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Canadian proposal on national allocations of TACs for 1977

Reductions in TACs for 1976 will result in difficulties for fishermen of all nations off the Canadian coast. Although Canadian allocations were not reduced to the same proportional extent as those of most other nations, 1976 quota regulations will require that many Canadian fisheries be closed before normal fishing seasons end. This will work special hardships on Canada's fleet and on the coastal communities dependent on it. Canadian vessels have no other grounds to move to and their crews, living in communities with the highest unemployment rates in Canada, have no alternative employment. The Canadian Government places the highest priority on maintaining the well-being of its coastal communities whose continued existence depends on the living resources of the sea adjacent to Canada's shores, and therefore requests the support of Member Nations for the following Canadian proposal regarding the method of national allocation of quotas in Subareas 2, 3 and 4 in 1977:

From the total allowable catch of each stock recommended by the Commission, first deduct the estimated coastal state catch and allocate the remainder mainly on an historical basis in accordance with past ICNAF practices. In some cases the estimated coastal state catch will comprise the entire TAC other than allowances for unavoidable by-catches.

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