

ANNUAL MEETING - JUNE 1965Status of Proposals for Amendments to the Convention
and for International Regulation of the Trawl Fishery

by the Executive Secretary

The following account, with appendices, reviews the present (6 May 1965) status of proposals adopted by the Commission, since its First Annual Meeting in April 1951, for changes in the International Convention for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, 1949, and for international regulation of the trawl fishery.

Appendices were checked for accuracy and current status on 3 May 1965 by the Department of State of the Government of the United States of America, which is the Depositary Government.

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I. Re proposals for changes in the Convention

- (i) Change to allow Annual Meetings to be held in any member country
(Amendment to Convention Article II, para. 5)

Proposed: 11 June 1955
In force: 11 January 1959

- (ii) Declaration of understanding of text of Convention concerning molluscs

Proposed: 14 June 1958
In force: 5 June 1963

- (iii) Resolution to bring harp and hood seals under provisions of the Convention

Proposed: 9 June 1961
In force: pending (see Appendix A, column A)

- (iv) Changes to allow proposals for national and international measures of control
(Amendment to Convention Article VIII, para. 5 and 8)

Proposed: 7 June 1963
In force: pending (see Appendix A, column B)

- (v) Changes to procedures for effecting regulatory measures
(Amendment to Convention Article VIII, para. 7 and 8)

Proposed: 6 June 1964
In force: pending (see Appendix A, column C)

II. Re proposals for international regulation of the trawl fishery

- (i) Regulation of the haddock trawl fishery in Subarea 5
(4 1/2" mesh size, wet; 5,000 pound or 10% trip exemption; savings gear)

Proposed: 8 July 1952
In force: 13 June 1953

- (ii) Amendments to regulation of the haddock trawl fishery in Subarea 5
(Wet and dry mesh measurements)

Proposed: 27 May 1953
In force: 1 January 1954

- (iii) Regulation of the cod and haddock trawl fisheries in Subarea 3, 4 and 5:
for Subarea 5 the regulations substitute for the ones adopted in 1952 and 1953 [see (i) and (ii) above]
(4 1/2" mesh size for Subarea 4 and 5; 4" mesh size for Subarea 3;
5,000 pound or 10% trip exemption; savings gear)

Proposed: 11 June 1955
In force: 29 November 1957

- (iv) Amendments to regulation of the cod and haddock trawl fisheries in Subarea 3, 4 and 5 adopted in 1955 [see (iii) above]
(abeyance to para. IV for Subarea 3 and 4; 5,000 pounds or 10% 12-month exemption in Subarea 5)

Proposed: 15 June 1956
In force: 1 January 1958

- (v) Amendments to regulation of the cod and haddock trawl fisheries in Subarea 3, 4 and 5 adopted in 1955 and 1956 [see (iii) and (iv) above]
(attaching savings gear)

Proposed: 25 May 1957
In force: for Subarea 5, 28 September 1958 (see Appendix B, col. A)
for Subarea 4, 22 April 1960 (see Appendix B, col. A)
for Subarea 3, pending [see Appendix B, col. A, col. B
UK reservations) and col. C (USSR reservation)]

- (vi) Regulation of the groundfish trawl fishery in Subareas 1, 2 and 3 (except redfish in 3N, 3O and 3P): for Subarea 3 the regulation substitutes for the ones adopted in 1955, 1956 and 1957 [see (iii), (iv) and (v) above]
(4 1/2" mesh size; mesh measurements; 10% trip exemption in 3N, 3O and 3P; savings gear)

Proposed: 10 June 1961
In force: pending [see Appendix B, col. D and col. E (UK reservation)]

- (vii) Regulation of cod, haddock and flounder trawl fisheries in Subarea 4;
substitutes for 1955, 1956 and 1957 proposals [see (iii), (iv) and (v) above]
(4 1/2" mesh size; mesh measurements; 5000 pounds or 10% trip exemption; savings gear)

Proposed: 10 June 1961
In force: pending [see Appendix B, col. F and col. G (USSR
reservations)]

- (viii) Amendment to regulation of the groundfish trawl fisheries in Subarea 1, 2 and 3 adopted in 1961 [see (vi) above]
(savings gear)

Proposed: 7 June 1963
In force: pending [see Appendix B, col. H and col. K (USSR
reservation)]

- (ix) Amendment to regulation of cod, haddock and flounder trawl fisheries in Subarea 4 adopted in 1961 [see (vii) above]
(savings gear)

Proposed: 7 June 1963
In force: pending [see Appendix B, col. I and col. K (USSR
reservations)]

- (x) Amendments to regulation of cod and haddock trawl fisheries in Subarea 5 adopted in 1955 [see (iii) above]
(savings gear)

Proposed: 7 June 1963

In force: pending [see Appendix B, col. J and col. K (USSR reservations)]

- (xi) Amendment to regulation of the groundfish trawl fisheries in Subarea 1, 2 and 3 adopted in 1961 [see (vi) above]
(manila twine and ICNAF gauge as standard)

Proposed: 6 June 1964

In force: pending (see Appendix B, col. L)

- (xii) Amendment to regulation of the cod, haddock and flounder trawl fisheries in Subarea 4 adopted in 1961 [see (vii) above]
(manila twine and ICNAF gauge as standard)

Proposed: 6 June 1964

In force: pending (see Appendix B, col. M)

- (xiii) Amendment to regulation of the cod and haddock trawl fisheries in Subarea 5 adopted in 1955 [see (iii) above]
(manila twine and ICNAF gauge as standard)

Proposed: 6 June 1964

In force: pending (see Appendix B, col. N)

APPENDIX A

Status of Pending Proposals

For Changes In The Convention

| | A. Protocol to bring harp and hood seals under provisions of Convention | B. Changes to allow proposals for national and international measures of control | C. Changes to procedures for effecting regulatory measures |
|---|---|--|---|
| Resolution adopted by Commission | 9 Jun 1961 | 7 Jun 1963 | 6 Jun 1964 |
| Sent by Secretariat to Depositary Government | 23 Jun 1961 | 10 Jul 1963 | 30 Jun 1964 |
| Draft Protocol circulated by Depositary Government to Member Governments | 14 Aug 1961 | 25 Sep 1963** | 5 Oct 1964*** |
| Protocol signed at Washington under date of: | 15 Jul 1963* | | |
| Certified copies of signed protocol sent by Depositary Government to Member Governments | 27 Sep 1963 | | |
| Date of receipt by Depositary Government of ratification or adherence by: | | | |
| Canada | 23 Jan 1964 | | |
| Denmark | 27 Jul 1964 | | |
| France | 21 Jul 1964 | | |
| Germany | | | |
| Iceland | 23 Mar 1964 | | |
| Italy | | | |
| Norway | 3 Dec 1963 | | |
| Poland | | | |
| Portugal | 2 Oct 1964 | | |
| Spain | 17 Aug 1964 | | |
| U.S.S.R. | 13 Apr 1964 | | |
| U.K. | 8 May 1964 | | |
| U.S.A. | 13 Jul 1964 | | |
| Date of entry into force | | | |

* All Governments except the Federal Republic of Germany signed the Protocol while it was open for signature. A non-signatory government may adhere to the Protocol.

** Approved draft protocol: Canada, Denmark, Iceland, Italy, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain, U.S.S.R., U.K., U.S.A.

*** Approved draft protocol: Iceland, Italy, Norway, Portugal, Spain, U.S.A.

APPENDIX B

STATUS OF PROPOSALS FOR INTERNATIONAL REGULATION OF
TRAWL FISHERY UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES

| A. AMENDMENT TO 1955 REGULATIONS FOR COD AND HADDOCK IN SUB-AREAS 3, 4, 5 | B. UNITED KINGDOM ACCEPTANCE OF A. SUBJECT TO CONDITION (SUBAREA 3) | C. SOVIET ACCEPTANCE OF A. AND B. SUBJECT TO CONDITION (SUBAREA 3) | D. REGULATION OF TRAWL FISHERY FOR GROUND FISH IN SUB-AREAS 1, 2, 3 | E. UNITED KINGDOM ACCEPTANCE OF D. SUBJECT TO CONDITION (SUBAREAS 1,2,3) | F. REGULATION OF TRAWL FISHERY FOR COD, HADDOCK AND FLOUNDER IN SUB-AREA 4 |
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| 25 MAY 1957 | | | 10 JUN 1961 | | 10 JUN 1961 |
| 21 JUN 1957 | | | 23 JUN 1961 | | 23 JUN 1961 |
| 9 OCT 1957 | 26 MAY 1959 | 5 OCT 1961 | 24 JUL 1961 | 23 APR 1962 | 24 JUL 1961 |
| 23 APR 1958 | 16 JUL 1959 | 21 NOV 1961 | 6 NOV 1961 | 7 APR 1964 | 6 NOV 1961 |
| 17 DEC 1957 | 29 JUN 1959 | 20 NOV 1961 | 21 MAY 1964 | * | 9 NOV 1961 |
| | 18 MAY 1960 | 2 MAR 1962 | 9 NOV 1961 | * | 19 JAN 1962 |
| | 14 SEP 1959 | 10 JAN 1962 | 19 JAN 1962 | 27 JUL 1964 | 5 JUL 1963 |
| | | | 5 JUL 1963 | * | 25 OCT 1961 |
| | | * | 25 OCT 1961 | * | 28 NOV 1961 |
| 19 NOV 1957 | 2 JUL 1959 | 30 NOV 1961 | 28 NOV 1961 | * | |
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| 1 APR 1958 | 28 JUL 1960 | 26 JUL 1962 | 21 MAY 1963 | 15 FEB 1963 | 21 MAY 1963 |
| 10 APR 1958 | 29 MAY 1961 | 20 NOV 1961 | 16 FEB 1962 | 22 JUN 1962 | 16 FEB 1962 |
| 26 AUG 1961 | 26 AUG 1961 | | 20 JUN 1962 | 8 MAY 1964 | 8 MAY 1964 |
| (SEE C) | (SEE C) | | | | (SEE G) |
| 29 APR 1959 | | 1 DEC 1961 | 29 JAN 1962 | | |
| (SEE B) | | | (SEE E) | | |
| 28 MAY 1958 | 20 AUG 1959 | 28 MAY 1964 | 10 OCT 1961 | 28 MAY 1964 | 10 OCT 1961 |
| 22 APR 1960 | | | | | |
| 28 SEP 1958 | | | | | |

* ACCEPTANCE NEEDED IF PROPOSAL IS TO ENTER INTO FORCE ** POLAND JOINED: ICNAF - 21 NOV 1961 *** USSR JOINED: ICNAF - 10 APRIL 1958

1,2,3 - 1958/59 (JUNE 1958)

4,5 - 1962/63 (JUNE 1962)

EFFECTIVE DATE
OF REGULATION
FOR SUB-AREA

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STATUS OF PROPOSALS FOR INTERNATIONAL REGULATION OF TRAWL FISHERY UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES

* ACCEPTANCE NEEDED IF PROPOSAL IS TO ENTER INTO FORCE

** POLAND JOINED: ICNAF - 21 NOV 1961
1,2,3 - 1962/63 (JUNE 1962)

*** USSR JOINED: ICNAF - 10 APRIL 1958
1,2,3 - 1958/59 (JUNE 1958)
4,5 - 1962/63 (JUNE 1962)

**** STATE DEPARTMENT LETTER 9 DECEMBER
1964 STATES USA NOT PREPARED TO
EXPRESS ITS VIEWS ON CONDITIONAL
ACCEPTANCE PENDING RECEIPT OF CLARIFI-
CATION OF USSR INTENT; AS REQUESTED
FROM USSR EMBASSY.

1) USA ACCEPTS WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT PARA. 1 (A) AND (B) OF THE EXISTING REGULATIONS WILL REMAIN PART OF ANY NEW REGULATIONS.