

ANNUAL MEETING - JUNE 1965The United States Report on the Operation of the 10 Percent
Annual Exemption to the Mesh Regulation, 1964

The 10 percent annual exemption to the mesh regulation has been in effect for 7 years. Data for the first 4 years (1958-1961) were reported on the basis of the operating period ending 1 September. The years since 1961 represent data based on a calendar year, i.e., 1 January to 31 December.

The number of vessels having in effect a 10 percent exemption certificate at the end of each year is shown below. About the same number of vessels held certificates in 1964 as in 1963. For the period

	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964
No. of Certificates	23	36	43	73	69	46	43

1 January 1964 to 31 December 1964, there were 83 new certificates issued, 192 suspensions, 53 renewals, 144 reinstatements, 11 expirations, 12 vessels were sold, 7 sank, and 0 vessels had over 10 percent in violation. Table 1 shows the number of vessels in each tonnage class having in effect exemption certificates at the end of each year. In all years, the 51 to 100 ton vessels held the greatest number of certificates.

Tables 2 and 3 indicate the number of trips and species composition of landings of 10 percent exempted vessels during the years 1958 through 1964, from Subarea 5 and from all Subareas.

The number of trips made by exempted vessels increased each year from 1958 to 1963, and then dropped considerably in 1964. The landings showed similar trends.

The percentage of haddock in the landings of these vessels also decreased from 1963 to 1964. There were no violations of the 10 percent exemption recorded in 1964. From 1959 to 1964 the percentage of haddock in landings of exempted vessels has been well under 10 percent.

Table 1. Number of 10 percent annual exemption certificates by tonnage in effect at the end of year.^{1/}

Gross tons	Class	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964
0 - 25	OTS	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
26 - 50	OTS	5	9	9	10	11	9	11
51 - 100	OTM	7	12	21	39	36	26	20
101 - 150	OTM	2	4	5	13	12	5	4
151 - 200	OTL	7	6	7	10	8	6	7
Over 200	OTL	1	1	1	1	0	0	1
Total		23	36	43	73	69	46	43

^{1/} 1958 through 1961 period through September, 1962 - 1964 for period January - December.

Table 2. Analysis of landings made under the 10 percent annual exemption, Subarea 5, for the past 7 years.^{1/}

	1st Year 1958		2nd Year 1959		3rd Year 1960		4th Year 1961		5th Year 1962		6th Year 1963		7th Year 1964	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Fishing trips	628		1304		1324		1799		2057		2168		1778	
All Species (000 lb)	23178	100.0	41206	100.0	48152	100.0	70842	100.0	72843	100.0	78794	100.0	60228	100.0
Haddock (000 lb)	2453	10.6	2404	5.8	2711	5.6	3936	5.6	3802	5.2	5865	7.4	3034	5.0
Cod (000 lb)	471	2.0	670	1.6	699	1.4	987	1.3	1187	1.6	1456	1.9	1249	2.1
Redfish (000 lb)	7333	31.6	12552	30.5	14519	30.2	24028	34.0	19931	27.4	13386	17.0	10722	17.8
Other ^{2/} (000 lb)	12921	55.8	25580	62.1	30223	62.8	41891	59.1	47923 ^{3/}	65.8	58087 ^{4/}	73.7	45223 ^{5/}	75.1

^{1/} For years 1958-61 (1st - 4th years) period through September, for 1962-64 (5th - 7th years) period January - December.

^{2/} Other species include halibut, white hake, cusk, flounder, silver hake, and menhaden, etc.

^{3/} Includes 39,731,604 pounds of silver hake.

^{4/} Includes 42,545,722 pounds of silver hake.

^{5/} Includes 38,063,000 pounds of silver hake.

Table 3. Analysis of landings made under the 10 percent annual exemption, all subareas, for the past 7 years.^{1/}

	1st Year 1958		2nd Year 1959		3rd Year 1960		4th Year 1961		5th Year 1962		6th Year 1963		7th Year 1964	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Exempted ^{2/} vessels	23		32		43		73		68		46		43	
Fishing trips	707		1433		1481		2040		2255		2404		1938	
All species (000 lb)	37125	100.0	61974	100.0	71998	100.0	97096	100.0	96856	100.0	106932	100.0	81361	100.0
Haddock (000 lb)	2827	7.6	3568	5.8	3025	4.2	4212	4.3	4088	4.2	6394	6.0	3204	4.1
Cod (000 lb)	505	1.4	850	1.4	822	1.1	1096	1.2	1416	1.5	1629	1.5	1368	1.7
Redfish (000 lb)	20686	55.7	30912	50.0	37184	51.6	48834	50.3	42606	44.0	36166	33.8	31151	38.3
Other species ^{3/} (000 lb)	13107	35.3	26464	42.8	30967	43.1	42955	44.2	48756 ^{4/}	50.3	62743 ^{5/}	58.7	45538 ^{6/}	56.0

^{1/} 1958-61 (1st-4th years) period through September; for 1962-64 (5th - 7th years) period January - December.

^{2/} Operating under 10 percent Annual Exemption Certificates.

^{3/} Other species include halibut, white hake, cusk, pollock, flounder, silver hake, manhaden, etc.

^{4/} Includes 39,793,404 pounds of silver hake.

^{5/} Includes 42,548,107 pounds of silver hake.

^{6/} Includes 38,063,000 pounds of silver hake.