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(as at 31 December 1964)

The Commission is responsible for ensuring continued wise use of the fish stocks in the Northwest Atlantic. Its aim is to enable fishermen to obtain from the fish stocks the highest possible yield consistent with that yield being maintained in the future. This is known as "the maximum sustained yield".

Of the conservation measures which the Commission is empowered to recommend to Member Governments under Article IV of the International Convention for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, the Commission has adopted, as one of the best, the regulation of the size (weight) of the fish taken through the regulation of the size of the mesh of the fishing net.

Since 1952, the Commission has, in the interest of conservation, presented proposals for the international regulation of the trawl fisheries for the commercial species in the various subareas of the Convention Area.

Appendix I presents the ICNAF trawl regulations which are in force for Subareas 1-5 as at 31 December 1964.

Appendix II presents the ICNAF trawl regulations which are pending entry into force for Subareas 1-5 as at 31 December 1964.

ICNAF Trawl Regulations in force for Subareas 1-5 (31 December 1964)

Subarea 1                      no regulations

Subarea 2                      no regulations

Subarea 3

"I. That the Contracting Governments take appropriate action to prohibit (except as provided in paragraph II) the taking of cod, Gadus callarias L., and haddock, Melanogrammus aeglefinus (L.) in Subarea 3 by persons under their jurisdiction with trawl nets having a mesh size less than 4 inches or 102 mm manila twine when measured wet after use, or less than the equivalent thereof when measured dry before use. When trawl nets other than manila are used, they shall have a selectivity equivalent to that of a 4 inch or 102 mm manila trawl net. For the purpose of this proposal, the 4 inch or 102 mm mesh size when measured wet after use shall be taken to be:

- (a) In the cod-end of the net, the average of the measurements of any fifty consecutive meshes running parallel to the long axis of the cod-end, beginning at the after end of the cod-end, and being at least ten meshes from the lacings, or, if the cod-end is less than 50 meshes in length, the average of the measurements of the meshes running the full length of the cod-end, parallel to the long axis of the cod-end and at least ten meshes from the lacings, such measurements to be made with a flat wedge-shaped gauge having a taper of 2 cm in 8 cm and a thickness of 3/32 in or 2.3 mm, inserted into the meshes under a pressure of not less than 10 lb or 4.5 kg nor more than 15 lb or 6.8 kg and
- (b) In any part of the net other than the cod-end the average of the measurements of the meshes in any series of twenty consecutive meshes, such series to be at least ten meshes from the lacings, and such measurements to be made with a flat wedge-shaped gauge having a taper of 2 cm in 8 cm and a thickness of 3/32 in or 2.3 mm, inserted into the meshes under a pressure of not less than 10 lb or 4.5 kg nor more than 15 lb or 6.8 kg.

II. That in order to avoid impairment of fisheries conducted primarily for other species and which take small quantities of cod and haddock incidentally, the Contracting Governments permit persons under their jurisdictions to take cod and haddock with trawl nets having a mesh size less than that proposed in the preceding paragraph, so long as such persons do not have in possession on board a vessel fishing primarily for other species, cod or haddock 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.

III. That the Contracting Governments prohibit the use, by any person to whom this proposal would apply, of any means or device, other than those described in paragraph IV, which would obstruct the meshes of the trawl net or which would otherwise, in effect, diminish the size of the meshes of the trawl net.

IV. That the Contracting Governments permit (1) any canvas, netting, or other material to be attached to the underside only of the cod-end of a trawl net to reduce and prevent damage and (2) a rectangular piece of netting to be attached to the upper side of the cod-end of the trawl net to reduce and prevent damage so long as such netting conforms to the following conditions:

- (a) This netting shall not have a mesh size less than that specified in paragraph I. For the purposes of this sub-paragraph, the 4 inch or 102 mm mesh size when measured wet after use shall be taken to be the average of the measurements of twenty consecutive meshes in a series across the netting, such measurements to be made with a like gauge inserted into the meshes as specified in paragraph I hereof.
- (b) This netting may be fastened to the cod-end only along the forward and lateral edges of the netting and at no other place in it and shall not exceed 16 meshes in length counted parallel to the long axis of the cod-end.
- (c) The width of this netting shall be at least one and a half times the width of the area of the cod-end which is covered, such widths to be measured at right angles to the long axis of the cod-end. "

(effective 29 November 1957)

#### Subarea 4

"I. That the Contracting Governments take appropriate action to prohibit (except as provided in paragraph II) the taking of cod, Gadus callarias L., and haddock, Melanogrammus aeglefinus (L.), in Subarea 4 by persons under their jurisdiction with trawl nets having a mesh size less than 4 1/2 inches or 114 mm manila twine when measured wet after use, or less than the equivalent thereof when measured dry before use. When trawl nets other than manila are used, they shall have a selectivity equivalent to that of a 4 1/2 inch or 114 mm manila trawl net. For the purpose of this proposal, the 4 1/2 inch or 114 mm mesh size when measured wet after use shall be taken to be:

- (a) In the cod-end of the net, the average of the measurements of any fifty consecutive meshes running parallel to the long axis of the cod-end, beginning at the after end of the cod-end, and being at least ten meshes from the lacings, or, if the cod-end is less than 50 meshes in length, the average of the measurements of the meshes in any series of consecutive meshes running the full length of the cod-end, parallel to the long axis of the cod-end and at least ten meshes from the lacings, such measurements to be made with a flat wedge-shaped gauge having a thickness of 3/32 in or 2.3 mm, inserted into the meshes under a pressure of not less than 10 lb or 4.5 kg nor more than 15 lb or 6.8 kg and
- (b) In any part of the net other than the cod-end the average of the measurements of the meshes in any series of twenty consecutive meshes, such series to be at least ten meshes from the lacings, and such measurements to be made with a flat wedge-shaped gauge having a taper of 2 cm in 8 cm and a thickness of 3/32 in or 2.3 mm, inserted into the meshes under a pressure of not less than 10 lb or 4.5 kg nor more than 15 lb or 6.8 kg.

II. That in order to avoid impairment of fisheries conducted primarily for other species and which take small quantities of cod and haddock incidentally, the Contracting Governments permit persons under their jurisdictions to take cod and haddock with trawl nets having a mesh size less than that proposed in the preceding paragraph, so long as such persons do not have in possession on board a vessel fishing primarily for other species, cod or haddock 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.

III. That the Contracting Governments prohibit the use, by any person to whom this proposal would apply, of any means or device, other than those described in paragraph IV, which would obstruct the meshes of the trawl net or which would otherwise, in effect, diminish the size of the meshes of the trawl net.

IV. That the Contracting Governments permit (1) any canvas, netting, or other material to be attached to the underside only of the cod-end of a trawl net to reduce and prevent damage and (2) a rectangular piece of netting to be attached to the upper side of the cod-end of the trawl net to reduce and prevent damage so long as such netting conforms to the following conditions:

- (a) This netting shall not have a mesh size less than that specified in paragraph I. For the purposes of this sub-paragraph, the 4 1/2 inch or 114 mm mesh size when measured wet after use shall be taken to be the average of the measurements of twenty consecutive meshes in a series across the netting, such measurements to be made with a like gauge inserted into the meshes as specified in paragraph I hereof.

- (b) This netting may be fastened to the cod-end only along the forward and lateral edges of the netting and at no other place in it, and shall be fastened in such a manner that it extends forward of the splitting strap no more than four meshes and ends not less than four meshes in front of the cod line mesh.
- (c) The width of this netting shall be at least one and a half times the width of the area of the cod-end which is covered, such widths to be measured at right angles to the long axis of the cod-end. "

(effective 22 April, 1960)

Subarea 5

"I. That the Contracting Governments take appropriate action to prohibit (except as provided in paragraph II) the taking of cod, Gadus callarias L., and haddock, Melanogrammus aeglefinus (L.), in Subarea 5 by persons under their jurisdiction with trawl nets having a mesh size less than 4 1/2 inches or 114 mm manila twine when measured wet after use, or less than the equivalent thereof when measured dry before use. When trawl nets other than manila are used, they shall have a selectivity equivalent to that of a 4 1/2 inch or 114 mm manila trawl net. For the purpose of this proposal, the 4 1/2 inch or 114 mm mesh size when measured wet after use shall be taken to be:

- (a) In the cod-end of the net, the average of the measurements of any fifty consecutive meshes running parallel to the long axis of the cod-end, beginning at the after end of the cod-end, and being at least ten meshes from the lacings, or, if the cod-end is less than 50 meshes in length, the average of the measurements of the meshes in any series of consecutive meshes running the full length of the cod-end, parallel to the long axis of the cod-end and at least ten meshes from the lacings, such measurements to be made with a flat wedge-shaped gauge having a taper of 2 cm in 8 cm and a thickness of 3/32 in or 2.3 mm, inserted into the meshes under a pressure of not less than 10 lb or 4.5 kg nor more than 15 lb or 6.8 kg and
- (b) In any part of the net other than the cod-end the average of the measurements of the meshes in any series of twenty consecutive meshes, such series to be at least ten meshes from the lacings, and such measurements to be made with a flat wedge-shaped gauge having a taper of 2 cm in 8 cm and a thickness of 3/32 in or 2.3 mm, inserted into the meshes under a pressure of not less than 10 lb or 4.5 kg nor more than 15 lb or 6.8 kg.

II. That in order to avoid impairment of fisheries conducted primarily for other species and which take small quantities of cod and haddock incidentally, the Contracting Governments permit persons under their jurisdictions to take cod and haddock with trawl nets having a mesh size less than that proposed in the preceding paragraph, so long as such persons do not have in possession on board a vessel fishing primarily for other species, cod or haddock 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 a person does not catch, in any period of twelve months, cod or haddock in quantities in excess of 10% for each species of all the trawl-caught fish taken by such persons in that period of twelve months.

III. That the Contracting Governments prohibit the use, by any person to whom this proposal would apply, of any means or device, other than those described in paragraph IV, which would obstruct the meshes of the trawl net or which would otherwise, in effect, diminish the size of the meshes of the trawl net.

IV. That the Contracting Governments permit (1) any canvas, netting, or other material to be attached to the underside only of the cod-end of a trawl net to reduce and prevent damage and (2) a rectangular piece of netting to be attached to the upper side of the cod-end of the trawl net to reduce and prevent damage so long as such netting conforms to the following conditions:

- (a) This netting shall not have a mesh size less than that specified in paragraph I. For the purposes of this sub-paragraph, the 4 1/2 inch or 114 mm mesh size when measured wet after use shall be taken to be the average of the measurements of twenty consecutive meshes in a series across the netting, such measurements to be made with a like gauge inserted into the meshes as specified in paragraph I hereof.

- (b) This netting may be fastened to the cod-end only along the forward and lateral edges of the netting and at no other place in it; and shall be fastened in such a manner that it extends forward of the splitting strap no more than four meshes and ends not less than four meshes in front of the cod line mesh.
- (c) The width of this netting shall be at least one and a half times the width of the area of the cod-end which is covered, such widths to be measured at right angles to the long axis of the cod-end. "

(effective 28 September 1958)

ICNAF Trawl Regulations pending entry into force for Subareas 1-5  
(31 December 1964)

Subarea 1

"1. The Contracting Governments take appropriate action to prohibit the taking of groundfish in Subarea 1 by persons under their jurisdiction with trawl nets having in any part of the net meshes of dimensions less than 114 millimetres or 4 1/2 inches as measured by the ICNAF gauge specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) below. These mesh sizes relate to manila twine netting when measured wet after use or the equivalent thereof when measured dry before use. The Commission may, on the basis of scientific advice as to selectivity equivalents, determine the appropriate mesh sizes when trawl nets made of materials other than manila are used or when seine nets are used. The Commission may also, on the basis of scientific advice, approve not more than two alternative gauges, by defining the gauges, together with approved methods for their use and with accepted scales of equivalent mesh dimensions.

- (a) In the cod-end of the net, the average of the measurements of any fifty consecutive meshes running parallel to the long axis of the cod-end, beginning at the after end of the cod-end, and being at least ten meshes from the lacings, or, if the cod-end is less than 50 meshes in length, the average of the measurements of the meshes in any series of consecutive meshes running the full length of the cod-end, parallel to the long axis of the cod-end and at least ten meshes from the lacings, such measurements to be made with a flat wedge-shaped gauge having a taper of 2 cm in 8 cm and a thickness of 3/32 in or 2.3 mm, inserted into the meshes under a pressure of not less than 10 lb or 4.5 kg nor more than 15 lb or 6.8 kg and
- (b) In any part of the net other than the cod-end, the average of the measurements of the meshes in any series of twenty consecutive meshes, such series to be at least ten meshes from the lacings, and such measurements to be made with a flat wedge-shaped gauge having a taper of 2 cm in 8 cm and a thickness of 3/32 in or 2.3 mm, inserted into the meshes under a pressure of not less than 10 lb or 4.5 kg nor more than 15 lb or 6.8 kg.

4. The Contracting Governments prohibit the use, by any person to whom this proposal would apply, of any means or device, other than those described in paragraph 5, which would obstruct the meshes of the nets or which would otherwise, in effect, diminish the size of the nets, provided that devices may be attached to the upper side of the codend in such a manner that they will not obstruct the meshes of the codend. Any such device must have the approval of the Commission based on scientific advice that the attached devices do not obstruct the meshes or reduce significantly the selectivity of the codend. Any approval so given may be withdrawn at any time on giving not less than twelve months' notice to the contracting government.

5. The Contracting Governments permit any canvas, netting or other material to be attached to the underside only of the codend of a net to reduce and prevent damage.

6. In these regulations groundfish shall include all those species defined as such in the Statistical Bulletin of ICNAF. Cod shall be defined as Gadus morhua L.; haddock as Melanogrammus aeglefinus (L); and redfish as the genus Sebastes. "



## Subarea 2

"1. The Contracting Governments take appropriate action to prohibit the taking of groundfish in Subarea 2 by persons under their jurisdiction with trawl nets having in any part of the net meshes of dimensions less than 114 millimetres or 4 1/2 inches as measured by the ICNAF gauge specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) below. These mesh sizes relate to manila twine netting when measured wet after use or the equivalent thereof when measured dry before use. The Commission may, on the basis of scientific advice as to selectivity equivalents, determine the appropriate mesh sizes when trawl nets made of materials other than manila are used or when seine nets are used. The Commission may also, on the basis of scientific advice, approve not more than two alternative gauges, by defining the gauges, together with approved methods for their use and with accepted scales of equivalent mesh dimensions.

- (a) In the cod-end of the net, the average of the measurements of any fifty consecutive meshes running parallel to the long axis of the cod-end, beginning at the after end of the cod-end, and being at least ten meshes from the lacings, or, if the cod-end is less than 50 meshes in length, the average of the measurements of the meshes in any series of consecutive meshes running the full length of the cod-end, parallel to the long axis of the cod-end and at least ten meshes from the lacings, such measurements to be made with a flat wedge-shaped gauge having a taper of 2 cm in 8 cm and a thickness of 3/32 in or 2.3 mm, inserted into the meshes under a pressure of not less than 10 lb or 4.5 kg nor more than 15 lb or 6.8 kg.
- (b) In any part of the net other than the cod-end the average of the measurements of the meshes in any series of twenty consecutive meshes, such series to be at least ten meshes from the lacings, and such measurements to be made with a flat wedge-shaped gauge having a taper of 2 cm in 8 cm and a thickness of 3/32 in or 2.3 mm, inserted into the meshes under a pressure of not less than 10 lb or 4.5 kg nor more than 15 lb or 6.8 kg.

4. The Contracting Governments prohibit the use, by any person to whom this proposal would apply, of any means or device, other than those described in paragraph 5, which would obstruct the meshes of the nets or which would otherwise, in effect, diminish the size of the nets, provided that devices may be attached to the upper side of the codend in such a manner that they will not obstruct the meshes of the codend. Any such device must have the approval of the Commission based on scientific advice that the attached devices do not obstruct the meshes or reduce significantly the selectivity of the codend. Any approval so given may be withdrawn at any time on giving not less than twelve months' notice to the contracting government.

5. The Contracting Governments permit any canvas, netting or other material to be attached to the underside only of the codend of a net to reduce and prevent damage.

6. In these regulations groundfish shall include all those species defined as such in the Statistical Bulletin of ICNAF. Cod shall be defined as Gadus morhua L.; haddock as Melanogrammus aeglefinus (L); and redfish as the genus Sebastes."

Subarea 3

- "1. The Contracting Governments take appropriate action to prohibit (except as provided in paragraphs 2 and 3) the taking of groundfish in Subareas 1, 2 and 3 by persons under their jurisdiction with trawl nets having in any part of the net meshes of dimensions less than 114 millimetres or 4 1/2 inches as measured by the ICNAF gauge specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) below. These mesh sizes relate to manila twine netting when measured wet after use or the equivalent thereof when measured dry before use. The Commission may, on the basis of scientific advice as to selectivity equivalents, determine the appropriate mesh sizes when trawls nets made of materials other than manila are used or when seine nets are used. The Commission may also, on the basis of scientific advice, approve not more than two alternative gauges, by defining the gauges, together with approved methods for their use and with accepted scales of equivalent mesh dimensions.
- (a) In the cod-end of the net, the average of the measurements of any fifty consecutive meshes running parallel to the long axis of the cod-end, beginning at the after end of the cod-end, and being at least ten meshes from the lacings, or, if the cod-end is less than 50 meshes in length, the average of the measurements of the meshes in any series of consecutive meshes running the full length of the cod-end, parallel to the long axis of the cod-end and at least ten meshes from the lacings, such measurements to be made with a flat wedge-shaped gauge having a taper of 2 cm in 8 cm and a thickness of 3/32 in or 2.3 mm, inserted into the meshes under a pressure of not less than 10 lb or 4.5 kg nor more than 15 lb or 6.8 kg and
  - (b) In any part of the net other than the cod-end, the average of the measurements of the meshes in any series of twenty consecutive meshes, such series to be at least ten meshes from the lacings, and such measurements to be made with a flat wedge-shaped gauge having a taper of 2 cm in 8 cm and a thickness of 3/32 in or 2.3 mm, inserted into the meshes under a pressure of not less than 10 lb or 4.5 kg nor more than 15 lb or 6.8 kg.
2. The prohibition set out in paragraph 1 shall not apply to the taking of redfish (genus Sebastes) in the statistical Divisions 3N, 3O and 3P of Subarea 3.
3. 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 a mesh size 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 (together with other groundfish with the exception of haddock and redfish) or haddock (together with other groundfish with the exception of cod and redfish) in amounts in excess of 10% by weight for each, of all fish on board such vessel.
4. The Contracting Governments prohibit the use, by any person to whom this proposal would apply, of any means or device, other than those described in paragraph 5, which would obstruct the meshes of the nets or which would otherwise, in effect, diminish the size of the nets, provided that devices may be attached to the upper side of the codend in such a manner that they will not obstruct the meshes of the codend. Any such device must have the approval of the Commission based on scientific advice that the attached devices do not obstruct the meshes or reduce significantly the selectivity of the codend. Any approval so given may be withdrawn at any time on giving not less than twelve months' notice to the contracting government.
5. The Contracting Governments permit any canvas, netting or other material to be attached to the underside only of the codend of a net to reduce and prevent damage.
6. In these regulations groundfish shall include all those species defined as such in the Statistical Bulletin of ICNAF. Cod shall be defined as Gadus morhua L.; haddock as Melanogrammus aeglefinus (L.); and redfish as the genus Sebastes."

#### Subarea 4

"1. The Contracting Governments take appropriate action to prohibit (except as provided in paragraph 2) the taking of cod, Gadus morhua L.; haddock, Melanogrammus aeglefinus (L.); and flounders (witch), Glyptocephalus cynoglossus (L.); yellowtail, Limanda ferruginea (Storer); winter flounder, Pseudopleuronectes americanus (Walb.); and American plaice, Hippoglossoides platessoides (Fabr.) in Subarea 4 by persons under their jurisdiction with trawl nets having in any part of the net meshes of dimensions less than 114 millimetres or 4 1/2 in as measured by the ICNAF gauge specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) below. These mesh sizes relate to manila twine netting when measured wet after use or the equivalent thereof when measured dry before use. The Commission may, on the basis of scientific advice as to selectivity equivalents, determine the appropriate mesh sizes when trawl nets made of materials other than manila are used or when seine nets are used. The Commission may also, on the basis of scientific advice, approve not more than two alternative gauges, by defining the gauges, together with approved methods for their use and with accepted scales of equivalent mesh dimensions.

- (a) In the cod-end of the net, the average of the measurements of any fifty consecutive meshes running parallel to the long axis of the cod-end, beginning at the after end of the cod-end, and being at least ten meshes from the lacings, or, if the cod-end is less than 50 meshes in length, the average of the measurements of the meshes in any series of consecutive meshes running the full length of the cod-end, parallel to the long axis of the cod-end and at least ten meshes from the lacings, such measurements to be made with a flat wedge-shaped gauge having a taper of 2 cm in 8 cm and a thickness of 3/32 in or 2.3 mm, inserted into the meshes under a pressure of not less than 10 lb or 4.5 kg nor more than 15 lb or 6.8 kg and
- (b) In any part of the net other than the cod-end, the average of the measurements of the meshes in any series of twenty consecutive meshes, such series to be at least ten meshes from the lacings, and such measurements to be made with a flat wedge-shaped gauge having a taper of 2 cm in 8 cm and a thickness of 3/32 in or 2.3 mm, inserted into the meshes under a pressure of not less than 10 lb or 4.5 kg nor more than 15 lb or 6.8 kg.

2. In order to avoid impairment of fisheries conducted primarily for other species and which take small quantities of cod, haddock and flounders incidentally, the Contracting Governments permit persons under their jurisdictions to take cod, haddock and flounders with nets having a mesh size less than that proposed in the preceding paragraph, so long as such persons do not have in possession on board a vessel fishing primarily for other species, cod, haddock, or flounders in amounts in excess of 5000 lb or 2,268 kg for each, or ten per cent by weight for each, of all fish on board such vessel, whichever is greater.

3. The Contracting Governments prohibit the use, by any person to whom this proposal would apply, of any means or device, other than those described in paragraph 4, which would obstruct the meshes of the nets or which would otherwise, in effect, diminish the size of the meshes of the nets, provided that devices may be attached to the upper side of the codend in such a manner that they will not obstruct the meshes of the codend. Any such device must have the approval of the Commission based on scientific advice that the attached devices do not obstruct the meshes or reduce significantly the selectivity of the codend. Any approval so given may be withdrawn, at any time, on giving not less than twelve months' notice to the contracting government.

4. The Contracting Governments permit any canvas, netting or other material to be attached to the underside only of the codend of a net to reduce and prevent damage. "

Subarea 5

"I. That the Contracting Governments take appropriate action to prohibit (except as provided in paragraph II) the taking of cod, Gadus morhua L., and haddock, Melanogrammus aeglefinus (L.), in Subarea 5, by persons under their jurisdiction with trawl nets having in any part of the net meshes of dimensions less than 4 1/2 in or 114 millimetres as measured by the ICNAF gauge, specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) below. These mesh sizes relate to manila twine netting when measured wet after use or the equivalent thereof when measured dry before use. The Commission may, on the basis of scientific advice as to selectivity equivalents, determine the appropriate mesh sizes when trawl nets made of materials other than manila are used or when seine nets are used. The Commission may also, on the basis of scientific advice, approve not more than two alternative gauges, by defining the gauges, together with approved methods for their use and with accepted scales of equivalent mesh dimensions.

- (a) In the cod-end of the net, the average of the measurements of any fifty consecutive meshes running parallel to the long axis of the cod-end, beginning at the after end of the cod-end, and being at least ten meshes from the lacings, or, if the cod-end is less than 50 meshes in length, the average of the measurements of the meshes in any series of consecutive meshes running the full length of the cod-end, parallel to the long axis of the cod-end and at least ten meshes from the lacings, such measurements to be made with a flat wedge-shaped gauge having a taper of 2 cm in 8 cm and a thickness of 3/32 in or 2.3 mm, inserted into the meshes under a pressure of not less than 10 lb or 4.5 kg nor more than 15 lb or 6.8 kg and
- (b) In any part of the net other than the cod-end, the average of the measurements of the meshes in any series of twenty consecutive meshes, such series to be at least ten meshes from the lacings, and such measurements to be made with a flat wedge-shaped gauge having a taper of 2 cm in 8 cm and a thickness of 3/32 in or 2.3 mm, inserted into the meshes under a pressure of not less than 10 lb or 4.5 kg nor more than 15 lb or 6.8 kg.

II. That in order to avoid impairment of fisheries conducted primarily for other species and which take small quantities of cod and haddock incidentally, the Contracting Governments permit persons under their jurisdictions to take cod and haddock with trawl nets having a mesh size less than that proposed in the preceding paragraph, so long as such persons do not have in possession on board a vessel fishing primarily for other species, cod or haddock 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.

III. The Contracting Governments prohibit the use, by any person to whom this proposal would apply, of any means or device, other than those described in paragraph IV, which would obstruct the meshes of the nets or which would otherwise, in effect, diminish the size of the meshes of the nets, provided that devices may be attached to the upper side of the codend in such a manner that they will not obstruct the meshes of the codend. Any such device must have the approval of the Commission based on scientific advice that the attached devices do not obstruct the meshes or reduce significantly the selectivity of the codend. Any approval so given may be withdrawn at any time on giving not less than twelve months' notice to the contracting government.

IV. The Contracting Governments permit any canvas, netting or other material to be attached to the underside only of the cod-end of a net to reduce and prevent damage. "