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The deplorable state of Faroese catch statistics, until now, has had the effect that it has been impossible to break down the Faroese catches to the managerial area.

The limited size of Faroese catches does not introduce any serious errors to the assessments and to the TAC's recommended, but it can have grave effects on the allocation of Faroese catch-quotas based on the catches for 10- and 3-year periods.

In Comm.Doc. 73/13 Canada proposes quota regulations for the cod stock in 3M (Flemish Cap). This is traditionally a significant area for the Faroese long liners.

Based on logbook records for 1972 for a part of the fleet and on other information from the fishing fleet an estimate has been produced for the period 1961-1972 for Faroese catches in Division 3M, to facilitate the allocation of national quotas. This estimate should be considered the best estimate available (Table 1).

TABLE 1 Faroese catches of cod in Division 3M 1961-1972, based on logbooks and additional information.

<u>year</u>	<u>tons</u>
1961	1,673
1962	1,780
1963	4,444
1964	7,056
1965	4,654
1966	4,695
1967	4,838
1968	5,765
1969	8,354
1970	6,925
1971	7,280
1972	6,902

