



SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL MEETING - JUNE 1998

Notes on Acquisition and Publications of Statistics Since June 1997

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1. STATLANT Data

In accordance with Rule 4.4 of the Rules of Procedure of the Scientific Council, the deadline dates for submission of STATLANT 21A data and 21B data for the preceding year are 15 May and 30 June, respectively.

The STATLANT 21B data constitute the final catch and effort data for the compilation of the annual publication of *NAFO Statistical Bulletin*.

The STATLANT 21A data are the provisional catch statistics, which are used extensively during the Scientific Council Meetings of June each year for stock assessments and other scientific evaluations, and are used for the compilation of meeting documents such as "Nominal Catches in the Northwest Atlantic" and "General Fishery Trends for the Northwest Atlantic".

The timely submission of STATLANT data by Contracting Parties and non-Contracting Parties fishing in the NAFO Convention Area are key to the work of the Scientific Council.

The following table provides the status of report submissions:

Dates of receipt of STATLANT 21A and 21B reports for 1995-97 received by the Secretariat up to 1 June 1998.

Country	STATLANT 21A (deadline, 15 May)			STATLANT 21B (deadline, 30 June)		
	1995	1996	1997	1995	1996	1997
BGR	X	X		X	X	
CAN-M	04 Jul 96	20 May 97		26 Feb 96	04 Mar 98	
CAN-N	31 May 96	16 May 97		21 Apr 97		
CAN-Q	14 May 96	20 Jun 97	12 May 98	02 Jul 97	26 Aug 97	
CUB	30 May 97	30 May 97	27 May 98	30 May 97	30 May 97	
EST	16 Sep 97	17 Sep 97		16 Sep 97	17 Sep 97	27 May 98
E/DNK	15 Aug 96	X		15 Aug 96		
E/FRA-M	X	X		X	X	
E/DEU	No fishing	04 Jun 97	23 Mar 98	No fishing	24 Jun 97	18 Mar 98
E/NLD	No fishing	No fishing		No fishing	No fishing	
E/PRT	12 May 96	14 May 97	24 Apr 98	04 Sep 96	04 Sep 97	
E/ESP	05 Sep 96	04 Jun 97		11 Sep 96		
E/GBR	No fishing	16 Jul 97		No fishing		
FRO	24 Oct 97	24 Oct 97		X		
GRL	20 Aug 96	06 Jun 97	28 May 98	09 Oct 96		
ISL	27 May 96	16 May 97		X	12 Jun 97	
JPN	02 Apr 96	14 Apr 97	14 Apr 98	02 Apr 96	24 Apr 97	14 Apr 98
KOR	No fishing	X		No fishing		
LVA	21 May 96	17 Apr 97	22 Apr 98	21 May 96	17 Apr 97	
LTU	17 Feb 98	17 Feb 98	17 Feb 98	17 Feb 98	17 Feb 98	
NOR	31 May 96	22 May 97		27 Jun 96		
POL	No fishing	X		No fishing		
ROM	X	X		X		
RUS	23 May 96	22 Jul 97	02 Apr 98	14 Jul 96		
USA	X	X		X		
FRA-SP	18 Jul 96	06 Mar 97		12 Sep 96	06 Mar 97	
HND*	X	X		X		
VEN*	X	X		X		

\* Non-Contracting Party.

a) Publication of NAFO Statistical Bulletin, Vol. 43

NAFO Statistical Bulletin, Vol. 43, was published with a publication date of December 1997.

Publication of NAFO Statistical Bulletin, Vol. 44

Table 1 shows data outstanding from the USA, and the publication of *NAFO Statistical Bulletin*, Vol. 44 is seriously delayed. **Note:** also Provisional data for 1994 from many countries/components were only received well after the deadline date, and were not available for the June 1995 Meeting. These preliminary data were only issued in an SC Working Paper for that meeting.

Publication of NAFO Statistical Bulletin, Vol. 45

Table 1 shows data outstanding from Faroe Islands and USA, and the publication of *NAFO Statistical Bulletin*, Vol. 45, is delayed. Provisional data for 1995 from many countries/components were only received well after the deadline date, and were not available for the June 1996 Meeting. These preliminary data were only issued in an SC Working Paper for that meeting.

Table 1. List of countries/components that have not submitted STATLANT 21A and 21B data through 1994-96. (N.B. Bulgaria and Romania have not reported in recent years.)

STATLANT 21A			STATLANT 21B		
1994	1995	1996	1994	1995	1996
USA	Faroe Islands USA	Denmark Great Britain Faroe Islands	USA	Faroe Island USA	Canada-N Denmark Faroe Islands Greenland Korea Norway Poland Spain Great Britain USA

b) Provisional data

- i) Provisional data for 1996 are still outstanding from most countries and components (Table 1), and the compilation of the SCS Document in time for the June 1998 Meeting of the Scientific Council may not be possible.

**Note:** There are, however, other provisional data that are reported to the NAFO Secretariat under the Fisheries Commission direction, for the NAFO Regulatory Area. These consist of monthly catch reports submitted by Contracting Parties. The following text was taken from the NAFO Annual Report of 1996.

c) Historical Catches for 1984-95

Because of the lack of data for 1994 and 1995, it was not possible to compile this document again this year.

2. Biological Sampling

The Secretariat continued the practice of preparing the List of Biological Sampling Data. The Summary Document (SCS Doc. 98/9, Serial No. N3004) contains a provisional list of sampling data for 1996 and 1997 available at the Secretariat as of 1 June 1998. Data for 1995 were presented in SCS Doc. 97/6 containing data available at the time of the June 1997 Meeting.