

International Commission for



the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries

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NINTH SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING - DECEMBER 1976

US proposal for international quota regulation of the fishery for mackerel  
in Division 5Z of Subarea 5 of the Convention Area  
and adjacent waters to the west and south within Statistical Area 6

1. That the Contracting Governments take appropriate action to regulate the catch of mackerel, Scomber scombrus L., by persons under their jurisdiction fishing in Division 5Z of Subarea 5 of the Convention Area and in adjacent waters to the west and south within Statistical Area 6 so that the aggregate catch of mackerel by persons taking such mackerel shall not exceed 75,000 metric tons in 1977.
2. That competent authorities of each Contracting Government listed below shall limit, in 1977, the catch of mackerel from Division 5Z of Subarea 5 and adjacent waters to the west and south within Statistical Area 6, taken by persons under their jurisdiction, to the following amounts:

Bulgaria	4,000	tons
Canada	5,000	"
Cuba	2,000	"
Federal Republic of Germany	1,100	"
German Democratic Republic	12,400	"
Italy	300	"
Poland	20,200	"
Romania	1,100	"
USSR	22,800	"
USA	6,000	"
Others	100	"

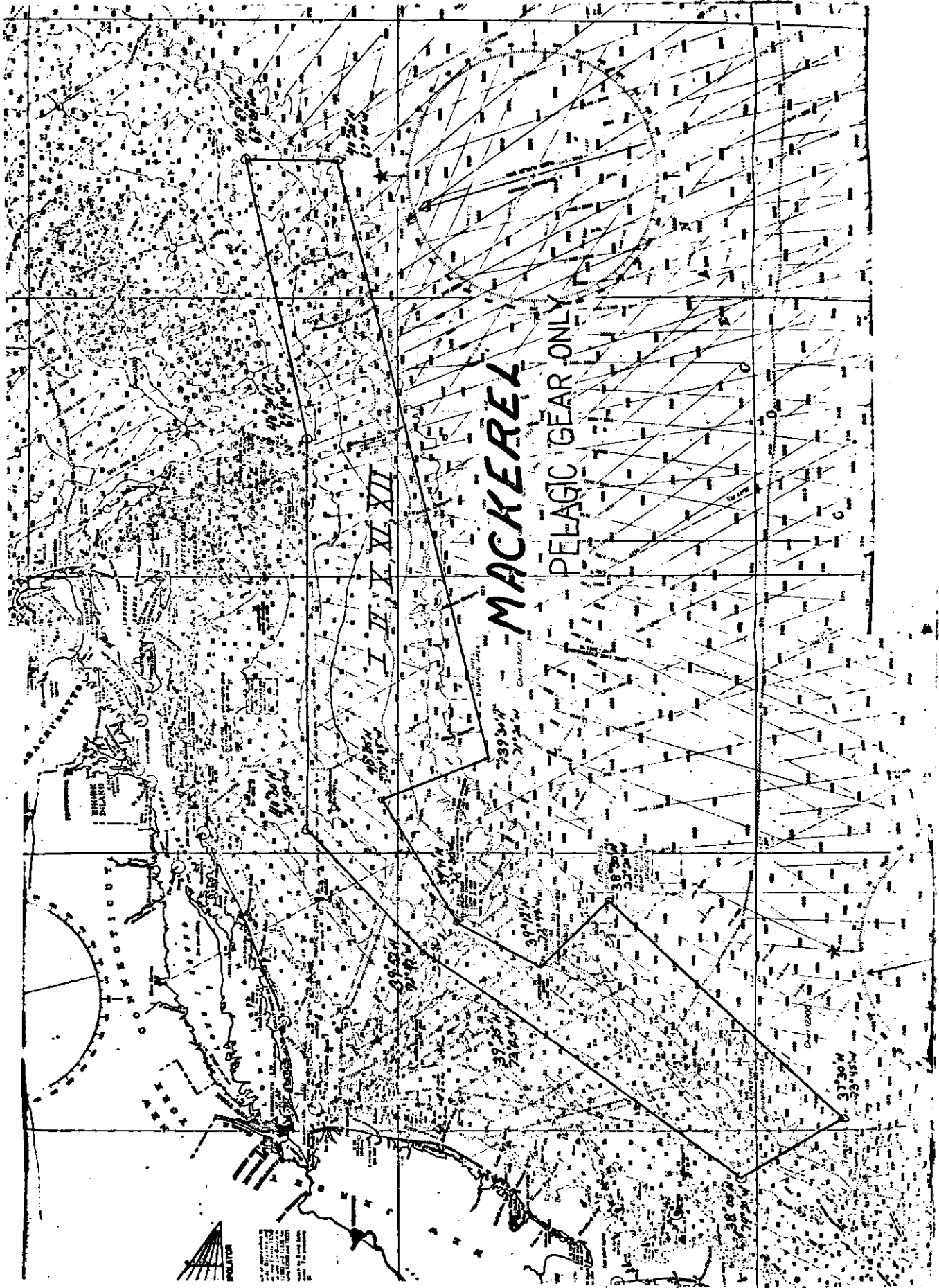
3. That the mackerel fisheries in Division 5Z of Subarea 5 of the Convention Area and in adjacent waters to the west and south within Statistical Area 6 be restricted to the periods and area bounded by straight lines joining the coordinates specified below:

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<u>Area</u>	<u>Season</u>
38°05'N, 74°20'W	January and February; October,
37°30'N, 73°45'W	November and December
38°50'N, 72°20'W	
39°12'N, 72°49'W	
39°40'N, 72°30'W	
40°05'N, 71°38'W	
39°30'N, 71°20'W	
40°20'N, 67°00'W	
40°50'N, 67°00'W	
40°30'N, 69°00'W	
40°30'N, 71°50'W	
39°52'N, 72°42'W	
39°25'N, 73°05'W	
38°05'N, 74°20'W	

4. That the Contracting Governments prohibit the taking of mackerel with fishing gear other than pelagic gear (purse seines or true midwater trawls, using midwater trawl doors incapable of being fished on the bottom), and prohibit the attachment of any protective device to pelagic fishing gear or employing any means which would, in effect, make it possible to fish for demersal species in the area described in paragraph 3 above.
5. That to minimize the risk of exceeding the amounts listed in paragraph 2 above, and in order to avoid impairment of fisheries conducted for other species which take mackerel incidentally, the Contracting Governments shall limit persons under their jurisdiction fishing for other species to having in their possession on board (either at sea or at the time of off-loading) mackerel caught in Division 52 of Subarea 5 and in adjacent waters to the west and south within Statistical Area 6 in amounts not exceeding 5% by weight of all fish on board. Should it be observed during an inspection that during the first seventy-two hours of fishing after entering the fishery a vessel is taking mackerel in amounts greater than that permitted, the inspector shall note this fact on the report of inspection and bring it to the attention of the master. Such observation in itself shall not be considered an infringement.
6. That the provisions of paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 above shall not apply to vessels of the coastal states.

NOTE: Attached is a chart showing the areas affected by the proposal.





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CORRIGENDUM 1

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The following paragraph replaces paragraph 6 on page 2:

5. That, to minimize the incidental catch in the fisheries for mackerel, Contracting Governments shall permit persons under their jurisdiction to have on board a vessel fishing for mackerel (either at sea or at the time of off-loading) species, other than those for which specific national allocations have been approved by the Commission, caught in Division 5Z of Subarea 5 of the Convention Area or in the area adjacent to the west and south in Statistical Area 6 to which paragraph 1 applies, in an aggregate amount not exceeding 5% by weight of all other fish on board.

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