



SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL MEETING - JUNE 1999

Notes on Acquisition and Publications of Statistics Since June 1998

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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 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.

The following Table 1 provides the status of data submissions:

Table 1. Dates of receipt of STATLANT 21A and 21B reports for 1996-98 received by the Secretariat up to June 1999.

Country	STATLANT 21A (deadline, 15 May)			STATLANT 21B (deadline, 30 June)		
	1996	1997	1998	1996	1997	1998
BGR	-	-	-	-	-	-
CAN-M	20 May 97	22 Jun 98	10 May 99	04 Mar 98	12 Jan 99	-
CAN-N	16 May 97	02 Jun 98	-	15 Feb 99	-	-
CAN-Q	20 Jun 97	15 May 98	10 May 99	26 Aug 97	02 Sep 98	-
CUB	30 May 97	-	-	30 May 97	-	-
EST	17 Sep 97	27 May 98	17 May 99	17 Sep 97	27 May 98	-
E/DNK	02 Feb 99	02 Feb 99	07 Jun 99	23 Mar 99	23 Mar 99	-
E/FRA-M	No fishing	No fishing	No fishing	No fishing	No fishing	No fishing
E/DEU	04 Jun 97	23 Mar 98	23 Apr 99	24 Jun 97	23 Mar 98	27 Apr 99
E/NLD	No fishing	No fishing	No fishing	No fishing	No fishing	No fishing
E/PRT	14 May 97	24 Apr 98	26 Apr 99	04 Sep 97	14 Sep 98	-
E/ESP	07 Jun 97	14 Sep 98	01 Jun 99	23 Jun 98	14 Sep 98	-
E/GBR	16 Jul 97	30 Mar 99	11 May 99	30 Mar 99	30 Mar 99	-
FRO	24 Oct 97	03 Feb 99	-	-	-	-
GRL	06 Jun 97	28 May 98	28 May 99	03 Feb 99	03 Feb 99	-
ISL	16 May 97	24 Jul 98	07 Jun 99	12 Jun 97	12 Nov 98	-
JPN	24 Apr 97	14 Apr 98	29 Apr 99	24 Apr 97	14 Apr 98	14 Apr 99
KOR	No fishing	No fishing	No fishing	No fishing	No fishing	No fishing
LVA	17 Apr 97	22 Apr 98	14 May 99	17 Apr 97	04 Jun 98	14 May 99
LTU	17 Feb 98	17 Feb 98	-	17 Feb 98	-	-
NOR	22 May 97	20 Nov 98	25 May 99	18 Jun 97	-	-
POL	-	-	10 May 99	-	-	-
ROM	-	-	-	-	-	-
RUS	22 Jul 97	02 Apr 98	01 Jun 99	11 Jul 97	08 Jul 98	01 Jun 99
USA	-	-	-	-	-	-
FRA-SP	06 Mar 97	29 Jan 99	02 Jun 99	06 Mar 97	29 Jan 99	-
HND*	-	-	-	-	-	-
VEN*	-	-	-	-	-	-

* Non-Contracting Party.

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

STATLANT 21A data are used for the compilation of meeting documents such as the SCS Doc. on "*Nominal Catches in the Northwest Atlantic*" and SCS Doc. on "*General Fishery Trends for the Northwest Atlantic*".

a) Publication of NAFO Statistical Bulletin, Vol. 44

Table 2 shows data have not been submitted from the USA, and the publication of *NAFO Statistical Bulletin*, Vol. 44 is seriously delayed.

Publication of NAFO Statistical Bulletin, Vol. 45

Table 2 shows data have not been submitted from Faroe Islands and USA, and the publication of *NAFO Statistical Bulletin*, Vol. 45, is seriously delayed.

Publication of NAFO Statistical Bulletin, Vol. 46

Table 2 shows data have not been submitted from Faroe Islands and USA, and the publication of *NAFO Statistical Bulletin*, Vol. 46 is seriously delayed.

Table 2. List of countries/components that have not submitted STATLANT 21A and 21B data through 1994-97. (N.B. Bulgaria and Romania have not reported in recent years.)

STATLANT 21A				STATLANT 21B			
1994	1995	1996	1997	1994	1995	1996	1997
USA	USA	USA	Cuba USA	USA	Faroe Island USA	Faroe Islands USA	Canada-N Cuba Faroe Islands Lithuania (Questions on Norway & Poland)

b) Provisional data

- i) STATLANT 21A provisional data for 1998 are still outstanding from several countries and components (Table 1), and the compilation of the SCS Documents on "Nominal Catches in Northwest Atlantic and on "General Fishery Trends for the Northwest Atlantic" in time for the June 1999 Meeting of the Scientific Council may not be possible. These SCS Documents were last issued in time for the June Meeting in 1994 containing 1993 data. Provisional data for 1994, 1995, 1996 and 1997 were only issued as Scientific Council Working Papers each year.

c) Historical Catches for 1986-97

Because of the lack of data for 1994, 1995, 1996 and 1997, it was not possible to compile the SCS Document with historic catches again this year. The last issue of this SCS Document was in 1995.

2. Biological Sampling

The Secretariat continued the practice of preparing the List of Biological Sampling Data. The Summary Document (SCS Doc. 99/12, Serial No. N4079) contains a provisional list of sampling data for 1997 and 1998 available at the Secretariat as of 1 June 1999. Data for 1996 were presented in SCS Doc. 98/9 containing data available at the time of the June 1998 Meeting.