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Danish memorandum concerning conservation measures for shrimp

During 1975 a heavy increase in the shrimp fishery by foreign vessels was observed in the ICNAF Subarea 1, outside the Greenland 12-nautical mile fishery limit.

By verbal notes in December 1975 the Danish Government informed all Contracting Governments of its concern and requested them not to start any fishing of shrimp in Greenland waters, or to decrease their activities to the level of fishing before 1975.

Conservation measures are urgently needed. The Danish Government, therefore, proposes that the Commission through Panel 1 act upon the question of conservation measures for the stocks of shrimp in the ICNAF Subarea 1, at its Annual Meeting, 1976.

The Danish Government finds it appropriate to raise the question of conservation measures for shrimp in the Commission as it considers fishing for shrimp (*Pandalus borealis*) to be within the scope of the Convention - a view which is shared by several other Contracting Governments.

If, contrary to the Danish view, some Contracting Governments are of the opinion that such a proposal cannot be dealt with within the scope of the Convention, the Danish Government requests that the proposal be considered as a proposal for an amendment to the Convention so as to apply also to shrimp, at least in Subarea 1. The proposal is consequently hereby submitted with a notice of more than the prescribed ninety days.

Denmark intends to present some background statistical and biological material for the forthcoming meeting of the Assessments Subcommittee and invites those countries which have carried out shrimp fishing in Subarea 1 to present their data at the same meeting and also invites the Assessments Subcommittee's view on the situation of the stocks in question.