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A number of hydrographic observations were made by the frigate "L'Aventure" in Subareas 1, 2, 3 and 4. Especially to be noted is a section of nine stations with data from bottom to surface along the Polar Circle across the Davis Strait, 19th-20th September, 1960.

Due to bad weather conditions, only two stations could be worked (on the 7th and 9th November) of the section planned for the return trip from Newfoundland to Cherbourg.

The results of this hydrographic work will be published in "Bulletin de Comité Central d'Océanographie et d'Etudes de Côtes" (Service Hydrographique de la Marine, Paris).

Statistics concerning the French trawl fishery in the Convention Area have been collected. The total catch in 1960 was about 46,000 tons of cod (landed weight of salted cod); this is a slight increase over the preceding years. It is to be noted that an important fishery of cod took place in Division 2J (Labrador) during the summer, especially in June, amounting to 4,600 tons salted weight.

In 1961 the new French research vessel "Thalassa" will be operating in the Convention Area.

A preliminary report on sampling of cod carried out on board a French trawler early in 1961 (March-April) in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, off the east coast of Nova Scotia and the south coast of Newfoundland, has been prepared and circulated as Document No. 33 for the 1961 Annual Meeting.

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