with a table to assist computation.

Hansen, P. M. 1959. Spotted wolffish (Anarchichas minor). ICES; Ann. biol. vol. 14, p. 40.

Length distribution of samples from various West Greenland coastal areas.
(Secr.)
McKenzie, R. A. 1959. Marine and freshwater fishes of the Miramichi River and Estuary, New Brunswick. J. Fish. Res. Bd. Canada, 16(6): 807-833.

The Miramichi is the largest river in nortreastern New Brunswick. The watershed covers an area of about 3,500, 000 acres. Its waters support commercial fisheries valued at about $\$ 1,250.000$ in 1952 and 1953. The commercial fisheries are located in the tidal waters which extend inland about 50 miles. The fresh waters extend inland about another 100 miles. Water temperatures range from $-1.6^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ in winter to $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ in summer and salinities from $0 \%$ to $30 \% 00$.

Thirty-eight families represented by at least 78 species of fishes have been found in the waters of the Miramichi system. Of the species, 53 are marine, 7 anadromous, 1 catadromous, and 17 freshwater.

0!Rourke, F.J. 1959. Serological relationships in the genus Gadus. Nature, Lond., 183:1192.

The Libby photronreflectometer was used to determine the serological relationship of three species of Gadus viz. cailarias, aeglefinus, and pollachius. The haddock and pollack are closely related while the cod is equally remote antigenetically from both. (Auto-Rew).
O'Rourke, F.J. 1959. Species Specificity of Fish Mucus. Nature, Lond., 184: 2039.

Using the Kawerau circular disc chromatographic technique it is shown that each species of fish has a species-specific type of mucus.

Parrish, B. B. and Sharman, D. P. 1959. Otolith types amongst summer-autumn spawning herring in the northern North Sea. J. Cons. int. Explor. Mer, 25(1), 81-92.

An account of distinctions which have been made between otolith types among herring recruiting to the northwestern North Sea fisheries, in relation to nursery areas and growth problems.

Sindermann, Carl J. and Donald F. Mairs. 1959. A major blood group system in atlantic sea herring. Copeia 1959 (3): 228232.

An erythrocyte antigen found in different amounts in geographical groups of immature herring in the Guif of Maine.

## IV. SHELLFISH

Carlisle, D. B. 1959. On the sexual biology of Pandalus borealis. J. Mar. biol. Ass. U.K., vol. 38, pa 381-94.

The $X$ organ-sinus gland complex of $\underline{P}$. borealis ill. a condition which is relatively primitive in decapods; the complex is described and the histology and topography of the various parts figured. The vas deference gland is described and its special features noted. The correlation between its condition and the sexual state of this protandric hermaphrodite is stressed.
(FAO).
Dickie, L. M. 1959. Water temperature and survival of giant scallop. Trans. Amer. Fish. Soc. 88(1), p. 73.

A summary of papers published in J. Fish. Res. Bd. Canada.
Merrill, Arthur $S_{\text {. }}$ 1959. A comparison of Cyclopecten nanus Verrill and Bush and Placopecten magellanicus (Gmelin). Occ. Pap. Moll. M.C.Z. $2(25): 209-228$. Descriptions of genera and species.

Merrill, Arthur S. 1959. An unusual occurrence of Mya arenaria $L_{\text {. }}$ and notes on other marine mollusks. The Nautilus 73(2): 39-43.

Molluscs found on a buoy out for a known period have yielded new information on growth.

Schroeder, W. C. 1959. The lobster, Homarus americanus, and the red crab, Geryon quinquedens, in the offshore waters of the western North Atlantic. Deep Sea Research 5:4.

A population of lobster from deep water ( $110-450 \mathrm{~m}$ ) off the east of Georges Bank to off the offing of Delaware Bay is described. The percentage of larger individuals is considerably higher in this deep-water population off the USA east coast.

Squires, H. J. 1959. Squid inshore in Newfoundland and on the Grand Bank, 1953 to 1958. Fish. Res. Bd. Canada, Atlantic Prog. Rept., No. 72, pp. 23-26.

The abundance of squid (Illex illecebrosus) inshore in Newfoundland may apparently be forecast from the catches of research vessels on the Grand Banks in May and June
of any year. Evidence of this is considered for the years 1953 to. 1958.

Squid and pilot whale populations are for the most part oceanic, and it is suggested that in some years when food of squid is abundant offshore, migration into inshore areas may be less than in other years. Offshore catches by the Investigator Ir in the years 1946 to 1958 and A. T. Cameron in 1958 as well as sight records by the Sackville, 1958, are used to indicate general occurrence annually.

## V. OTHER MARINE ORGANISMS

Meyers, Betty J. 1959. The stomach contents of harp seals (Phoca gronlandica Erxleben) from the Magdaien Islands, Quebec. Can. J. Zool. Vol. 37, p. 378.

From March to May 1956 I examined the stomach contents of 195 adult harp seals ( 75 females, 120 males) whelping in the Magdalen Islands area. The stomachs of 107 (55\%) contained food, the remaining (mostly of seals taken in March and Aprii) 88 ( $45 \%$ ) being empty. The stomach contents consisted of: herring (Clupea harengus Linnaeus, 1758) in 58\%; flatfish sp. in $15 \% ;$ redfish (Sebastais marinus (Linnaeus, 1758), in $4 \%$; witch (Glytocephalus cynoglossus (Linnaeus, 1758)), in 1\%; plaice (Hippog1osSoides platessoides (Fabricius, 1780 )), in $1 \%$; and sea mouse (Aphrodita Iinnaeus) in one stomach which contained no other food. One stomach contained the remains of crustacea which had probably been released from the digested stomach contents of larger organisms.

## VI. FISHERIES and FISHING INDUSTRY

Anon. 1959. Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. Seventeenth Annual Report. $10+\mathrm{pp}$.

- Berube, Zéphirin. 1959. Statistiques des pêches - 1958. Actualités Marines, vol. 3, no. 3. pp. 27-32.

Quantity and value of catch by spp. and regions; utilization; fishing boats and gears, ice-plants etc.; fishermen of each region engaged in each unit fishery and on each kind of boat.

Blanke, W. 1959. Seefischerei und Fischereipolitik im nordatlantischen Raum (Sea fishery and fishery policy in the N. Atlantic region) : Forschungssteile fur Fischereiwirtschaft, Bremen. Hamburg. p. 1-230.

After a summary introduction (p. 17-118), each of the countries fishing in the N. Atlantic area are considered separately as to landings, fishing areas, vessels, tishing plants and trade.

## (Secr.)

Botelho, A. T. 1959. Aspectos technologicos da preparaçâo de bacalhau desde a captura à secagem. (Technological aspects of the treatment of cod from the capture until the drying). Boletim da Pesca; XII, 63, pp. 11-89.

Describes the artificial drying methods, and the plants and methods for the drying of salt cod in Portugal.
(Secr.)
Castell, C. H. 1959. Jaqueline Dale and Maxine.
F. Greenough. 1959. Spoilage of fish in the vessels at sea: 6. Variations in the landed quality of trawler-caught Atlantic cod and haddock during a period of 13 months. J. Fish. Res. Bd. Canada, 16(2): 223-233.

A study has been made of the landed quality (i.e., the quality at the time of discharge from the vessels) of trawler-caught, gutted and iced market cod and large haddock. The rate of deterioration, as indicated by the rise in TMA values, varies with the time of the year. Poorer quality fish are landed during the colder months of November and December and also during the warmer summer months of June, July, and August. The best quality fish are landed during the months of February, March, April, May and September.

This seasonal spoilage pattern is 'similar for cod and for haddock and has been observed in the landed quality of the fish from eight individual trawlers over a period of 13 months.

Some of the probable factors that bring about this seasonal pattern in the spoilage rate of these fish are discussed.

De Jorio, F. 1959. Prospettive por 10 sfruttamento dei banchi dell' Africa Occidentale (Prospectives on the exploitation of the fishing grounds of West Africa. (G. Pesca, 9(2):3
Freund, K. 1958. Zur Fischerei an der Labradorkthste (on the fishe-: ries off the coast of Labrador). Fischereiforschung, 1(5):18-20.

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