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ANNUAL MEETING - JUNE 1971The United States Report on the Operation of the 10 Percent  
Annual Exemption to the Subarea 5 Mesh Regulation, 1970

During calendar year 1970, annual exemption certificates were issued to 38 U. S. trawlers, the same number as in 1969. At years end (December 31, 1970) all of the 38 certificates were active (Table 1). Trawlers of the U. S. are required by domestic regulations to change their license category when switching from large mesh trawl nets to small mesh trawl nets or vice versa. The number of trips using small mesh trawl nets under the ten percent annual exemption jumped from 1,855 in 1969 to 3,783 in 1970 (Table 2 & 3). The lack of available haddock and having to seek non-regulated fish may have been the reason for this change. The percentage of haddock and cod fish taken by these exempted vessels continues to remain at a low level. The number of excess trips (Table 4) which would have been in violation had the vessel been under a trip exemption (5,000 pounds or ten percent by weight of each) increased slightly in 1970 (Table 4) but the total overage for both cod and haddock was less than 1969.

TABLE 1

Number of 10 Percent Annual Exemption Certificates  
by Tonnage Class in Effect at End of Year

Gross Tons	Class	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
0-25	OTS	1	1	3	0	0
26-50	OTS	10	5	3	9	11
51-100	OTM	24	16	10	15	14
101-150	OTM	0	1	1	1	5
151-200	OTL	6	5	4	5	5
Over 200	OTL	6	5	4	5	5
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>42</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>38</b>

TABLE 2  
Analysis of Landings Under 10 Percent Annual Exemption  
Subarea 5 (Metric Tons, Live Weight)

	1966		1967		1968		1969		1970	
Fishing Trips	2,140		1,347		996		1,855		3,783	
	M. Tons	%								
All Species	24,076	100.0	16,264	100.0	14,167	100.0	18,143	100.0	27,102	100.0
Haddock	1,569	6.5	922	5.7	307	2.2	422	2.3	607	2.2
Cod	795	3.3	647	4.0	465	3.3	1,516	8.4	1,845	6.8
Redfish	6,137	25.5	4,408	27.0	2,104	14.9	8,213	45.3	8,386	30.9
Silver Hake	12,589	52.3	8,141	50.1	10,360	73.0	4,716	26.0	7,261	26.7
Other <sup>1/</sup>	2,986	12.4	2,146	13.2	931	6.6	3,276	18.0	9,003	33.2

1. Includes cusk, flounder, pollock, white hake, etc.

TABLE 3  
Analysis of Landings Under 10 Percent Annual Exemption  
Subareas 4 and 5 (Metric Tons, Live Weight)

	1966		1967		1968		1969		1970	
Fishing Trips	2,241		1,381		1,040		1,895		3,818	
	M. Tons	%								
All Species	30,915	100.0	19,010	100.0	17,904	100.0	21,878	100.0	30,042	100.0
Haddock	1,574	5.1	926	4.9	311	1.7	423	1.9	647	2.2
Cod	805	2.6	651	2.4	469	2.6	1,517	6.9	1,877	6.2
Redfish	12,940	41.9	7,048	37.1	5,798	32.4	11,940	54.6	11,201	37.3
Silver Hake	12,589	40.7	8,141	42.8	10,360	57.9	4,716	21.6	7,261	24.2
Other <sup>1/</sup>	3,007	9.7	2,244	11.8	966	5.4	3,282	15.0	9,056	30.1

1. Includes cusk, flounder, pollock, white hake, etc.

TABLE 4  
Number of "Excess Trips"<sup>1</sup> by Exempted Vessels

Month	No. of Excess Trips	Quantity Excess Metric Tons, Live		Total Subarea 5 Landings <sup>2/</sup> (Metric Tons, Live)	
		Cod	Haddock	Cod	Haddock
Jan.	4	3.56	2.17	1,298	560
Feb.	1	4.98	.40	1,374	532
Mar.	7	.95	15.23	1,764	649
Apr.	7	2.26	7.71	2,126	951
May	8	15.45	.00	2,502	1,400
Jun.	20	43.98	25.80	2,394	1,375
Jul.	37	108.40	48.40	2,538	1,158
Aug.	13	62.80	64.22	1,823	873
Sept.	11	23.52	15.52	1,638	842
Oct.	21	65.43	16.86	1,849	921
Nov	9	24.57	10.37	1,537	310
Dec.	9	23.52	4.93	1,087	276
TOTAL	147	379.42	211.61	21,917	9,850

1/ Vessels which land more than 5,000 pounds or 10 percent by weight of all fish on board. These vessels if they had been on a trip basis would have been in violation.

2/ Sum of monthly landings will not equal total because of rounding.

