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The United States Report on the Operation of the 10 Percent Annual Exemption
of the Mesh Regulation, 1965

The 10 percent annual exemption to the ICNAF mesh regulations has been in effect for eight years. Data reported in the first 4 years (1958-1961) were calculated for periods from 1 October through 30 September. The years following, 1962 through 1965, are based on a calendar year.

At the end of 1965 there were fewer vessels holding the 10 percent annual exemption certificate than in any other year with the exception of 1958. The number of vessels with certificates at the end of each of the years 1958 through 1965 are shown below.

	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965
No. of certificates	23	36	43	73	69	46	43	31

For the period 1 January 1965 through 31 December 1965, there were 15 certificates issued, 160 suspensions, 46 renewals, 82 reinstatements, 18 expirations, 15 vessels sold, 4 sank, 27 certificates were cancelled, and no vessel violated the 10 percent annual exemption regulation.

Table 1 shows the number of vessels in each tonnage class with the 10 percent annual exemption certificates in effect at the end of each year. Vessels in the 51-100 ton class held the highest number of certificates in each year.

Table 2 shows the number of trips and the landings of haddock, cod, redfish, and other species from ICNAF Subarea 5, and Table 3 shows the same data for all subareas in the ICNAF Convention Area.

The number of trips made by exempted vessels in Subarea 5 in 1965 was somewhat higher than in 1964 and the catch-per-trip was slightly lower. From 1962 through 1965 the catch-per-trip had a relatively stable range of between 32,000 and 36,000 pounds. In the same period the number of trips each year varied between 1800 and 2200.

In terms of percentage the 1965 landings in Subarea 5 by vessels with 10 percent annual exemption certificates were very close to those of 1964. Silver hake landings included in the "Other" species category fell off approximately 10 million pounds, but this was compensated for by a rise in the landings of approximately 8 million pounds of industrial fish and 3 million pounds of alewife. This compensating rise maintained the approximate 75 percent figure for the "Other" species category which has held for the years 1963-1965.

The percentage of haddock and cod in the total landings for these exempted vessels continue to be substantially below the 10 percent allowance provided for in the ICNAF mesh regulation.

Table 1. Number of 10 percent annual exemption certificates by tonnage class in effect at end of year. (1)

Gross tons	Class	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965
0-25	OTS	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
26-50	OTS	5	9	9	10	11	9	11	7
51-100	OTM	7	12	21	39	36	26	20	16
101-150	OTM	2	4	5	13	12	5	4	1
151-200	OTL	7	6	7	10	8	6	7	5
Over 200	OTL	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1
Total		23	36	43	73	69	46	43	31

1) 1958 through 1961 period through September, 1962-1965 period January-December

Table 2. Analysis of landings made under the 10 percent annual exemption, Subarea 5, for the past 8 years.¹⁾ (weights in thousands of pounds)

No. of Fishing trips	1st Year		2nd Year		3rd Year		4th Year		5th Year		6th Year		7th Year		8th Year	
	1958	1959	1959	1960	1960	1961	1961	1962	1962	1963	1963	1964	1964	1965	1965	2000
	Wt	%	Wt	%	Wt	%	Wt	%	Wt	%	Wt	%	Wt	%	Wt	%
All species	23178	100.0	41206	100.0	48152	100.0	70842	100.0	72843	100.0	78794	100.0	60228	100.0	62979	100.0
Haddock	2453	10.6	2404	5.8	2711	5.6	3936	5.6	3802	5.2	5865	7.4	3034	5.0	2921	4.6
Cod	471	2.0	670	1.6	699	1.4	987	1.3	1187	1.6	1456	1.9	1249	2.1	1469	2.3
Redfish	7333	31.6	12552	30.5	14519	30.2	24028	34.0	19931	27.4	13386	17.0	10722	17.8	10833	17.2
Other ²⁾	12921	55.8	25580	62.1	30223	62.8	41891	59.1	47923 ³⁾	65.8	58087 ³⁾	73.7	45223 ³⁾	75.1	47756 ³⁾	75.8

1) For years 1958-63 (1st-4th years) period through September, for 1962-65 (5th-8th years) period January-December

2) Other species include halibut, white hake, cusk, flounder, silver hake, menhaden, etc.

3) Includes silver hake: 39,731,604 pounds in 1962; 42,545,722 pounds in 1963; 38,063,000 pounds in 1964; and 28,191,000 pounds in 1965.

Table 3. Analysis of landings made under the 10 percent annual exemption, all subareas, for the past 8 years.¹⁾ (weights in thousands of pounds)

	1st Year 1958	2nd Year 1959	3rd Year 1960	4th Year 1961	5th Year 1962	6th Year 1963	7th Year 1964	8th Year 1965
No. of exempted Vessels ²⁾	23	32	43	73	68	46	43	31
No. of Fishing Trips	707	1433	1481	2040	2265	2404	1938	2110
	Wt	%	Wt	%	Wt	%	Wt	%
All species	37125	100.0	61974	100.0	71998	100.0	97096	100.0
Haddock	2827	7.6	3568	5.8	3025	4.2	4212	4.3
Cod	505	1.4	850	1.4	822	1.1	1096	1.2
Redfish	20686	55.7	30912	50.0	37184	51.6	48834	50.3
Other ³⁾	13107	35.3	26464	42.8	30967	43.1	42955	44.2
	Wt	%	Wt	%	Wt	%	Wt	%
	37125	100.0	61974	100.0	71998	100.0	97096	100.0
	2827	7.6	3568	5.8	3025	4.2	4212	4.3
	505	1.4	850	1.4	822	1.1	1096	1.2
	20686	55.7	30912	50.0	37184	51.6	48834	50.3
	13107	35.3	26464	42.8	30967	43.1	42955	44.2
	106932	100.0	106932	100.0	96866	100.0	96866	100.0
	6394	6.0	6394	6.0	4088	4.2	4088	4.2
	1368	1.5	1629	1.5	1416	1.5	1416	1.5
	31151	33.8	36166	44.0	42606	44.0	42606	44.0
	45538 ⁴⁾	58.7	62743 ⁴⁾	50.3	48756 ⁴⁾	50.3	48756 ⁴⁾	50.3
	81108	100.0	81361	100.0	81361	100.0	81361	100.0
	2936	4.1	3304	4.1	2936	4.1	2936	4.1
	1483	1.7	1368	1.5	1368	1.5	1368	1.5
	28843	38.3	31151	38.3	31151	38.3	31151	38.3
	47846 ⁴⁾	59.0	47846 ⁴⁾	59.0	47846 ⁴⁾	59.0	47846 ⁴⁾	59.0

1) 1958-1961 (1st-4th years) period through September; For 1962-1965 (5th-8th years) period January-December.

2) Operating under 10 percent annual exemption certificates

3) Other species include halibut, white hake, cusk, pollock, flounder, silver hake, menhaden, etc.

4) Includes silver hake: 39,793,404 pounds in 1962; 42,548,107 pounds in 1963; 38,063,000 pounds in 1964; and 28,251,000 in 1965.

Additional Information on Operation of 10% Annual Exemption, 1965

Table 1. Number of excess trips, quantity in excess and total catch for cod and haddock

Month	No. of excess trips ¹⁾	Quantity in excess ²⁾		Total Subarea 5 catch ²⁾	
		Cod	Haddock	Cod	Haddock
Jan	1	-	3	1,637	4,055
Feb	3	-	2	2,599	7,085
Mar	8	-	32	3,101	12,916
Apr	18	2	84	3,092	11,519
May	7	13	11	3,113	9,259
June	22	36	42	3,152	11,947
July	28	32	78	2,597	11,109
Aug	11	-	46	2,006	8,535
Sept	11	-	44	2,158	9,520
Oct	13	23	15	1,587	8,523
Nov	4	1	7	1,830	7,322
Dec	2	4	-	1,413	8,002
Total	128	111	364	28,285	109,792

1) All excess trips were from Subarea 5

2) Measured in 1000's of pounds

Table 2. Comparisons of excess trips with total catch from Subarea 5.

Total number of trips by vessels holding 10% exemptions	2,000
Number of trips which exceeded 10% or 5,000 pounds of cod or haddock	128
Relation of excess trips to total exempted trips	6.4%
Relation of excess pounds of cod to total U.S. catch of cod from Subarea 5	0.4%
Relation of excess pounds of haddock to total U.S. catch of haddock from Subarea 5	0.3%