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Canadian proposal regarding capelin in Subareas 2 and 3 of the Convention Area

Canada fully endorses the request made by STACRES at the 1973 Annual Meeting of the Commission that countries concerned with the development of the capelin fishery in Subareas 2 and 3 of the Convention Area provide data that will permit analyses of the effects of the fishery upon the resource. Canada also endorses the STACRES conclusion that future increases in the TAC for capelin in these Subareas should be related to the rate at which new information allowed the full potential of the resource to be assessed. Canada, therefore, urges that all countries participating in this fishery make every effort to provide for the fullest possible exchange of information on the status of the capelin stocks and on their role in the trophic ecology of the area and that STACRES review such information at the 1974 Annual Meeting of the Commission to determine whether or not an increase in the TAC can be considered for the 1975 season.