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Status of Proposals for Amendments to the Convention and for Trawl Regulations.

by Executive Secretary.

The following appendices indicate the current (March 31, 1963) status of acceptance by member Governments of the proposal for changes in the Convention for Declaration of Understanding of Text (Appendix A) and Proposals for Regulation of Fisheries (Appendix B).

These appendices were submitted for checking to the Department of State of the Government of the United States of America which is the Depositary Government. Their additions and suggested changes are incorporated in the appendices presented herewith.

The valuable service rendered the Commission by the Department of State of the USA and the office of the Assistant Legal Adviser, in particular, is greatly appreciated.

Of special concern to the Commission is the Resolution to bring harp and hood seals under the provisions of the Convention (Appendix A, column c). Text of the protocol in this connection prepared and circulated by the Depositary Government August 14, 1961, has been approved in draft by all Contracting Governments except Poland. When Poland notifies the Depositary of its approval of the draft, the protocol will be opened for signature and ratification, or for adherence. Special request has been forwarded to Poland for early notification of approval of the draft protocol.

It is also of special interest and concern that further acceptance of amendments to the regulation for Subarea 3 proposed in 1957 (Appendix B , column C) and the reservations thereto (Appendix B , column d and e ) need not be sought since the amendment and reservations thereto have now been superseded by the proposal adopted by the Commission in 1961. Proposals adopted in 1961 by the Commission (Appendix B , columns f and g) and the UK acceptance thereof for Subareas 1, 2 and 3 subject to reservation (Appendix B , column b) have not been accepted by all contracting Governments and therefore cannot enter into force as ICNAF trawl regulations.

# A. PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES IN THE CONVENTION OR FOR DECLARATION OF UNDERSTANDING OF TEXT.

Date of receipt by Depositary Government of ratification or adherence by: or, for Declaration, date of signature or acceptance (A) by:	Adopted by Commission Sent by Secretariat to Depositary Gov. Date of signing of Protocol in Washington Date of signing Declaration in Washington Protocol or Declaration circulated by Depositary Government on Draft protocol circulated by Depositary Government to member Govs.
Canada Denmark France Germany Iceland Italy Norway Poland (3) Portugal Spain USSR UK USA	<b>∞</b>
27 March, 1957 23 Nov., 1956 10 Jan., 1959 27 June, 1957 23 Nov., 1956 7 June, 1957 15 May, 1957 17 Jan., 1957 2 May, 1957 11 Aug., 1958 2 Apr., 1957 22 May, 1957	a. Change: Annual Meeting can be held in any member country.  11 June, 1955 16 June, 1956 (1) 16 Aug., 1956
15 Sept., 1961 (A) 2 May, 1961 5 May, 1961 8 May, 1961 8 May, 1961 14 Sept, 1961(A) 8 May, 1961 8 May, 1961 5 May, 1961 5 May, 1961 2 May, 1961 2 May, 1961 ( 24 April, 1962 (A)	b. Declaration of Understanding of text of Convention concerning Molluscs.  14 June, 1958 25 July, 1958 26 July, 1961 6 June, 1961
(A) (A) (A)	c. Resolution to bring harp and hood seals on under the provisions of the Convention.  9 June, 1961 23 June, 1961

(1) After the member countries' approval of a change in wording proposed by the Depositary Government.
(2) Signed with reservation as to acceptance; acceptance deposited February 9, 1962.

10 Jan., 1959

Date of entry into force

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(3) of the Polish People's Republic to the Convention may be understood as including the Protocol also (column a); (2) invited the Polish The Depositary Government has (1) inquired of the Government of the Polish People's Republic whether it may assume that the adherence Permie's Republic for its consideration. People's Republic to accept the Declaration of Understanding (column b); and (3) transmitted the draft Protocol (column c) to the Polish

DATE OF ENTRY INTO FORCE AC- CORDING TO NOTE FROM DEPOSITARY GOV. FOR SUBAREA:	CHANGES, SEE		•	DATE OF RECEIPT	GOVERNMENTS	TO DEPOSITARY GOVERNMENT TRANSMITTED BY DEPOSITARY GOVERNMENT TO MEMBER	ADOPTED BY COMMISSION TRANSMITTED BY SECRETARIAT	
- or w4 rv	SPAIN-[32,3)4 USSR (1) UK = 1,3(1) UK = 3,4,5	TALY-1,2,3,4(1)   NORWAY -     POLAND (1)   POST -   2 2 4	FRANCE-1,2,3,4 GERMANY(1)	CAN-2,3,4,5	2000	VERNMENT POS I TARY	CRETARIAT	
29 NOV. 1957(6) 29 NOV. 1957(6) 26 MARCH 1957	25 Jan. 1956 23 March 1956 26 Nov. 1956	22 MARCH 1956 27 OCT- 1955	29 Aug. 1956(3)	4 SEPT. 1956	1 SEPT. 1955	16 JUNE 1955	11 JUNE 1955	A. SUBST. REG. FOR SUBAREA 5. REG. FOR SUBAREA 4 AND 3 (2)
29 Nov. 1957(6) 29 Nov. 1957(6) 22 APRIL 1960 26 MARCH 1957 28 SEPT. 1958	3 June 1957 11 Jane 1957 26 Nove 1956		29 Aus. 1956 <sup>(5)</sup> 17 Dec. 1957	31 Oct. 1956	6 JULY 1956	28 JUNE 1956	15 JUNE 1956	B. AMENDMENTS TO A (4)
22 APRIL 1960 28 SEPT. 1958	1 APRIL 1958 28 JULY 1960 10 APRIL 1958, 29 MAY 1961 26 AUG. 1961(9)26 AUG. 1961(9 29 APRIL 1959(8) 28 MAY 1958 20 AUG. 1959	19 Nov. 1957		23 APRIL 1958	9 0ст. 1957	21 JUNE 1957	25 MAY 1957	C. AMENDMENTS TO A (7)
	28 JULY 1960 29 MAY 1961 26 AUG. 1961(9) 3) 20 AUG. 1959	2 JULY 1959	29 JUNE 1959 18 MAY 1960 14 SEPT. 1959	16 JULY 1959	26 MAY 1959	27 APRIL 1959	14 JUNE 1958	D. U.K. RESERV- E ATION AS TO STERN TRAWL- ERS.
	26 July 1962 20 Nov. 1961 1 Dec. 1961	30 Nov. 1961	20 Nov. 1961 2 MAR. 1962 10 JAN. 1962		5 0ст. 1961	26 Aug. 1961 23		E. U.S.S.R. RESERVATION AS TO STERN TRAWLERS
	16 FEB. 1962 20 JUNE 1962 29 JAN. 1962(10) 10 OCT. 1961	25 OCT - 1961 28 Nov - 1961	9 Nov. 1961 19 Jan. 1962	6 Nov. 1961	24 JULY 1961	23 JUNE 1961	10 JUNE 1961	F. REGULATION GOF TRAWL FISHERY FOR GROUNDFISH IN SUBAREAS I, 2 AND 3.
	16 FeB. 1962 10) 10 OCT. 1961	25 Oct. 1961 28 Nov. 1961	9 Nov. 1961 19 Jan. 1962	6 Nov. 1961	24 JULY 1961	23 JUNE 1961	10 JUNE 1961	G. REGULATION OF TRAWL FISHERIES OF COD, HADDOCK AND FLOUN- DERS IN SUBAREA 4.
	15 FEB. 1963 22 JUNE 1962				23 APRIL 1962	(SEE U.K. NOTE OF 25 JAN. 1962)	•	H. U.K. RESERV. AS TO STERN TRAWLERS SUBAREAS 1,2,3

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  (1) Unanges in Subareas-panels since 1955: From 1956/57 Iceland-Panel 1; from 1957/58 Germany-Panel 1; from 1958/59 USSR-Panels 1, 2, 3; 1962/63, Poland-Panels 1, 2, 3, USSR-Panels 4 and 5. from 1959/60 -Italy, none; from 1960/61 Germany -Panels 1 and 2, Italy-Panels 3 and 4, UK-Panels 1,2,3; from 1961/62-None, from
- 8 4 1/2 inches cod-end meshes in Subareas 4 and 5, 4 inches in Subarea 3, amount of exemption for incidentally caught fish, rules for use of saving gear, all for cod and haddock.
- (<u>3</u> France accepts the minimum mesh sizes and the exemption clause, but not the saving gear clauses
- **(4)** by 1 June, 1957, has notified her continued objection. Change in exemption clause for Subarea 5; par. IV (Saving gear) to be in abeyance for 3 and 4 to be enforced on 1 July, 1957, unless France
- <u>5</u> 1 June, 1957 (see note (4)). France accepts the amendments, except those dealing with the doubling of cod-ends on which point France will notify her decision before
- 6 effective for all countries on 1 January, 1958, to be effective as from Jan. 1, 1958. This postponement was accepted by the other member governments. The Par. IV then became By note from the French Government received by the Depositary Government 7 Feb. 1957, France accepts the saving gear rule (Par.IV)
- 3 Fastening methods for saving gear, Subareas 3, 4 and 5.

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- 8 transmitted, 26 May, 1959, this note to the member countries asking their views; see dolumn d. UK informed the Depositary Government by note of 27 April, 1959, which was received on 29 April, 1959, of the ICNAF Resolution of 1958 meeting regarding the UK reservation concerning stern trawlers to the amendment of 1957. The Depositary Government
- <u>(</u>9 By note of 26 August, 1961, the Depositary Government was informed of the USSR acceptance of the amendments to trawl regulations in similar to that being under consideration for UK stern trawlers be made. The Depositary Government transmitted, 5 October, 1961, this note to Member Governments asking their views; see column e. Subareas 3,4 and 5 (Depositary Government note of 9 October 1957) under the reservation that a provision for USSR stern trawlers
- (10)By note dated Jan. 25, 1962, received on Jan. 29, 1962, the Depositary Government was informed of UK acceptance of the trawl information to Member Governments asking their views; see column h. regulations for Subareas 1,2,4,3 subject to certain observations. The Depositary Government transmitted, Apr. 23, 1962, this