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Spanish proposal regarding possible quota regulation of the fishery for *Illex* (squid) and time to begin with the fishery for *Loligo* (squid)

The Standing Committee on Research and Statistics in its report to the Commission approved at the Twenty-Fourth Annual Meeting held in Halifax, 4-14 June 1974, said on page 46, item 5.2.11 (Redbook 1974, page 102, item p) the following:

"p) Squids in Subarea 5 and Statistical Area 6

There are two types of squid of commercial importance in the ICNAF Area, *Loligo* and *Illex*. *Loligo* has the more southerly distribution of the two, but both occur in SA 5 at different times of the year. The directed fishery for squid has so far been aimed at *Loligo* and the advice on which the 1974 TAC was based (i.e., 50,000-80,000 tons) related to that species alone. The two types should therefore be distinguished in the statistics, especially since a directed fishery for *Illex* is now being developed in addition to existing incidental catches of *Illex*. Although the separation is not yet available in the statistics, some idea of the quantities involved has been obtained based on differences in the seasonality of the two species and the reported identity of incidental catches. These are given in Table 9.

It may become necessary to establish a TAC for *Illex* at some future date, but at present there are no data to indicate what the potential catch might be. New information is becoming available for *Loligo* which will provide a new assessment in 1975, but at the moment there is no new information on which to revise the 71,000-ton TAC for squid (*Loligo*)."

For this reason, the Spanish delegation, interested in the *Illex* fishery and taking into account the large potential of this species that should not be wasted and considering that this fishery takes place at a different time from the other, *Loligo* (from April to 1 September, and from October to 31 March), and also considering that this fishery produces an insignificant by-catch, considers that the catches of *Illex* must be permitted unrestrained or, based on the Spanish Research Report and statistical information, that a TAC for 1975 be established and allocated among the countries concerned.

On the other hand, we believe that the *Loligo* fishery, the principal one, must start at the beginning of the season, that is to say, early October instead of January.