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ICNAF Mesh Regulation Operation of 10% Annual Exemption October 1, 1957, through March 31, 1958

The United States Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, Fish and Wildlife Service, issued 24 exemption certificates to U.S. vessels during the six-month period. The certificates were issued by months as follows:

<u>Month</u>	Certificates
October 1957	6
November	š
December	ž
January 1958	Ĭ Ļ
February	7
March	ż

The tonnage classes of the vessels are as follows:

Gross Tons	Class	Number of Vessels
0 - 25	OTS	0
26 - 50	OTS	14
51 - 100	OTM	11
101 - 150	OTM	-ī
151 - 200	OTL	5
Over 200	OTL	i
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The twenty-four (24) vessels landed a total of 6,241,952 pounds of fish from ICNAF Subarea 5 on 272 trips.

Analysis of these landings shows 1,668,375 pounds of haddock landed on 250 trips, with a range of landings per trip from 50 to 113,000 pounds. There were 112 trips with more than 5,000 pounds and more than 10% haddock.

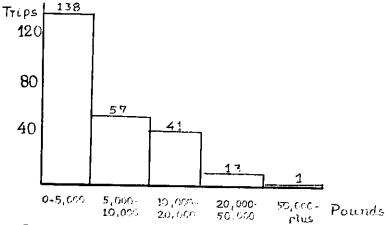


Figure 1. Trips of exempted vessels classified by quantities of haddock landed per trip - Subarea 5.

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Cod landings were made on 243 trips to ICNAF Subarea 5, with a total catch of 235,559 pounds. The cod landings ranged from 25 to 15,100 pounds. Only 5 trips had more than 5,000 pounds and over 10%

The principal species landed by the exempted vessels during the period was redfish. A total catch of 2,820,500 pounds was landed from Subarea 5, representing the 144 trips on which this species was captured. This leaves 128 trips (total 272) on which no redfish were taken.

Other species caught by the exempted vessels included halibut, white hake, cusk, pollock, flounders, and whiting. Total catch of these species amounted to 1,517,518 pounds.

Although the exemption applies only to Subarea 5, an analysis was made of the certificated vessels' landings from Subareas 3 and 4 as well. These landings are presented in Tables 2 and 3 and are included in the totals in Table 1.

Table 1 Al	1 Subareas	
Exempted	 	%
vessels1)	24	•
Fishing trips	295	
Total pounds		
all species	10,707,306	100.0
Pounds haddock	1,830,515	17.1
Pounds cod	251.859	2.3
Pounds redfish	251,859 7,019,840	65.6
Pounds other	. , - = ,	- 760
species	1,605,092	15.0
Excess trips (2)	121	_,,,
Pounds excess		
naddock3)	964,343	
Pounds excess	/ - · , J · J	
cod3)	17,118	

 Operating under 10% annual exemption certificates.

2) Trips of more than 5,000 pounds and more than 10% of haddock or cod.

3) Quantity of haddock or cod in excess of that covered by trip exemptions.

Table 2	<u>Subarea 3</u>	
Fishing trips Total pounds all species Pounds haddock Pounds cod	5 1,309,674 0	% 100.0 0
Pounds redfish Pounds other species	1,308,690	0 99•9
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Pounds excess cod2)	0	

1) Trips of more than 5,000 pounds and more than 10% of haddock or

2) Quantity of haddock or cod in excess of that covered by trip exemptions.

Table 3 S	ubarea 4	
Fishing trips Total pounds	18	%
all species	3,155,680	100.0
Pounds haddock	162,140	5.1
Pounds cod	16.300	0.5
Pounds redfish	2,890,650	91.7
Pounds other	•	
species ,	86,590 4	2.7
'Excess trips'1)	1+	
Pounds excess haddock2)	107,762	
Pounds excess2)	0	

1) Trips of more than 5,000 pounds

cess of that covered by trip exemptions.

Table 4	Subarea 5	
Fishing trips Total pounds	272	*
all species Pounds haddock	6,241,952 1,668,375	100.0 26.8
Pounds cod Pounds redfish Pounds other	235,559 2,820,500	3.7 45.2
species 'Excess trips'	1,517,518	24.3
Pounds excess haddock ²		
Pounds excess cod2)	17,118	

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