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Landings of Canadian (Nfld.) trawlers using
small-mesh gear during the 1966 season

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In continued accordance with Recommendation No. 7, ICNAF Redbook 1965, Part I, the landings of the various species by otter trawlers using small-mesh gear in 1966 were tabulated. These are shown in Table 1.

The procedure for selecting the small-mesh gear trips was identical to that used for the reporting of the 1965 data (ICNAF Research Document No. 66-66, 1966).

It is evident that small-mesh gear was again used generally, when fishing for redfish in 3Ps, 3Pn, 4R, 4S, 4T, 4Vn and 4Vs. However, in 3L, 3N and 3O small-mesh gear was used to some extent when fishing for flounders.

Measurements of other species landed from vessels fishing with small-mesh gear in 1966 are plotted in Fig. 1. Only a small number of measurements could be obtained. This is because the amounts of fish of species other than redfish (with the possible exception of flounders in 3L, 3N, 3O) landed on small-mesh gear trips are usually very small (Table 1). Such small amounts are unloaded in a short period and generally processed immediately, making it difficult to obtain samples unless the sampler is in constant attendance during the unloading process.

Table 1. Landings by Canadian (Nfld.) otter trawlers using small-mesh gear in 1966 (* denotes amounts less than 0.5 tons).

ICNAF Division	Tonnage category	Landings (metric tons - round)											
		Cod	Haddock	Redfish	American plaice	Witch tail	Yellow- tail	Halibut	Greenland halibut	Pollock	Common hake	Molt- fish	Total
3L	151-500	78	*	63	412	2	-	*	-	*	-	2	557
3N	151-500	153	1	387	1084	79	83	1	*	2	-	4	1794
	501-900	81	13	64	506	56	-	2	-	1	-	2	725
	Total	234	14	451	1590	135	83	3	*	3	-	6	2519
3O	151-500	23	10	21	435	203	-	1	-	4	-	2	700
	501-900	3	2	29	46	33	-	*	-	*	-	*	113
	Total	26	12	50	481	236	-	1	-	4	-	2	813
3Ps	26-50	59	3	565	12	29	-	*	*	*	-	*	668
	51-150	87	10	1369	5	94	-	*	4	1	-	2	1572
	151-500	105	16	6814	36	146	-	9	2	7	-	9	7144
	501-900	*	-	666	-	8	-	1	-	1	-	*	677
	Total	251	29	9414	53	277	-	10	6	9	-	11	10061
3Pn	51-150	3	*	40	-	1	-	-	*	*	-	*	44
	151-500	64	2	2860	5	30	-	1	1	1	-	3	2957
	Total	67	2	2900	5	31	-	1	1	1	-	3	3011

Table 1 (cont'd.)

ICNAF Division	Tonnage category	Landings (metric tons - round)										Total			
		Cod	Haddock	Redfish	American plaice	Witch tail	Yellow-tail	Halibut	Greenland halibut	Pollock	Common hake		Wolf-fish		
4R	26-50	*	-	-	1	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	51-150	*	-	34	-	*	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	*	34
	151-500	136	6	11145	6	16	-	8	19	1	1	*	11	11348	
	501-900	2	-	403	-	*	-	*	-	-	-	-	*	405	
	Total	138	6	11582	7	16	-	8	19	1	1	*	11	11788	
4S	151-500	11	*	823	*	3	-	2	2	*	*	-	*	841	
4T	151-500	15	*	110	11	*	13	*	*	*	*	-	*	149	
4Vn	151-500	33	1	1667	19	14	-	2	1	*	*	-	2	1739	
	501-900	-	-	58	-	*	-	*	-	*	*	-	-	58	
	Total	33	1	1725	19	14	-	2	1	*	*	-	2	1797	
4Vs	151-500	6	*	606	3	9	33	2	*	*	*	-	*	659	
Total All Areas		859	64	27724	2581	723	129	29	29	18	2	37	32195		
%		2.67	0.20	86.11	8.02	2.25	0.40	0.09	0.09	0.06	0.01	0.11	100.01		

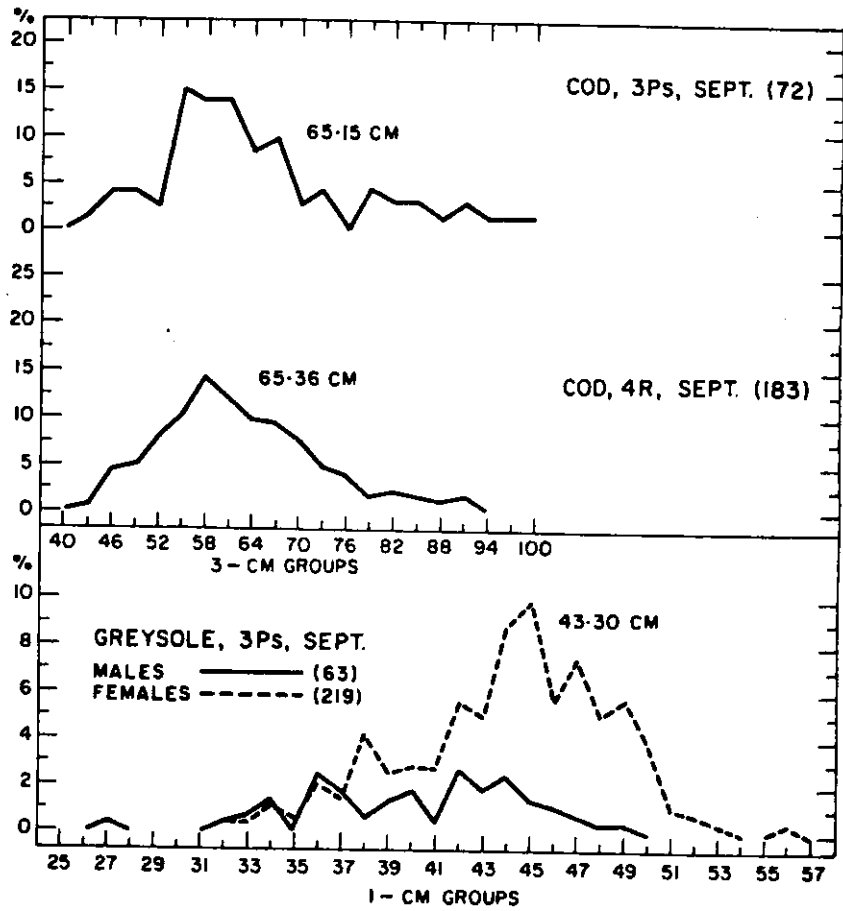


Fig. 1. Length frequencies of incidental species landed by Canadian (Nfld.) otter trawlers using small-mesh gear, 1966. Average lengths are shown for comparison.