



SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL MEETING - JUNE 2001

Notes on Acquisition and Publications of Statistics Since June 2000

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1. Fishery Statistics

a) Progress Report on Secretariat Activities in 2000/2001

i) Acquisition of STATLANT 21A and 21B Reports for Recent Years

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 following Table 1 provides the status of data submissions:

Table 1. Dates of receipt of STATLANT 21A and 21B reports for 1998-2000 at the Secretariat up to June 2001.

Country./ Component	STATLANT 21A (deadline, 15 May)			STATLANT 21B (deadline, 30 June)		
	1998	1999	2000	1998	1999	2000
BGR*	-	-		-	-	
CAN-CA**	04 Jun 01	04 Jul 00		04 Jun 01	04 Jul 00	
CAN-M	10 May 99	12 May 00	17 May 01	30 Nov 99	12 Feb 00	
CAN-N	14 Jul 99	18 May 00	15 May 01	25 Feb 00	-	
CAN-Q	10 May 99	09 Jun 00	22 May 01	04 Nov 99	30 Apr 01	
CUB	10 Aug 99	01 Jun 00	31 May 01	10 Aug 99	01 Jun 00	31 May 01
EST	17 May 99	03 May 00	08 May 01	21 Oct 99	03 May 00	
E/DNK	07 Jun 99	17 May 00	No fishing	27 Mar 00	29 Jun 00	No fishing
E/FRA-M	No fishing	No fishing		No fishing	No fishing	
E/DEU	23 Apr 99	04 May 00	10 May 01	27 Apr 99	05 Jul 00	
E/NLD	No fishing	No fishing	No fishing	No fishing	No fishing	No fishing
E/PRT	26 Apr 99	16 May 00	14 May 01	27 Aug 99	-	
E/ESP	01 Jun 99	29 May 00	31 May 01	07 Sep 99	19 Sep 00	
E/GBR	11 May 99	No fishing	No fishing	29 Mar 00	No fishing	No fishing
FRO	7 Jun 01	07 Jun 01	07 Jun 01	07 Jun 01	07 Jun 01	07 Jun 01
GRL	28 May 99	18 Aug 00		26 Oct 99	-	
ISL	07 Jun 99	26 May 00		23 Nov 99	02 Aug 00	
JPN	29 Apr 99	11 Apr 00	11 Apr 01	14 Apr 99	11 Apr 00	11 Apr 01
KOR	No fishing	-		No fishing	-	
LVA	14 May 99	12 May 00	22 May 01	14 May 99	12 May 00	
LTU	29 Nov 99	28 May 01	16 May 01	29 Nov 99	28 May 01	
NOR	25 May 99	09 May 00	28 May 01	Partial	Partial	
POL	10 May 99	21 Jun 00		14 Oct 99	06 Jul 00	
ROM*	-	-		-	-	
RUS	01 Jun 99	04 May 00	06 Jun 01	01 Jun 99	05 Jun 00	
USA	-	-		-	-	
FRA-SP	02 Jun 99	04 May 00	26 Jan 01	02 Jun 99	11 May 00	16 May 01

* Note Bulgaria and Romania have not reported in recent years.

* Canada Central and Arctic began reporting in 1989-98 inshore only

ii) Publication of Statistical Information

STATLANT 21A data were used for the compilation of SCS Doc. 01/10 on "*Historical Nominal Catches for Selected Stocks*" and SCS Doc. 01/ 14 on "*Provisional Nominal Catches in the Northwest Atlantic, 1999*".

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

In accordance with the Scientific Council recommendation of June 2000 regarding missing data, the Executive Secretary wrote to USA and Faroe Islands in July 2000 (GF/00-415) and followed up with a reminder on 19 March 01 (SC-01/29). Information received from Faroe Islands on 9 April 2001 indicated their outstanding data since 1995 should be completed and forwarded to the Secretariat by the end of May 2001.

In accordance with the Scientific Council recommendations of 2000, Volume 44 of *NAFO Statistical Bulletin* was compiled from STATLANT 21B information from available from all Contracting Parties. At the time of printing in December 2000 the USA data for 1994 had not been received. The *Stat. Bull.* Tables 1, 2 and 3 were compiled in the usual manner, and for USA incomplete data were available to incorporate total catch by species (giving total catch by species with no Divisional breakdown), however, Tables 4 and 5 excluded USA STATLANT 21B data were not available.

Publication of *NAFO Statistical Bulletin*, Vol. 45 to 48 have been seriously delayed due to missing data. Table 2 shows data have not been submitted from Faroe Islands and USA for 1995-98. Also 1999 shows many outstanding entries causing a delay on Vol. 49.

Table 2. List of countries that have not submitted STATLANT 21A and 21B data through 1995-99. (N.B. Bulgaria and Romania have not reported in recent years.)

STATLANT 21A					STATLANT 21B				
1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
USA	USA	USA	USA	USA	USA	USA	USA	USA	Can-N Can-Q Greenland Portugal USA

In accordance with the Scientific Council recommendation of June 2000 to prepare a table comparing STACFIS estimates and STATLANT catch data, the Secretariat compiled SCS Doc. 01/5. Data were compiled from catches used in STACFIS assessments in *NAFO Scientific Council Reports* and the finalized STATLANT 21A database. Designated Experts were requested to verify the information in SCS Doc. 01/5, as this compilation, revised as needed, will be published in the next issue of *NAFO Scientific Council Studies*.

The Secretariat continued the practice of preparing the List of Biological Sampling Data. The Summary Document (SCS Doc. 01/12, Serial No. N4376) contains a provisional list of sampling data for 2000 available at the Secretariat as of 31 May 2001.

iii) Considerations of internet site for statistical data

Since June 2000 the NAFO Secretariat has communicated with EUROSTAT and FAO regarding problems with the FISHSTAT software and conversion of the files for use with STATLANT 21 data. Technical issues concerning the software and method of uploading are currently being addressed and the difficulties are now close to resolution. The FISHSTAT software system will be uploaded on the NAFO website as soon as it is ready.

Noting that the FISHSTAT program is a large software program, the NAFO website would be set up such that the software will be linked to communicate with the STATLANT database which is posted on the website.

The goal using FISHSTAT is to create user friendly interfaces that may enable direct compilations of statistical information currently published in the *NAFO Statistical Bulletin*.

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