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Canadian proposal for assessment of the Greenland halibut stocks in Subarea 2 and Divisions 3K and 3L of Subarea 3 of the Convention Area

It has been recorded that substantial catches of Greenland halibut (almost 10,000 metric tons in 1972) are taken in the area east of Baffin Island and west and north of the Convention Area boundary. Scientific evidence indicates that there is a single stock of Greenland halibut which is distributed throughout Subarea 2 and Divisions 3K and 3L of Subarea 3 of the Convention Area.

Canada, therefore, proposes that the biological relationship between Greenland halibut in Subarea 2 and Divisions 3K and 3L of Subarea 3 and the area east of Baffin Island be examined in order to provide a basis for adequate regulation of the fisheries for Greenland halibut throughout its entire range.