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For the year 1962 the same form of reporting has been chosen as for the year 1961 (cf. Annual Meeting 1962, Doc. No. 77), because it was not yet possible to provide the data according to the requirements set up during the last annual meeting.

When comparing the new data with that of the year 1961 the following features can be seen:

Whereas in 1961 348 (76.5%) of a total of 455 trips to the convention area (excluding mixed trips) gave information on by-catch, the figures for 1962 are 350 (69.3%) of a total of 505 trips.

18 tons of by-catches have been landed from Newfoundland waters as compared with only 3 tons in 1961.

The total "non-marketable" catch, i.e. discards and/or fish processed for industrial purposes, ranges between 9.2% and 24.8% of the total catch and between 10.1% and 33.0% of the total landings, the respective figures for 1961 being 11.5% and 24.0% for the total catch and 13.0% and 31.5% for the total landings.

Again the by-catches were lowest in subarea 1 and highest in subarea 3 due to the different size of cod and redfish in the different subareas.

The tendency of the trawlers without fishmeal plant to avoid fishing grounds stocked mainly with small fish in subarea 1 is shown once more. This type of vessel did not visit subarea 3 in 1962, their by-catch in subarea 2 amounted to about the same percentage (20.6) as that of the factory ships (19.8).

The discarded part amounted in 1962 to a somewhat higher percentage of the "non-marketable" catch than in 1961, the figures (1961 in brackets) being 13.7% (12.2) and 37.1% (31.3). Compared with the total catch, however, no more fish was discarded than in the year before, viz. 1.2% (2.5) to 7.4% (7.0).

NON-MARKETABLE CATCH OF GERMAN TRAMLERS IN THE ICNAF-AREA 1962

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