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(A.a.4)ICNAF Comm. Doc. 72/17ANNUAL MEETING - JUNE 1972CANADIAN PROPOSALCONCERNING CONSERVATION MEASURES BY QUOTA REGULATION FOR COD  
STOCKS IN DIVISION 4V NORTH

The stock involved migrates through Divisions 4T (summer) and 4V north (January to April). Fishing mortality rate on the bulk of this stock has declined in the 1960's, but has increased slightly in most recent years. Increased landings, particularly in 1970, were largely due to increased stock abundance.

The Assessment Subcommittee has concluded that since the stock showed no deleterious effect from higher levels of mortality rate in the 1950's, a moderate increase in fishing mortality above present levels is unlikely to prejudice future production.

However, likely regulation of other major cod stocks could result in substantial deployment of effort to the stocks in Division 4V north. Such diversion of effort to Division 4T seems unlikely since, through obsolescence of fishing vessels and replacement only at a very low level in this largely Canadian fishery, the effort has dropped by 1971 to just over one-half of the 1966 level.

Accordingly, Canada proposes that the 1972 meeting of ICNAF consider a catch quota of approximately 25,000 metric tons for the cod stocks in Division 4V north, during the months of January to April, inclusive.

It is further proposed that this quota be allocated as follows: 40% in proportion to catches by Member Countries in the most recent three years for which figures are available; 40% in proportion to catches in the preceding ten years; 10% to the coastal state; 10% to provide for non-members and new entrants.

