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Fishing Fleet Statistics : Review of Tonnage Classes

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The CWP (Coordinating Working Party on Atlantic Fishery Statistics), at its seventh session on 10-16 November 1971 in Rome, Italy, reviewed the tonnage categories used for different purposes (catch/effort statistics by ICNAF and ICES, national fleet statistics, international registers of fishing vessels, etc.) and also the question of defining the exact limits of the categories. The recommended classifications of fishing craft according to size categories, expressed in gross register tons (GRT) is given in Appendix 6 of the CWP Report. The "divisional" classification is reproduced overleaf as Table 1.

The CWP recognizes that the general and immediate application of the classification would be difficult, because the upper levels of two of the tonnage categories used by ICNAF and ICES do not correspond to those recommended, and requests that ICNAF and ICES review the matter and consider the possibility of adjusting the 900 GRT limit to 1000 GRT and the 1800 GRT limit to 2000 GRT.

To assist in reviewing the matter, the Secretariat summarized the most recent fishing fleet statistics for the ICNAF Area, i.e. those submitted by 14 of the 15 member countries for 1971 (no report from Italy). Tables giving the size frequencies of the national fleets by tonnage intervals are given in Res. Doc. 72/94 (Serial No. 2821). For the tonnage intervals affected by the proposed changes, the fleet distribution using the ICNAF tonnage categories is compared with that obtained by using the proposed classification as follows:

	Total No. of vessels over 50 GRT	Numbers of Fishing Vessels					
		ICNAF Classification			Proposed Classification		
		501-900	901-1800	>1800	501-1000	1001-2000	>2000
Trawlers	1477	215	140	316	241	123	307
Others	526	44	13	1	46	11	1
Total	2003	259	153	317	287	134	308

Twenty-eight vessels in the 901-1000 ton interval of the 901-1800 GRT class would fall in the proposed 501-1000 category, and 9 vessels in the 1801-2000 ton interval of the >1800 GRT class would fall in the proposed 1001-2000 category.

The effect that the proposed changes would have on catch-effort statistics is unknown.

Table 1. Recommended classification of fishing craft according to size categories expressed in Gross Register Tons.

"Division" Code	"Division" Limits	
	Lower	Upper ¹
0	0	0.9
1	1	24.9
2	25	49.9
3	50	99.9
4	100	149.9
5	150	499.9
6	500	999.9
7	1000	1999.9
8	2000	9999.9
9	10000	99999.9

¹ ".9" is to be understood as recurring.