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Canadian proposal for quota regulation of the fishery for haddock in
Division 4X of Subarea 4 of the Convention Area

Scientific evidence indicates that sufficient rebuilding of the haddock stock in Division 4X of Subarea 4 of the Convention Area has taken place to permit a modest quota to be established for this fishery during 1975.

Canada, therefore, proposes that the 1974 Annual Meeting of the Commission consider establishing a total allowable catch (with National Allocations) for the Haddock Stock in Division 4X. Since many Canadian fishermen use relatively small vessels which are incapable of operating beyond the boundaries of Division 4X and consequently are heavily dependent on this stock for their livelihood, Canada will request almost all the total allowable catch be allocated to Canada.

In making this proposal Canada realizes that the regulation which closes haddock spawning areas in Division 4X has contributed substantially towards the rebuilding of the haddock stock and will, therefore, expect it to remain in force during 1975. Furthermore, Canada proposes that this closed area be returned to the original size which was established during the 1969 Annual Meeting of the Commission.

