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CANADIAN PROPOSAL
CONCERNING BANQUEREAU STOCK OF HERRING IN DIVISION 4V AND PART OF
DIVISION 4W.

The recent increase in the exploitation of the Banquereau stock gives cause for concern, particularly because of the possibility of diversion of effort to this area from areas to the south.

Although no detailed assessment of the status of this stock is possible at the present time, the rate of decline of catch in the most recent years indicates that it is being exploited at or about its long term potential.

Canada therefore proposes that the 1973 Mid-Term Meeting of the Herring Working Group should examine the latest scientific evidence with a view to recommending a level for catch limitation on this stock.

Any quota subsequently agreed to by the Commission should be subject to national allocation.

It is assumed that recommendations of the Commission with regard to the registration of the catch and to a minimum size limit would apply in this case as they do to those of other herring stocks in the Northwest Atlantic which are subject to catch restrictions.

