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The United States Report on the Operation of the 10 Percent
Annual Exemption to the Subarea 5 Mesh Regulation, 1967.

The year 1967 marks the 10th year that the 10 percent exemption to the mesh regulation has been in effect. In the first 4 years, 1958 through 1961, the data were calculated for the period from 1 October through 30 September. For the following years, 1962 through 1967, the data were based on a calendar year.

At the end of 1967, 29 vessels were holding the 10 percent annual exemption certificate, considerably less than the 42 vessels at the end of 1966. Year-end totals for vessels holding exemption certificates for the 10-year period are shown below:

Years	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
No. of certificates	23	36	43	73	69	46	43	31	42	29

From 1 January, 1967 through 31 December, 1967, 6 new certificates were issued, 53 suspended, 46 renewed, 21 reinstated, 16 expired, 3 cancelled, and one vessel holding an exemption certificate sank.

Vessels of the 51-100 tonnage class held the highest number of certificates at the end of the year. Table 1 shows the number of vessels in each tonnage class with the 10 percent annual exemption certificate in effect at the end of each year.

Table 2 shows the number of trips in the landings of haddock, cod, redfish, silver hake, and other species for the exempted vessels fishing in Subarea 5, and table 3 shows the same information for all sub-areas in the ICNAF Convention Area.

In Subarea 5 there were approximately 37 percent fewer trips in 1967 (1347) than there were in 1966 (2140). Landings of all species dropped about 32 percent. Landings of haddock (922 metric tons) dropped 41.3 percent, those of cod (647 metric tons) dropped 18.6 percent. Percentage composition of haddock, cod, redfish, silver hake, and other species in the landings were approximately the same as they were in 1966.

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Under the trip exemption a vessel may land 2.27 metric tons of drawn cod or haddock or 10 percent of the total fish landed. Trips in excess of these amounts landed by vessels holding the annual exemption certificate have been designated "excess" trips and the quantities of haddock and cod landed in excess of that allowed under the trip exemption have been designated "excess" haddock or cod. These quantities represent the amount of haddock/cod landed legally under the 10 percent annual exemption certificate which could not be landed legally under the trip exemptions.

Table 4 presents an analysis of the "excess trips".

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

Gross Tons	Class	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
0-25	OTS	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1
26-50	OTS	5	9	9	10	11	9	11	7	10	5
51-100	OTM	7	12	21	39	36	26	20	16	24	16
101-150	OTM	2	4	5	13	12	5	4	1	-	1
151-200	OTL	7	6	7	10	8	6	7	5	6	5
Over 200	OTL	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1
Total		23	36	43	73	69	46	43	31	42	29

^{1/} 1958-1961 period from September to September. 1962-1967 period January to December

Table 2. -- Analysis of landings under 10 percent annual exemption, Subarea 5.1/ (Metric tons. Live weight)

	1st Year		2nd Year		3rd Year		4th Year		5th Year	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Fishing Trips	628		1,304		1,324		1,799		2,057	
	<u>M. ton</u>		<u>M. ton</u>		<u>M. ton</u>		<u>M. ton</u>		<u>M. ton</u>	
All Species	10,737	100.0	18,896	100.0	22,068	100.0	32,460	100.0	33,374	100.0
Haddock	1,268	11.8	1,243	6.6	1,402	6.4	2,035	6.3	1,966	5.9
Cod	250	2.3	356	1.9	371	1.7	524	1.6	630	1.9
Redfish	3,326	31.0	5,694	30.1	6,586	29.8	10,899	33.6	9,041	27.1
Silver hake	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,022	54.0
Other ^{2/}	5,893	54.9	11,603	61.4	13,709	62.1	19,002	58.5	3,715	11.1

Table 2. --Cont'd

	6th Year		7th Year		8th Year		9th Year		10th Year	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Fishing Trips	2,168		1,778		2,000		2,140		1,347	
	M. ton		M. ton		M. ton		M. ton		M. ton	
All Species	36,226	100.0	27,608	100.0	29,320	100.0	24,076	100.0	16,264	100.0
Haddock	3,033	8.4	1,569	5.7	1,510	5.2	1,569	6.5	922	5.7
Cod	773	2.1	663	2.4	780	2.7	795	3.3	647	4.0
Redfish	6,072	16.8	4,863	17.6	4,914	16.8	6,137	25.5	4,408	27.0
Silver hake	19,299	53.3	17,265	62.5	13,241	45.1	12,589	52.3	8,141	50.1
Other ^{2/}	7,049	19.4	3,248	11.8	8,875	30.2	2,986	12.4	2,146	13.2

^{1/} 1958-1961 period October-September; 1962-1967 calendar year.

^{2/} Other includes cusk, flounder, pollock, white hake, etc.

Table 3. --Analysis of landings under 10 percent annual exemption, Subarea 4 and 5^{1/} (Metric tons. Live weight)

	1st Year		2nd Year		3rd Year		4th Year		5th Year	
	No.	%	No	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Exempted ^{2/} Vessels	23		32		43		73		68	
Fishing Trips	707		1,433		1,481		2,040		2,265	
	M. ton		M. ton		M. ton		M. ton		M. ton	
All Species	17,058		28,322		32,914		44,395		44,307	
Haddock	1,462		1,845		1,564		2,178		2,114	
Cod	268		451		436		582		751	
Redfish	9,383		14,022		16,867		22,151		19,326	
Silver hake	-		-		-		-		18,050	
Other ^{3/}	5,945		12,004		14,047		19,484		4,066	

Table 3. --Cont'd

	6th Year		7th Year		8th Year		9th Year		10th Year	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Exempted ^{2/} Vessels	43		43		31		42		29	
Fishing Trips	2 404 M. ton		1 938 M. ton		2, 110 M. ton		2, 241 M. ton		1, 381 M. ton	
All Species	49, 036		37, 220		37, 091		30, 915		19, 010	
Haddock	3, 306		1, 708		1, 518		1, 574		926	
Cod	865		726		787		805		651	
Redfish	16, 405		14, 130		13, 083		12, 940		7, 048	
Silver hake	19, 300		17, 265		12, 815		12, 589		8, 141	
Other ^{3/}	9, 160		3, 391		8, 888		3, 007		2, 244	

1/ 1958-61 period October-September; 1962-1967 calendar year.

2/ Operating under 10 percent annual exemption certificate.

3/ Other includes cusk, flounder, pollock, white hake, etc.

Table 4. --Number of "Excess Trips"^{1/} by exempted vessels, Subarea 5 1967.

Month	No. Excess Trips	Percent	Quantity in Excess ^{2/} (Metric tons-live)		Total Subarea 5 Landings (Metric tons-live)	
			Cod	Haddock	Cod	Haddock
Jan	3	2.8	2	-	1,035	3,933
Feb	1	0.9	0	-	1,025	2,512
Mar	5	4.7	2	11	1,277	4,700
Apr	14	13.2	1	21	1,172	3,449
May	16	15.2	16	46	1,960	3,867
Jun	18	17.1	57	49	2,359	5,003
Jul	2	1.9	6	1	1,804	3,670
Aug	7	6.6	-	12	2,030	3,464
Sep	32	30.1	1	100	1,421	3,153
Oct	5	4.7	3	16	1,957	2,556
Nov	1	0.9	-	1	986	1,817
Dec	2	1.9	1	4	1,023	1,426
Total	106	100.0	89	261	18,049	39,555

^{1/} A trip of exempted vessel if in excess of regulatory limits when drawn cod or haddock exceed 2.27 metric tons or 10 percent of landings.

^{2/} 0 is less than one half metric ton.