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Canadian proposal regarding catch quotas for the calendar year 1974

Canada proposes that the Commission at its June 1973 Meeting examine the catch quotas recommended at its 1972 Meeting for the year 1973, and now in force, and recommend their continuance for the year 1974, adjusted, where appropriate, on the basis of assessments by STACRES.

Canada further proposes that the Commission consider the establishment of catch quotas for 1974 on the following additional stocks, and that STACRES be requested to analyze the relevant data available and recommend the size of the allowable catch for each stock:

Silver hake	in Subarea 4 - Divisions V, W and X
Witch flounder	in Subarea 3 - Division K
Witch flounder	in Subarea 3 - Division O
Combined catch of yellowtail flounder, witch flounder and American plaice	in Subarea 4 - Divisions V, W and X
Redfish	in Subarea 3 - Divisions N and L
Redfish	in Subarea 3 - Division O
Redfish	in Subarea 3 - Division P
Redfish	in Subarea 4 - Divisions V, W and X
Cod	in Subarea 3 - Division M

Canada further proposes national allocation of all of the above quotas (old and new) on the following basis: From the total allowable catch of each stock as recommended by STACRES and agreed by the Commission, first deduct the estimated catch by the coastal state (whether in the Convention Area or outside it); divide the remainder mainly on an historical basis with an allowance for new entrants, non-members and special needs - perhaps 45% on the basis of the member countries' catches in the last three years for which records are available, 45% on the last 10 years and 10% for new entrants, non-members and special needs. Canada will distribute in advance of the meeting a paper giving information on the effects of this method of allocation in comparison with the 40:40:10:10 formula.

