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Effects of Canadian proposal for national allocation of 1974
quotas in comparison with the 40:40:10:10 formula for the
major groundfish stocks under quota regulation in 1973

In ICNAF Comm. Doc. 73/13, Canada proposes national allocation of all quotas (old and new) in 1974 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".

The attached table compares the 1974 Canadian estimated catches (inside and outside the Convention Area) with the 1973 Canadian share under the 40:40:10:10 formula for the major groundfish stocks under quota regulations in 1973. Assuming that the 1974 quotas are similar to those agreed to for 1973, it can be seen that for the cod stocks this method of allocation would allow other member countries besides Canada about 51,000 tons more to be allocated in the 2J-3L stock and 25,000 less in the other cod stocks combined for an overall total of 26,000 tons more to be allocated to other member countries for all the cod stocks. For the American plaice stock it would allow 8400 tons less and for the yellowtail stock 4500 tons less to be allocated to other member countries but overall for the cod, American plaice and yellowtail stocks it would allow about 13,000 tons more to be allocated to other member countries.

