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Canadian proposal for international regulation respecting
the fishery of sea scallops in Division 5Z of
Subarea 5 of the Convention Area

That Proposal (23) from the June 1972 Annual Meeting for international regulation respecting the fishery for sea scallops in Division 5Z of Subarea 5 (June 1972 Meeting Proceedings No. 7, Appendix IV, page 51) and entered into force on 29 March 1973 (except Canada and USA) be replaced by the following:

"That the Contracting Governments take appropriate action in Division 5Z of Subarea 5 to prohibit the retention and landing of sea scallops, *Placopecten magellanicus* (Gmelin), by persons under their jurisdiction,

- (a) of a shell size of less than 95 mm, measured from the hinge to the opposite margin, provided, however, that 10% of the quantity of sea scallops retained on board a vessel at sea or at the time of off-loading may be below this limit; and
- (b) the meats of which provide an average count of more than 40 units per pound, provided, however, that such average count of sea scallops in possession on board a vessel at sea or at the time of off-loading may exceed this limit by up to 10%."

(over)

Canadian proposal for a resolution relating to the implementation of the proposal for international regulation respecting the fishery of sea scallops in Division 5Z of Subarea 5 of the Convention Area, adopted by the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic in Plenary Session on June 1976

The Commission

Recognizing that a proposal designed to achieve the conservation and optimum utilization of stocks of sea scallops in Division 5Z of Subarea 5 of the Convention Area through the international regulation respecting the fishery of sea scallops has been adopted at the June 1976 Annual Commission Meeting;

Taking into Account that under Article VIII of the Convention, as amended, this proposal would not enter into force until six months after the date on the notification from the Depositary Government transmitting the proposals to the Contracting Governments, which could not occur before January 1977 at the earliest;

Having Considered that the purpose of the Convention is to promote the conservation and optimum utilization of fish stocks on the basis of scientific investigation, and economic and technical considerations, and that this purpose would be better served if implementation of the proposal referred to above is effected as early as possible, but in any event no later than 1 September 1976;

Recognizing that, in order to achieve the purposes and objectives of the Convention, fishing activity in the area must be conducted in accordance with this proposal as early as possible in 1976;

1. Invites the attention of Governments to the above matters;
2. Stipulates that the proposal referred to above should apply as early as possible in 1976, but in any event no later than 1 September 1976;
3. Requests Governments whose vessels conduct fishing operations in the area to implement the proposal no later than 1 September 1976;
4. Expects that all Members of the Commission will conduct their fishing operations in accordance with the proposal no later than 1 September 1976 unless any of the Members of Panel 5 to which the proposal refers notifies an objection to the Depositary Government prior to that date.