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Canadian proposal for regulation of the fishery for herring in Division 4V and the northern part of Division 4W of Subarea 4 of the Convention Area

The fishery for herring in the Banquereau region takes place mainly from mid-November to the end of March. For this reason, regulation of this fishery can be accomplished best by establishing quotas on a seasonal rather than a calendar year basis.

Canada, therefore, proposes that the 1974 Annual Meeting of the Commission consider developing procedures which will allow setting the total allowable catch (TAC) and national allocations for the Banquereau herring stock for the period from 1 July of one year to 30 June of the following year.

In making this proposal, Canada realizes that a total allowable catch (TAC) for the Banquereau herring stock has already been agreed to for the calendar year 1974. Canada, therefore, proposes that at the 1974 Annual Meeting, the Commission establish a TAC (with national allocations) for this herring stock for the period from 1 January 1975 to 30 June 1975, and further proposes that, at its 1975 Annual Meeting the Commission establish a TAC (with national allocations) for the same stock for the period from 1 July 1975 to 30 June 1976.

As has been done in the past (Proceedings No. 16, Appendix II, paragraph 1, p. 208, Annual Meeting - June 1973), special measures will have to be taken to assure early entry into force of the quota agreement for the 1975-76 season.