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The United States Report on the
Operation of the 10% Annual Exemption to the
Mesh Regulation through 1963⁶²

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The ten percent annual exemption has now been in effect for five years, and the tables in this report present comparative data for each of these years except that the figures for the fifth year (1962) are for a slightly different 12-month period.

The number of certificates held had increased in 1961, but dropped off somewhat in 1962 (Table I). An analysis of landings of exempted vessels is presented in Tables 2 and 3; Table 2 showing landings from all Subareas and Table 3 only landings from Subarea 5.

Although vessels obtain the 10% annual exemption certificate in order to permit them to land haddock in amounts equal to 10% of their annual landings of all species, the total landings of haddock from Subarea 5 in 1962 by all exempted vessels was only 5.2 percent of the total of all species, and has decreased each year since the exemption was put into effect.

Table I.--Number of vessels holding 10% Annual Exemption
Certificates as of September 1 (except for 1962)
by tonnage class.

Gross Tons	Class	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962 ^{1/}
0 - 25	OTS	1	0	0	0	1
26 - 50	OTS	5	9	9	10	11
51 - 100	OTM	7	12	21	39	36
101 - 150	OTM	2	4	5	13	12
151 - 200	OTL	7	6	7	10	8
Over 200	OTL	1	1	1	1	0
		<u>23</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>68</u>

^{1/} As of December 21, 1962.

For the period January 1, 1962 - December 31, 1962 there were 10 certificates issued, 58 renewed, 1 cancelled and 9 expired without renewal. Four of the expired certificates were held by vessels that sank at sea.

Tables 2 and 3 appended.

Table 2.--Analysis of landings made under the 10% annual exemption, by subareas for the last five years (periods ending September 30 (except for 5th year)).

	First year		Second year		Third year		Fourth year		Fifth year	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Exempted vessels ^{1/}	23		32		43		73		68	
Fishing trips	707		1,433		1,481		2,040		2,265	
All species 000 lbs.	37,125	100.0	61,794	100.0	71,998	100.0	97,096	100.0	96,866	100.0
Haddock 000 lbs.	2,827	7.6	3,568	5.8	3,025	4.2	4,212	4.3	4,088	4.2
Cod 000 lbs.	505	1.4	850	1.4	822	1.1	1,096	1.2	1,416	1.5
Redfish 000 lbs.	20,686	55.7	30,912	50.0	37,184	51.6	48,834	50.3	42,606	44.0
Other species ^{2/} 000 lbs.	13,107	35.3	26,464	42.8	30,967	43.1	42,955	44.2	48,756 ^{3/}	50.3

^{1/} Operating under 10% annual exemption certificates.

^{2/} Other species include halibut, white hake, cusk, pollock, flounder, silver hake, and menhaden, etc.

^{3/} Includes 39,793,404 lbs. whiting.

^{4/} January 1 - December 1962.

Table 3--Analysis of landings made under the 10% annual exemption, Subarea 5, for the last five years. Periods ending September 30 (except for 5th year).

	First year		Second year		Third year		Fourth year		Fifth year ^{3/}	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Fishing trips	628		1,304		1,324		1,799		2,057	
All species (000 lbs.)	23,178	100.0	41,206	100.0	48,152	100.0	70,842	100.0	73,291	100.0
Haddock (000 lbs.)	2,453	10.6	2,404	5.8	2,711	5.6	3,936	5.6	3,834	5.2
Cod (000 lbs.)	471	2.0	670	1.6	699	1.4	987	1.3	1,209	1.6
Redfish (000 lbs.)	7,333	31.6	12,552	30.5	14,519	30.2	24,028	34.0	20,275	27.8
Other species ^{1/} (000 lbs.)	12,921	55.8	25,580	62.1	30,223	62.8	41,891	59.1	47,973 ^{2/}	65.4

^{1/} Other species include halibut, white hake, cusk, pollock, flounder, silver hake, and menhaden, etc.

^{2/} Includes 39,731,604 lbs. of whiting.

^{3/} January 1 - December 1962