

International Commission for



the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries

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ICNAF Comm.Doc. 76/I/8EIGHTH SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING - JANUARY 1976Statement by the Commissioner for the People's Republic of Bulgaria
regarding the allocation of some quotas in the Convention Area

At the 25 th Annual Meeting of the Commission (June, 1975) there existed considerable difficulties in allocating some of the quotas in the Convention Area. As a new member of Panels 3 & 4 the Bulgarian delegation took into consideration these difficulties and our intentions for partial utilization of some of the stocks were enlisted in the "Others" category. At the same Meeting the Commission allocated "in package" certain quantities to countries without specific quotas and met their needs.

Only a few months later (during the Seventh Special Meeting, September 1975) these quantities were revised and some of the quotas for "Others" were drastically reduced (cod-2J + 3KL, 3M, redfish-3LN, 3M, silver hake, 4 VWX, 5Zw + 6, argentine-4 VWX, Flounders- 4 VWX, mackerel-3 + 4 etc.). This decision greatly affects our fisheries and puts our country in an unequal position in the system of the Commission. Besides that, in the draft allocation of the fishing days for groundfish in subareas 2, 3 & 4 (the table attached to Proposal 1, adopted by the Commission in a Plenary Session on September 1975) Bulgaria is left without any possibility for fishing in that part of the Convention Area. No other member-country is faced so unfavourably to the future than Bulgaria.

In compliance with the text of the Convention, it was possible to notify the Depositary Government of our disagreement concerning the above mentioned points. But we considered that any objection on our side would hinder the execution of the decisions, adopted at the Seventh Special Meeting of the Commission, which came as the result of great efforts. In return

for that we thought it necessary to expose our attitude at the forthcoming Meeting.

Analysing the present situation we came to the conclusion that while solving the most significant problems, the first among which is the regulation of the fishing effort in sub-areas 2,3 & 4, the Seventh Special Meeting of the Commission has not taken into consideration the following:

a) the change in membership from Panel 2 to Panel 4 requested for the purpose of better organization and improvement of the control of Bulgarian trawlers fishing in Subareas 3,4 & 5 by our authorities.

b) our needs, exposed at the 25 th Annual Meeting of the Commission, for partial utilization of some stocks in sub-areas 3 & 4 which the Commission summarized in the "Others" category.

Taking into account the present difficulties and the allocation of the basic stocks in subareas 3 & 4 already finished,

Having in mind the want of specific quotas for Bulgaria in the same areas, and

Expressing our general consent to the measures of the Commission for International Regulation of the Fishing Effort for Groundfish in subareas 2,3 & 4,

We ask the Commission to adopt, by way of exception the following resolution:

1. Bulgaria to be allowed to take in 1976 the following quantities of the enumerated stocks:

Cod 2J + 3K	1000 t
Cod 3NO	1000 t
Redfish 2 + 3K	1000 t
Redfish 3NO	800 t
Silver hake 4 WX	5000 t
Argentine 4 WX	5000 t
Flounders 4 WX	400 t
Mackerel 3 + 4	500 t

2. In correspondence with these quantities the following number of fishing days to be allocated to Bulgaria:

SA 2 + 3K	80
3 LNO	80
4 VWX	220

We hope that at the 26 th Annual Meeting of the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries there will be done such an allocation of the fishing effort and of the species' quotas for 1977 that Bulgaria will be equally participating.

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CORRIGENDUM

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Please correct Section 1, page 3 to read as follows:

- "1. Bulgaria to be allowed to take in 1976 the following quantities of the enumerated stocks:

Cod - 2J + 3K	1,000 tons
Cod - 3NO	1,000 "
Redfish - 2 + 3K	1,000 "
Redfish - 3NO	800 "
Silver hake - 4VWX	5,000 "
Argentine - 4VWX	400 "
Flounders - 4VWX	200 "
Mackerel - 3 + 4	500 tons."

