

ANNUAL MEETING - JUNE 1971Definition of United States Method
of Estimating and Reporting "Days Fished".

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The Statistics and Sampling Subcommittee requested the United States to document its method of calculating days fished (Redbook, App. II, p 70).

The United States defines number of days fished as the number of 24 hour periods and fractions thereof that a vessel spent actively engaged in fishing, not counting the time spent steaming to or from port and between grounds and the time lost due to weather, gear repair and other breakdown factors.

Each day fished, therefore, approximates 24 hours of actual fishing effort including ordinary time between hauls. For vessels fishing both night and day the U.S. interpretation agrees with the FAO notes for the compilation of STANA forms. (FAO Fish. Cir. No. 203, Rev. I, 1968.)

For vessels that fish only portions of a 24 hour period, e.g. redbfish boats that fish only during daylight hours, the days fished reported by the United States would be about one-half the number of days fished if reported by ICNAF definitions. For example: If a vessel reported fishing 3 1/2 days for a trip with no lost time and his fishing day was 12 hours (1/2 day), he would be credited with 42 hours of fishing ($12 \times 3 + 6 = 42$) and effort would be reported as 1.8 days fished (to the nearest tenth of a day).