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Danish proposal for conservation measures by quota regulations  
on roundnose grenadier within Subarea 1

At the forthcoming Annual Meeting of the Commission, Denmark intends to propose that the fishery on roundnose grenadier within Subarea 1 be regulated.

The measures on roundnose grenadier within Subareas 2 and 3, agreed upon at the Commission's Meeting in January 1974, had the nature of a preventive quota to impede an explosive development of the fishery of resources of which the knowledge is limited. The Danish proposal to stipulate a quota arrangement for roundnose grenadier within Subarea 1 as from 1975 should be considered on the same background.

The proposal is motivated by the possibility that part of the effort may be diverted to Subarea 1 in consequence of the quota effective within Subareas 2 and 3.

As the roundnose grenadier is a deep-water fish, it is furthermore possible that the stocks in Subareas 1 and 2 form a joint population. It may, therefore, be inexpedient to adjust the fishery in only part of the population's area of distribution.