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Joint Proposal by Canada and the United States of America

The Commissioners of the United States of America and Canada request the Commission to consider and adopt the following proposal:

That the size limit regulations for mackerel adopted by the Commission at the Annual Meeting, June 1975, (Proceedings No. 16, Appendix I, page 237) be amended to read as follows:

Proposal for International Size Limit Regulation of the Fishery for Mackerel in Subareas 3, 4 and 5 of the Convention Area and in Adjacent Waters to the West and South Within Statistical Area 6

1. That the Contracting Governments take appropriate action to prohibit the taking or possession of mackerel, *Scomber scombrus* L., less than 10 inches (25 cm), measured from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail fin, by persons under their jurisdiction, except as provided below, in Subareas 3, 4 and 5 and in Statistical Area 6.
2. That the Contracting Governments may permit persons under their jurisdiction to take mackerel less than 10 inches (25 cm) measured as specified in paragraph 1 above so long as such persons do not have in possession on board a vessel engaged in fishing for sea fish or in the treatment of sea fish mackerel under this size limit in an amount exceeding 10% by weight or 25% by count of all mackerel on board the vessel caught in the areas specified in paragraph 1 above which can be identified as to size of the time of the inspection.
below.
3. Should it be observed during an inspection under the Scheme of Joint International Enforcement that a vessel is taking mackerel less than 10 inches (25 cm) in excessive amounts during the first 48 hours of fishing since entering the fishery within the areas specified in paragraph 1 above, the inspector shall note this fact on the inspection report and bring it to the attention of the Master. Such observation in itself shall not be considered an infringement.