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Canadian proposal concerning conservation measures by quota regulation for herring stocks in Divisions 4X (including part of Division 4W), 5Y and 5Z (as presented to the Special Commission Meeting - January 1973)

Canada believes that catch limitation as a conservation measure for herring stocks in Division 4X (including part of Div. 4W), Div. 5Y and Div. 5Z, will continue to be necessary in the foreseeable future and proposes that such limitation be instituted during 1973 on the basis of scientific advice to be provided in January through STACRES.

Canada further proposes that such quotas be allocated on a national basis, taking into account the preferential interest of the adjacent coastal states, historical performance in the herring fisheries, and the interests of new entrants and non-member states.

Canada considers that the basis for national allocation in 1972 was not satisfactory, and proposes that the formula for national allocation of herring quotas in 1973 be similar to that agreed for allocation of various groundfish quotas in Subareas 2, 3 and 4 at the 1972 Annual Meeting.

Canada is in favour of continuation of the size limits adopted in 1972 but would like an opportunity to discuss their implementation, especially the provisions regarding tolerances (paragraph 2, Special Meeting on Herring, Proceedings No. 4, Appendix IV).

