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CANADIAN PROPOSAL

CONCERNING ADDITIONAL CONSERVATION MEASURES

FOR HADDOCK IN DIVISION 4X

The now current ICNAF conservation measures for Haddock in Division 4X are:

- (a) a haddock catch quota of 18,000 metric tons,
- (b) a closed season on a designated spawning area for March and April.

An examination of the most recent data and consideration of these by the Assessments Sub-Committee in January, 1971, indicated that the current quota of 18,000 metric tons is ineffectual and should be reduced to considerably less than 12,000 metric tons.

Canada proposes that the 1971 meeting of ICNAF consider:

- (a) the reduction of the haddock quota for Division 4X in 1972 from 18,000 to 9,000 metric tons,
- (b) the extension of the closed season on the previously designated spawning area by the month of May, to include March, April and May, provided similar extended closure is adopted for haddock in Sub-area 5.

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