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Canadian questions re US proposal on the regulation of fishing effort
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In connection with the proposal of the US Commissioners on the regulation of fishing effort in Subareas 5 and 6 (Sp.Mtg.Comm.Doc. 73/3), the Canadian delegation requests that the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics, at its meeting in January 1973, consider, and as far as possible answer, the following questions, inter alia. The Canadian section urges countries fishing in these areas to be prepared to discuss these questions and to contribute pertinent information on their fisheries.

1. What was the magnitude of fishing intensity in 1971 and 1972 relative to that corresponding to or needed to produce the maximum sustained yield of finfish?
2. What is the harvestable surplus yield for 1973 and the magnitude of fishing intensity required to produce it?
3. What is the consequence over the next 3 years, 1973 to 1975, of maintaining the fishing intensity at the 1972 level?
4. What is the consequence over the next 3 years, 1973 to 1975, of maintaining the catch at the 1971 or 1972 level?
5. What are the consequences of adjusting fishing intensities to the level corresponding to the maximum sustainable yield in one or in more steps?
6. What is the time period required to bring catches back to the maximum level under the schemes, considered in Item 5 above?
7. What are the options for selection of units of effort for management purposes, evaluated in terms of efficiency, in achieving regulation of fishing intensity?
8. What is the fishing intensity required to catch the quotas of fish established for 1973?
9. Within the probable range of scientific estimates concerning the status of resources, how will variations in these estimates change the impact on the resources, of regulatory decisions?

