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French Research Report for 2000

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1. The fishery

a - Greenland Halibut in Divisions 2+3

A small trawl fishery directed to Greenland Halibut took place in 2000. The fishery was carried by one stern trawler in the division 2J. A total of 272 t was caught.

b - Cod in subdivision 3Ps

The fishery for cod in Subdivision 3Ps was reopened in 1997 with a TAC of 10 000 t and this TAC was set at 20 000 t for 1998, 30 000 t in 1999 and reduced to 20 000 in 2000. In view of the 1994 Canada-France agreement, France has been allocated a share of 15.6 % of the TAC corresponding to 3120 t but covering a period from 1st of April 2000 to 31st March 2001. 70 % of this quota would be allocated to Canadian fishing companies to be landed in St-Pierre and Miquelon.

Table 1 gives the total reported French cod catches (provisional) per month and gear.

c – Iceland scallop in Subdivision 3Ps

There was no directed fishery for Iceland scallop by France in 2000.

2. Biological sampling data

a - Greenland Halibut in Subdivision 2+3

No length samples were collected by French observer on board the vessel in Divisions 2J. Sampling was conducted by Canadian observers.

b - Cod in subdivision 3Ps

All the different components of the fishery has been sampled for length monthly except where the low level of catches could not provide sufficient sampling. The ageing material was collected for all gears. The level of sampling is given in Tables 2 and 3.

Catches (t)	Cod 3Ps			TOTAL
	GN	HL	OTB5	
Jan.			773	773
Feb.			806	806
Mar.			880	880
Apr.				0
May	10			10
June	16			16
July	206			206
Aug.	224			224
Sept.	197		41	238
Oct.	127		516	643
Nov.	90		436	526
Dec.			352	352
TOTAL	870	0	3804	4674

Table 1 - French cod catches in Subdivision 3Ps in 2000.

Quarter	GHL 2J	GHL 3L	GHL 3M	COD 3Ps	TOTAL
I				1508	1508
II				157	157
III				1880	1880
IV				5489	5489
TOTAL		0	0	9034	9034

Table 2 - Length sampling by France (SPM) in 2000
(Number of fishes measured).

Quarter	GHL 2J	GHL 3L	GHL 3M	COD 3Ps	TOTAL
I				244	244
II				157	157
III				393	393
IV				373	373
TOTAL				1167	1167

Table 3 - Age sampling by France (SPM) in 2000.
(Number of fish aged).