

ANNUAL MEETING - MAY/JUNE 1960

The Fishery of the German Democratic Republic  
in the ICNAF Area

Since the beginning of 1958, East German trawlers have been fishing in the ICNAF Area. However, an increased fishery began only in October 1958, when knowledge of the results of the Icelandic searching trips to the Labrador coast were known. The first fishing trip to the Labrador coast was prepared by the Institut für Hochseefischerei und Fisch-verarbeitung, Rostock.

In 1958, 4,022 tons of fish were landed from the ICNAF Area by East German fishing vessels. The fishery was carried out in Subdivisions 1D-F, 2J and 3M.

In 1959, considerably larger catches were made in the ICNAF Area. The increase came to nearly 125 percent. 57 trips were completed and 8,988 tons of fish were landed. The fishery was carried out in Subdivisions 1D-F, 2J/3K, 3L and 3M. In addition, a searching trip was carried out in October/November in Subdivisions 3M and 3L.

The landings given below were almost entirely redfish.

1958Subdivisions 1D-F

From February to June six trips were made and 859 tons of fish landed.

Subdivisions 2J/3K

In ten trips in the period November to December 2,250 tons of fish were landed.

Subdivision 3M

913 tons of fish were landed in the period February to March from the Flemish Cap region and from five fishing trips.

1959Subdivisions 1D-F

From a trip in May 50 tons were landed.

Subdivisions 2J/3K

For the first time a fishery was carried out almost through the whole of the year in this area. In June the catches decreased, and they only began to increase again in January 1960. As a total, 7,802 tons of fish were landed from 47 trips.

Subdivision 3L

In 1959 a fishery was for the first time carried out on the Grand Bank of Newfoundland (northeastern part). Eight trips in the months February, March, June, October, and December yielded 867 tons of fish.

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Subdivision 3M

Compared with the previous year the number of trips to this area decreased. From only two trips, 233 tons were landed.

Statistics on Landings

The landing date is used for the statement of the month of the catches. A closer delimitation of the actual catching period will only be possible in the future.

The redfish is landed round, fresh. For the calculation of the weight of catch the landed quantity of Gadidae is multiplied by the factor 1.2; for halibut, by 1.15.

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For the future, a considerable increase in the landings from the ICNAF Area is planned. As the new constructions for our fishing fleet up to 1956 will include five large trawlers with fish meal plants, eleven catch and factory vessels with stern trawl arrangement, and one or two transport and auxiliary vessels, we expect that under the assumption of about the same catch conditions, an increase of the catches of more than 50,000 tons will have appeared by the year 1965. This increase of the landings will take place continuously during the intervening time.

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