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Status of Proposals for Amendments to the Convention
and for Trawl Regulations.

by
Executive Secretary.

The following appendices indicate the current (March 31, 1963) status of acceptance by member Governments of the proposal for changes in the Convention for Declaration of Understanding of Text (Appendix A) and Proposals for Regulation of Fisheries (Appendix B).

These appendices were submitted for checking to the Department of State of the Government of the United States of America which is the Depositary Government. Their additions and suggested changes are incorporated in the appendices presented herewith.

The valuable service rendered the Commission by the Department of State of the USA and the office of the Assistant Legal Adviser, in particular, is greatly appreciated.

Of special concern to the Commission is the Resolution to bring harp and hood seals under the provisions of the Convention (Appendix A, column c). Text of the protocol in this connection prepared and circulated by the Depositary Government August 14, 1961, has been approved in draft by all Contracting Governments except Poland. When Poland notifies the Depositary of its approval of the draft, the protocol will be opened for signature and ratification, or for adherence. Special request has been forwarded to Poland for early notification of approval of the draft protocol.

It is also of special interest and concern that further acceptance of amendments to the regulation for Subarea 3 proposed in 1957 (Appendix B, column c) and the reservations thereto (Appendix B, column d and e) need not be sought since the amendment and reservations thereto have now been superseded by the proposal adopted by the Commission in 1961. Proposals adopted in 1961 by the Commission (Appendix B, columns f and g) and the UK acceptance thereof for Subareas 1, 2 and 3 subject to reservation (Appendix B, column h) have not been accepted by all contracting Governments and therefore cannot enter into force as ICNAF trawl regulations.

A. SUBST. REG. FOR SUBAREA 5. REG. FOR SUBAREA 4 AND 3 (2)

B. AMENDMENTS TO A (4)

C. AMENDMENTS TO A (7)

D. U.K. RESERVATION AS TO STERN TRAWLERS

E. U.S.S.R. RESERVATION AS TO STERN TRAWLERS

F. REGULATION OF FISHERY FOR GROUND FISH IN SUBAREAS 1, 2 AND 3.

G. REGULATION OF FISHERIES OF COD, HADDOCK AND FLOUNDERS IN SUBAREA 4.

H. U.K. RESERVATION AS TO STERN TRAWLERS SUBAREAS 1, 2, 3

ADOPTED BY COMMISSION
TRANSMITTED BY SECRETARIAT
TO DEPOSITARY GOVERNMENT
TRANSMITTED BY DEPOSITARY
GOVERNMENT TO MEMBER
GOVERNMENTS

DATE OF RECEIPT BY THE DEP. GOV. OF ACCEPTANCE BY:	CAN. - 2, 3, 4, 5	DEN. - 1	FRANCE - 1, 2, 3, 4	GERMANY - 1	ICELAND - 1	ITALY - 1, 2, 3, 4 (1)	NORWAY - 1	POLAND (1)	PORT. - 1, 2, 3, 4	SPAIN - 1, 2, 3, 4	USSR (1)	UK - 1, 3 (1)	USA - 3, 4, 5
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(SEE U.K. NOTE OF 25 JAN. 1962)													

DATE OF ENTRY INTO FORCE ACCORDING TO NOTE FROM DEPOSITARY GOV. FOR SUBAREA:

1 29 NOV. 1957 (6)

2 29 NOV. 1957 (6)

3 29 NOV. 1957 (6)

4 26 MARCH 1957

5 26 MARCH 1957

NOT
O SHEET B

- (1) Changes in Subareas-panels since 1955: From 1956/57 Iceland-Panel 1; from 1957/58 Germany-Panel 1; from 1958/59 USSR-panels 1, 2, 3; from 1959/60 -Italy, none; from 1960/61 Germany -Panels 1 and 2, Italy-Panels 3 and 4, UK-Panels 1, 2, 3; from 1961/62-None, from 1962/63, Poland-Panels 1, 2, 3, USSR-Panels 4 and 5.
- (2) 4 1/2 inches cod-end meshes in Subareas 4 and 5, 4 inches in Subarea 3, amount of exemption for incidentally caught fish, rules for use of saving gear, all for cod and haddock.
- (3) France accepts the minimum mesh sizes and the exemption clause, but not the saving gear clauses.
- (4) Change in exemption clause for Subarea 5; par. IV (Saving gear) to be in abeyance for 3 and 4 to be enforced on 1 July, 1957, unless France by 1 June, 1957, has notified her continued objection.
- (5) France accepts the amendments, except those dealing with the doubling of cod-ends on which point France will notify her decision before 1 June, 1957 (see note (4)).
- (6) By note from the French Government received by the Depositary Government 7 Feb. 1957, France accepts the saving gear rule (Par. IV) to be effective as from Jan. 1, 1958. This postponement was accepted by the other member governments. The Par. IV then became effective for all countries on 1 January, 1958.
- (7) Fastening methods for saving gear, Subareas 3, 4 and 5.
- (8) UK informed the Depositary Government by note of 27 April, 1959, which was received on 29 April, 1959, of the ICNAF Resolution of 1958 meeting regarding the UK reservation concerning stern trawlers to the amendment of 1957. The Depositary Government transmitted, 26 May, 1959, this note to the member countries asking their views; see column d.
- (9) By note of 26 August, 1961, the Depositary Government was informed of the USSR acceptance of the amendments to trawl regulations in Subareas 3, 4 and 5 (Depositary Government note of 9 October 1957) under the reservation that a provision for USSR stern trawlers similar to that being under consideration for UK stern trawlers be made. The Depositary Government transmitted, 5 October, 1961, this note to Member Governments asking their views; see column e.
- (10) By note dated Jan. 25, 1962, received on Jan. 29, 1962, the Depositary Government was informed of UK acceptance of the trawl regulations for Subareas 1, 2, 4, 3 subject to certain observations. The Depositary Government transmitted, Apr. 23, 1962, this information to Member Governments asking their views; see column h.