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Subareas 1, 2 and 3

A. Status of the Fisheries

The Icelandic fishery in the ICNAF-area was substantially lower in 1967 than in previous years. The fishing effort in the whole area was only 26% of the 1964-66 annual average. The greatest reduction in fishing effort took place in Subarea 1, where the number of hours fished was only 6% of the 1964-66 annual average (see Table I). There was also a marked reduction in fishing effort in other subareas. In Subarea 3 the number of hours fished was 56% of the 1964-66 annual average.

This reduction in fishing effort is clearly reflected in the landings. Only 349 tons of cod are reported landed from the whole area compared to the annual average of 4342 tons for the period 1964-66. The redfish landings are abt. 70% of the average.

The cod-landings are too small to permit a reasonable comparison of catch per unit effort with previous years, but figures from all areas show about the half of the 1964-66 annual average.

As for redfish, the catch per unit effort was much higher than in previous years, and twice the 1964-66 annual average in Subarea 3.

B. Sampling of cod from commercial trawlers.

No samples of cod are available from Subareas 1, 2 or 3, but several samples were collected from East Greenland in April and May. They all show a clear dominance of the 1961 yearclass. Other yearclasses of importance seem to be those from 1960, 1958 and 1957.

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Table 1. Fishing effort and landings of redfish and cod by Icelandic trawlers in Subareas 1, 2 and 3 in the years 1964, 1965, 1966 and 1967.

Subareas	1			2			3			Total		
	1964	1965	1966	1967	1964	1965	1966	1967	1964	1965	1966	1967
Hours fished	2314	1918	1271	152	111	368	196	95	1709	2117	1892	834
Redfish (tons)	1954	1253	968	176	379			129	1999	1942	2191	1809
Redfish tons/100 hours	84	65	76	116	341			136	117	92	116	217
Cod (tons)	3091	3376	1965	119	114	598	381		887	1235	1196	230
Cod tons/100 hours	134	176	155	78	103	163	194		52	58	63	28
									4580	4403	3359	1081
									4341	3195	3159	2114
									95	73	94	196
									4274	5209	3542	349
									93	118	105	32