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CONCERNING UTILIZATION OF CATCHES OF REGULATED SPECIES

Canada is concerned over the exploitation rates and status of the stocks of many of the regulated species in the ICNAF area. Some of these are already regulated by catch quota restrictions as well as mesh size regulations. The Research and Statistics Committee and the Subcommittee on Assessments are warning that several additional stocks are in the region of maximum sustainable yield. Under these conditions of high exploitation it would seem desirable to make the greatest practical use of the catches obtained of the ICNAF regulated species and reduce the discards at sea of these species.

In view of the above, Canada proposes that the 1971 meeting of ICNAF consider measures to ensure the maximum practical utilization of regulated species caught in the ICNAF area that are over one half kilogram weight of the individual fish.

Ottawa, March 11, 1971.