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Canadian proposal regarding regulation of the herring fishery in Subareas 4 and 5

Discussions at the Commission's Special Meeting on Herring in January 1973 made it clear that scientific advice regarding the 1974 catch quotas to protect the herring stocks in Subarea 5, Statistical Area 6, and Subarea 4 Divisions X and W, and maintain their productivity, will not be greatly improved in June 1973 over the advice available in January 1973, and that, consequently, a special meeting on herring early in 1974 will be necessary to achieve best possible management of those stocks. It becomes necessary, therefore, to seek means of expediting the coming into force of measures recommended by that meeting to avoid a long delay such as occurred in 1972 and may occur in 1973. Canada proposes, therefore, that the Commission consider adopting a resolution at its June 1973 Meeting which would delegate the fixing of catch quotas for 1974 to a meeting early in 1974 and explicitly waive (on behalf of member countries not registering objection within six months of the June Meeting) the six-month objection period relative to recommendations by the meeting early in 1974. Canada believes that this is a possible legal means of bringing recommendations by the meeting early in 1974 into effect promptly.

Canada also proposes that the Commission at its June 1973 meeting consider establishing a catch quota for the Banquereau stocks (Division 4V and the northern part of 4W) for the year 1974.

Canada further proposes that all herring quotas be allocated nationally in the same manner as groundfish quotas.

