

ANNUAL MEETING - JUNE 1965Canadian Proposal concerning Amendment of the Trawl Regulation in Subarea 4 and Division 3NOP (Agenda Item 15)

At the 14th Annual Meeting of the Commission held in Hamburg from June 1 to 6, 1964 some preliminary consideration was given to a Canadian suggestion that the Trawl Regulations be amended to provide an annual exemption for incidental catches of regulated species in Subarea 4 and Division 3NOP, similar to that provided for Subarea 5 (Annual Proceedings for 1956-57, Volume 7, Page 16). This proposal was considered in the meetings of Panel 4 (Proceedings No. 3), and Panel 3 (Proceedings No. 6), the Working Group on Chafing Gear and Mesh Measuring Problems and the ad hoc Committee on Trawl Regulations.

The Commission adopted a recommendation of the ad hoc Committee on Trawl Regulations that this Canadian proposal be studied in more detail at the 15th Annual Meeting. In order to assist the Commission in its study of the original Canadian proposal concerning amendment of the Trawl Regulations in Subarea 4 and Division 3NOP the following draft amendments are submitted for consideration under Agenda Item 15:

1. That paragraph 2 of the proposal concerning regulation of the cod, haddock and flounder fishery in Subarea 4 adopted by the Commission at its 11th Annual Meeting be amended by the addition of the following words:

"or so long as such persons do not catch, in any period of twelve months, cod, haddock or flounders in excess of ten per cent by weight for each, of all the trawl-caught fish taken by such persons in that period of twelve months."

2. That paragraph 3 of the proposal concerning regulation of groundfishes in Subarea 3 adopted by the Commission at its 11th Annual Meeting be amended to read as follows:

"In order to avoid impairment of fisheries conducted primarily for redfish (genus Sebastes) in the area specified in paragraph 2 and which take small quantities of groundfish incidentally, the Contracting Governments permit persons under their jurisdictions to take groundfish with nets having mesh less than that proposed in paragraph 1 so long as such persons do not have in possession - on board a vessel fishing primarily for redfish - cod, haddock or flounders in amounts in excess of 5000 lb or 2268 kg for each or ten per cent by weight for each, of all fish on board such vessel, whichever is greater, or so long as such persons do not catch in any period of twelve months cod, haddock or flounders in excess of ten per cent by weight for each, of all the trawl-caught fish taken by such persons in that period of twelve months."