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Special Meeting

Herring

Press Notice

A Special Meeting of the North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission took place in London from 11th-13th March, 1974. The President, Mr G. Möcklinghoff (Federal Republic of Germany) was in the Chair. Delegations attended from the following Member States:

Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Iceland, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Sweden, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United Kingdom.

Observers represented the Governments of the German Democratic Republic, Japan and the United States of America, the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea, FAO and the European Economic Community.

The Commission resumed its consideration of the basis upon which a total allowable catch and national quotas might be established for herring in the North Sea and Skagerrak. A wide range of proposals were discussed with delegations stressing the need for any allocation to be on an equitable basis having regard to such conflicting factors as historic performance, the needs of coastal states and of states which had recently developed their fishery within the area. In the hope of introducing a quota system for the 12-month period beginning 1 July 1974, delegations agreed to take back with them certain proposals which the President had advanced in an endeavour to meet the various views expressed, and to reach a firm decision on these before the next annual meeting of the Commission in June.

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