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Status of Commission Proposals for Changes in the Convention
and for International Regulation of the Trawl Fishery under the Convention
(to 1 May 1971)

by

the Executive Secretary

The attached tables provide information for the Commissioners and Advisers on the current (1 May 1971) status of approval of proposals for changes in the Convention (Tabulation I) and acceptance of the various proposals for regulation of the international trawl fishery (Tabulation II) adopted at the 1969 and 1970 Annual Meetings of the Commission.

Appendix I presents a summary of the status of proposals since the Commission was established in 1951.

TABULATION I

Status

1 May 1971

Proposals for Changes in
the International Convention for
the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries

	<u>Protocol relating to panel membership and to regulatory measures</u>	<u>Protocol relating to Amendments to the Convention</u>
Resolution adopted by International Commission for Northwest Atlantic Fisheries	June 6 & 5, 1969	June 6, 1970
Sent by Commission Secretariat to Depositary Government	June 20, 1969	June 24, 1970
Draft Protocol circulated to Depositary Government to Contracting Governments for consideration	July 16, 1969	July 14, 1970
Protocol signed at Washington under date of:	October 1, 1969	October 6, 1970
Date of receipt by Depositary Government of ratification, approval, or adherence by:		
Canada	October 29, 1970	*
Denmark	August 18, 1970	October 27, 1970
France	December 23, 1970	April 6, 1971
Germany, Fed. Rep. of	*	*
Iceland	November 14, 1969	November 6, 1970
Italy	*	*
Japan	July 1, 1970	*
Norway	July 10, 1970	January 8, 1971
Poland	*	*
Portugal	*	*
Romania	April 10, 1970	*
Spain	March 3, 1971	*
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	November 21, 1969	*
United Kingdom	January 12, 1971	*
United States	April 17, 1970	*
Date of entry into force:	*	*

TABULATION II

Status

1 May 1971

Proposals for International Regulation of certain fisheries
(1967 and 1969) under the International Convention for the
Northwest Atlantic Fisheries

	1970 Proposal (1) salmon	1970 Proposal (2) yellowtail catch quota Subarea 5	1970 Proposal (3) yellowtail mesh size Subarea 5	1970 Proposal (4) trawl fishery Subarea 2 (mesh size)
Adopted by Commission:	June 6, 1970	June 6, 1970	June 6, 1970	June 5, 1970
Transmitted by Commission Secretariat to Depository Government:	June 24, 1970	June 24, 1970	June 24, 1970	June 24, 1970
Transmitted by Depository Government to Contracting Governments:	July 7, 1970	July 7, 1970	July 7, 1970	July 7, 1970
Date of receipt by Depository Government of acceptance by: (Only accept- ances needed for entry into force are indicated. Numbers follow- ing country indicate 1969/70 panel membership)	Canada 2,3,4,5,A Denmark 1 3 A France 1,2,3,4 FRG 1,2 4 Iceland 1 Italy 3,4 Japan Norway 1,2,3 A Poland 1,2,3,4,5 Portugal 1,2,3,4 Romania 2,3 5 Spain 1,2,3,4 USSR 1,2,3,4,5 UK 1,2,3 USA 3,4,5			
Effective date for regulation for subarea:	Mar. 8, 1971**	Jan. 7, 1971	Jan. 7, 1971	Jan. 7, 1971

* objection → 60-day rule from 7 Jan. 1971

** effective for all Contracting Governments except USSR

TABLATION II (continued)

		1970 Proposal (5) trawl fishery Subarea 3 (mesh size)	1970 Proposal (6) seals Convention Area	1970 Proposal Scheme Joint International Enforcement
Adopted by Commission:		June 5, 1970	June 4, 1970	June 5, 1970
Transmitted by Commission Secretariat to Depositary Government:		June 24, 1970	June 24, 1970	June 24, 1970
Transmitted by Depositary Government to Contracting Governments:		July 7, 1970	July 7, 1970	July 7, 1970
Date of receipt by Depositary Government of acceptance by: <u>(Only acceptances needed for entry into force are indicated.</u> Numbers following country indicate 1969/70 panel membership)	Canada Denmark France FRG Iceland Italy Japan Norway Poland Portugal Romania Spain USSR UK USA	2,3,4,5,A 1 3 A 1,2,3,4 1,2 4 1 3,4 1,2,3 A 1,2,3,4,5 1,2,3,4 2,3 5 1,2,3,4 1,2,3,4,5 1,2,3 3,4,5	Nov. 27, 1970 ¹ Feb. 11, 1971 ³ Mar. 2, 1971 ²	
Effective date for regulation for subarea or Convention Area:		Apr. 15, 1971 ⁴	Jan. 7, 1971	Jan. 7, 1971

1 objection - 60-day rule from 7 Jan. 1971
 2 objection - 30-day rule from 15 Mar. 1971
 3 FRG not member of Panel 3, therefore, rule does not apply to her
 4 for all Contracting Governments, except Canada, Poland, Portugal and Spain
 to come into effect for Poland 1 Jan. 1972

Summary
of
Status of Proposals for Amendments to the Convention
and for International Regulation of the Trawl Fishery (1951-1971)
by the Executive Secretary

The following account reviews the status of all proposals adopted by the Commission since its First Annual Meeting in April of 1951, for changes in the Articles of the International Convention for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries of 1949 and for international regulation of the trawl fishery in the Convention Area.

I. 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 (Ann.Proc.Vol.5, p.3)
In force: 10 January 1959

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

Proposed: 14 June 1958 (Ann.Proc.Vol.8, p.12-13)
In force: 5 June 1963

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

Proposed: 9 June 1961 (Ann.Proc.Vol.11, p.15)
In force: 29 April 1966

- (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 (Ann.Proc.Vol.13, p.17)
In force: 19 December 1969

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

Proposed: 6 June 1964 (Ann.Proc.Vol.14, p.13-14)
In force: 19 December 1969

- (vi) Changes to basis for panel memberships and to types of fisheries regulatory measures which may be proposed
(Amendment to Convention Article IV, para.2, Article VII, para.2 and Article VIII, para.1)

Proposed: 5 and 6 June 1969 (Ann.Proc.Vol.19, p.20-21)
In force: pending

- (vii) Changes to procedures for amending the Convention
(Article XVII of the Convention renumbered XVIII and a new Article XVII inserted)

Proposed: 6 June 1970 (Ann.Proc.Vol.20, p.19-20)
In force: pending

II. 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 (Ann.Proc.Vol.2, p.14)
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 (Ann.Proc.Vol.3,p.14)
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 (Ann.Proc.Vol.5,p.11-12)
In force: for Subareas 3 and 4, excepting para.IV, 29 November 1957
for Subarea 5, 26 March 1957
- (iv) Amendments to regulation of the cod and haddock trawl fisheries in Subareas 3, 4 and 5 adopted in 1955 [see (iii) above] (abeyance to para.IV for Subareas 3 and 4; 5,000 pounds or 10% 12-month exemption in Subarea 5)
Proposed: 15 June 1956 (Ann.Proc.Vol.6,p.16)
In force: for Subareas 3 and 4, 1 January 1958
for Subarea 5, 26 March 1957
- (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 (Ann.Proc.Vol.7, p.17)
In force: for Subarea 5, 28 September 1958
for Subarea 4, 22 April 1960
for Subarea 3, 21 September 1968
- (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 (Ann.Proc.Vol.11, p.15-17)
In force: 21 September 1968
- (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; 5,000 pounds or 10% trip exemption; savings gear)
Proposed: 10 June 1961 (Ann.Proc.Vol.11, p.17-18)
In force: 22 December 1967
- (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 (Ann.Proc.Vol.13, p.16)
In force: 21 September 1968
- (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 (Ann.Proc.Vol.13, p.16)
In force: 22 December 1967

- (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 (Ann.Proc.Vol.13, p.16-17)
In force: 4 July 1969
- (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 (Ann.Proc.Vol.14, p.16)
In force: 21 September 1968
- (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 (Ann.Proc.Vol.14, p.16-17)
In force: 22 December 1967
- (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 (Ann.Proc.Vol.14, p.17)
In force: 21 October 1965
- (xiv) Amendment to regulation of groundfish trawl fisheries in Subarea 1 and 2 adopted in 1964 [see (xi) above] (defines groundfish)
Proposed: 12 June 1965 (Ann.Proc.Vol.15, p.17-18)
In force: 21 September 1968
- (xv) Amendment to regulation of groundfish trawl fisheries in Subarea 3 adopted in 1964 [see (xi) above] (defines groundfish)
Proposed: 12 June 1965 (Ann.Proc.Vol.15, p.18)
In force: 21 September 1968
- (xvi) Amendment to regulation of groundfish trawl fisheries in Subarea 3 adopted in 1961 [see (vi) above] (extends exemptions)
Proposed: 12 June 1965 (Ann.Proc.Vol.15, p.18-19)
In force: 21 September 1968
- (xvii) Amendment to regulation for cod, haddock and flounder in Subarea 4 adopted in 1961 [see (vii) above] (extends exemption)
Proposed: 12 June 1965 (Ann.Proc.Vol.15, p.19)
In force: 22 December 1967
- (xviii) Amendment to regulation for cod and haddock in Subareas 3 and 4 adopted in 1955 [see (iii) above] (extends exemption)
Proposed: 12 June 1965 (Ann.Proc.Vol.15, p.19)
In force: for Subarea 3, 21 September 1968
for Subarea 4, 11 August 1967
- (xix) Codification of regulations in Subareas 1, 2, 3 and 4 proposed in 1961, with amendments adopted in 1963, 1964 and 1965 [see (vi) to (xviii) above]
Proposed: 12 June 1965 (Ann.Proc.Vol.15, p.19-24)
In force: for Subareas 1, 2, and 3, 21 September 1968
for Subarea 4, 22 December 1967

- (xx) Amendment to regulations adopted for Subarea 1 in 1961, 1964 and 1965 and the codification of the 1961, 1963, 1964 and 1965 regulations adopted in 1965 [see (vi) (viii) (xi) (xiv) (xix) above] (130 mm mesh size)
- Proposed: 12 June 1966 (Ann.Proc.Vol.16, p.20)
In force: 21 September 1968
- (xxi) Regulation of seal fishery in the "Front" area (for 1968 season only)
- Proposed: 9 June 1967 (Ann.Proc.Vol.17, p.28)
In force: 10 February 1968
- (xxii) Amendments to trawl regulations adopted for Subarea 1 in 1961, 1964, 1965 and 1966; Subarea 2 in 1961, 1964 and 1965; Subarea 3 in 1955, 1961, 1964 and 1965; Subarea 4 in 1955, 1961, 1964 and 1965; and in Subarea 5 in 1964 [see (iii)-(xx) above] (5 kg pressure or pull; measure 20 consecutive meshes of codend)
- proposed: 9 June 1967 (Ann.Proc.Vol.17, p.20)
in force: 1 January 1970
- (xxiii) Regulation of Atlantic salmon fishing on the high seas
- proposed: 6 June 1969 (Ann.Proc.Vol.19, p.28)
in force: 3 April 1970 (for all Contracting Governments except Denmark, Fed. Republic of Germany and Norway)
- (xxiv) Regulation of haddock fishery in Subarea 5 (for 1970, 1971 and 1972, catch quota 12,000 metric tons, closed season and area)
- proposed: 7 June 1969 (Ann.Proc.Vol.19, p.27)
in force: 1 January 1970
- (xxv) Regulation of haddock fishery in Division 4X of Subarea 4 (for 1970, 1971 and 1972, catch quota of 18,000 metric tons, closed season and area)
- proposed: 7 June 1969 (Ann.Proc.Vol.19, p.26-27)
in force: 1 January 1970
- (xxvi) Regulation of red hake and silver hake fisheries in Subarea 5 (for 1970, 1971 and 1972, closed season and area)
- proposed: 7 June 1969 (Ann.Proc.Vol.19, p.26)
in force: 1 January 1970
- (xxvii) Further regulation of Atlantic salmon fishing on high seas (1969 catch or vessel level, restrict Newfoundland, ban 1 Dec.-31 July)
- Proposed: 6 June 1970 (Ann.Proc.Vol.20,p.28-29)
In force: 8 March 1971 (for all Contracting Governments except USSR)
- (xxviii) Regulation of yellowtail flounder in Subarea 5 (for 1971, catch quotas of 16,000 tons east of 69°W and 13,000 tons west of 69°W)
- Proposed: 6 June 1970 (Ann.Proc.Vol.20,p.27)
In force: 7 January 1971
- (xxix) Regulation of cod, haddock and yellowtail flounder trawl fisheries in Subarea 5: substitutes for regulation adopted in 1955, 1956, 1957, 1963, 1964, and 1967 (adds yellowtail flounder)
- Proposed: 6 June 1970 (Ann.Proc.Vol.20,p.27)
In force: 7 January 1971

- (xxx) Amendment to regulations adopted for Subarea 2 in 1965 and 1967
[see (xiv) and (xxii) above]

Proposed: 5 June 1970 (Ann.Proc.Vol.20,p.26)
In force: 7 January 1971

- (xxxi) Amendment to regulation adopted for Subarea 3 in 1965 and 1967
[see (xv), (xvi), (xviii), (xix), and (xxii) above]

Proposed: 5 June 1970 (Ann.Proc.Vol.20, p.26)
In force: 15 April 1971 (for all Contracting Governments except
Canada, Poland, Portugal and Spain)
(to come into force for Poland 1 Jan. 1972)

- (xxxii) Regulation of seal fishing in the Gulf and Front areas
(catch quota and fishing season for 1971)

Proposed: 4 June 1970 (Ann.Proc.Vol.20,p.28)
In force: 7 January 1971

- (xxxiii) Scheme for Joint International Enforcement of the Fishery Regulations
in the Convention Area

Proposed: 5 June 1970 (Ann.Proc.Vol.20,p.20-22)
In force: 7 January 1971 (to be operative 1 July 1971: non-
operative for USSR, Poland and Romania
in relation to inspection of gear below
deck and catch)

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