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Canada has indicated in its "proposal on the national allocation of TAC's" (Comm. Doc. 75/11) that it is essential that almost all of the total allowable catch of haddock and cod in Division 4X of Subarea 4 be allocated to Canada. Canada, having in mind the precarious state of these stocks, believes that it is vital that incidental catches by countries not having a specific quota allocation be kept to a minimum throughout the entire year. It is therefore, proposed "That in order to avoid impairment of fisheries conducted for other species and which take small quantities of haddock and cod incidentally, Contracting Governments not mentioned by name in the quota allocations permit persons under their jurisdiction to have in possession on board a vessel fishing for other species (either at sea or at the time of off-loading) haddock or cod caught in Division 4X of Subarea 4, in amounts not exceeding, for each species, 5,510 lb. or 2,500 kg. or 1 percent by weight, of all other fish on board caught in Division 4X of Subarea 4, whichever is greater.

Since Canada's objective in its "Proposal for extending the size and the duration of the haddock closed areas in Division 4X of Subarea 4" (Comm. Doc. 74/40) presented at the Fifth Special Meeting was the same as would be achieved by the above proposal, and since it is desirable to minimize the disruption of fisheries for species other than haddock and cod, it is therefore proposed that the closed area be reconsidered, in the light of experience in early 1975, as to the period of the closure, definition of the area and applicability to Canadian vessels.