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Proposal regarding conservation of Atlantic salmon

by

Denmark, Norway, the United Kingdom, and the United States

1. That the Contracting Governments take appropriate action to regulate the catch of Atlantic salmon, Salmo salar, by persons under their jurisdiction fishing in the Convention Area off Greenland so that the catch in round weight taken shall not exceed the amount listed:

	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>
	(in metric tons)			
Denmark (Mainland and Faroe Islands)	800	600	550	500
Norway	300	225	210	195
Other Contracting Governments	10	10	5	5

It being expected that non-members of the Commission will catch not more than 10 metric tons in 1972 and 1973 and not more than 5 metric tons in 1974 and 1975. In establishing these quotas the Commission has taken into account the statement made by the Danish Commissioner to the effect that catches by mainland and Faroe Islands based vessels taken within the 3-mile limit off West Greenland will be included in the said quotas.

2. That catches differing from the amounts pursuant to paragraph 1 above in any year would be followed by an adjustment in the following year's catch.
3. That notwithstanding the provision of paragraph 1, fishing for Atlantic salmon by local Greenland fishermen in the Convention Area off Greenland may be maintained so as to be at the approximate level of annual catches measured from 1964 through 1971 in round weight, which is estimated to be 1100 metric tons. The Commission has taken into account the statement made by the Danish Commissioner to the effect that catches taken by local Greenland fishermen within the 3-mile limit off West Greenland will be included in the said amount. At the request of any Contracting Government, a review of the status of the salmon stocks may take place within five years. Such review would take into account the need for conservation of the species as well as the special importance to local fishermen of the salmon fisheries and might lead to recommendations for adjustment of the catch level referred to in this paragraph.
4. That Contracting Governments having coast lines adjacent to the Convention Area, take appropriate action to ensure the application of conservation measures within the 12-mile zones which would correspond in effect to the measures taken by Denmark (i.e., using the catch levels of 1969 as a base).
5. That all Contracting Governments which are not bound by proposal number 1 adopted by the Commission on 6 June 1969, concerning the prohibition of salmon fishing in the Convention Area outside national fishing limits, consider accepting that proposal not later than 1 January 1976. The Commission has taken into account statements made by the Danish and Norwegian Commissioners to the effect that Denmark and Norway would

adhere to that proposal not later than 1 January 1976.

6. That the allocations in paragraphs 1 and 3 above are without prejudice to future allocations of catches for these or other stocks.
7. That on the effective date of this proposal, the proposal number 1 adopted by the Commission on 4 June 1971 shall cease to be effective.

Draft Resolution

The Commission

Noting Article IX, Article XII, and Article XIII of the Convention, 1949,

having considered and adopted a proposal for the conservation and protection of Atlantic salmon, noting that non-members of the Commission have or may participate in the exploitation of Atlantic salmon in the Convention Area

being aware of the time period before the proposal referred to above may enter into effect pursuant to the provisions of Article VIII of the Convention, as amended, and the desirability of taking appropriate steps for the implementation of measures for the conservation and protection of Atlantic salmon prior to the effective date of the proposal and the desirability of reducing the time period before the proposal takes effect,

- 1) Invites the attention of all Contracting Governments to the above matters,
- 2) Requests all Contracting Governments fishing for Atlantic salmon to anticipate the coming into effect of the above-mentioned proposal later in 1972 and to institute appropriate measures as soon as possible to ensure the effectiveness of the proposal when it becomes effective under the terms of the Convention.
- 3) Urgently requests all Contracting Governments to notify promptly, if possible before 1 August 1972, the Depositary Government of their acceptance of the above-mentioned proposal as well as of their willingness to be bound by it at an earlier date than provided under the normal procedure.