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Acquisition and Publication of Fishery Statistics

a) Fishery statistics 1986

After the very late receipt of STATLANT 21B data from Canada-N (6 Sep 1989), and data for Faroe Islands were adapted from 21A reports, NAFO Statistical Bulletin Vol. 36 was published in October 1989 (within 1 month after all data were received). The deadline for submission of data was 30 June 1987 and the Bulletin should have been issued by the end of 1987. This represents a delay of about 2 years.

b) Fishery statistics 1987 (Table 1)

After the late receipt of data from some countries (February/March 1990), NAFO Statistical Bulletin Vol. 37 was published in April 1990 just 1 month after all data became available. Since the deadline for submission of data was 30 June 1988, this issue was also significantly delayed.

c) Fishery statistics 1988 (Table 1)

Deadline for submission of STATLANT 21B reports for 1988 was 30 June 1989. As of June 1990, data were still outstanding from 8 countries. The delay in the acquisition of final data will again have impact on the timely publication of NAFO Statistical Bulletin Vol. 38.

d) Fishery statistics 1989 (Table 1)

The deadline for the submission of provisional statistics in the STATLANT 21A reports for 1989 was 15 April 1990. This is in order to provide sufficient time for the Secretariat to tabulate the data for the June Meeting of the Scientific Council. Timely submission of these provisional data are necessary for stock assessments carried out by the Scientific Council at the June Meeting. As of June 1990, data are outstanding from 17 countries (N.B. status report of last year at this time had 11 outstanding and some data were not available until November 1989, well after even the September 1989 Annual Meeting).

e) <u>Historical catches for 1978-88</u>

The Secretariat continued the practice of preparation of a summary document (SCS Doc. 90/01, Serial No. N1703). The document contains an 11-year time series from 1978-88 with mainly updates for 1978-87 and provisional data for 1988. More than 70 stocks are currently included in this list (others may be added upon request).

Table 1. Dates of receipt of STATIANT 21A and 21B reports for 1987-89. (* = EEC member states; ** = represented by Contracting Party Denmark; X = no report to date).

		21A (deadline, 15 April)	STATLANT 21B (deadline, 3	0 June)
Country	1987	1988 1989	1987 1988	1989
Bulgaria	х	х х	x x	
Canada-M	02 Jun 88	14 Apr 89 26 Mar 90	06 Jan 89 04 Apr 90	х
- N	25 Apr 88	21 Apr 89 12 Apr 90	15 Mar 90 X	x
-Q	19 Apr 88	12 Apr 89 X	27 Jun 88 22 Jun 89	х
Cuba	26 May 88	12 Jun 89 15 May 90	26 May 88 12 Jun 89	х
*Denmark (excluding	19 Apr 88	21 Jul 89 18 Apr 90	14 Nov 89 21 Jul 89	x
Faroe Islands	_	·		
and Greenland)				
*France-M	1 4 Tu- 00	14 Nov 89 X	13 Feb 90 14 Nov 89	х
-SP	14 Jun 88	14 Nov 89 X	06 Feb 90 14 Nov 89	x
*FRG	08 Jun 88	04 Jul 89 X	29 Jul 88 04 Jul 89	X
*Italy	10 Jun 88	X X	From 21A X	x
*Netherlands	x	X 16 Mar 90	x x 1	6 Mar 90
*Portugal	11 May 88	25 May 89 26 Apr 90	08 Jul 88 25 May 89	X
*Spain	08 Jun 88	06 Jul 89 X	08 Jun 88 21 May 90	x
*UK	09 May 88	02 May 89 X	09 May 88 02 May 89	X
**Faroe Islands	17 Jun 89	x x	x x	X
GDR	19 Apr 88	28 Mar 89 30 Apr 90	28 Jun 88 13 Jun 89 2	5 May 90
**Greenland	15 Jun 88	09 May 89 X	13 Jun 89 X	x
Iceland	x	x x	X X	х
Japan	09 Jun 88	24 May 89 14 May 90	08 Jul 88 24 May 89	х
Norway	06 Apr 88	17 Apr 89 X	06 Apr 88 17 Apr 89	X
Poland	14 Apr 88	28 Apr 89 24 Apr 90	•	1 May 90
Romania	×	X X	X X	X
USSR	17 May 88	03 May 89 X	08 Jun 88 24 Jul 89	X
Ireland	No fishing	No fishing X	No fishing No fishing	x
Korea, S.	X	31 Aug 89 X	08 Sep 88 31 Aug 89	х
USA	13 Jun 88	07 Jun 89 X	18 Oct 89 X	X
Total Reports	24	25 26	25 25	26
21A by 31 May	20	11 9		
21B by 31 Aug			14 13	

Biological Sampling

Inventory of sampling data 1985-88

SCS Doc. 90/09 presented at the June 1990 Meeting of the Scientific Council contains a provisional list of sampling data for 1988. Data for 1985-87 were presented in SCS Doc. 87/11, 88/02 and 89/10. Scientific Council representatives are urged to have these data checked by appropriate sources and have all outstanding data or modifications reported to the Secretariat for preparation for the next publication.

List of Fishing Vessels, 1989

Data for the List of Fishing Vessels are outstanding from 12 countries (Can-M, Can-N, Cuba, Denmark-M, Greenland, France-M, Iceland, Italy, Norway, Poland, Portugal and Spain). Since this list is due to be published this year, Scientific Council representatives are urged to check with the appropriate sources and have all outstanding data forwarded to the Secretariat as soon as possible (see Circular Letter 90/06).