



Serial No. 3640
(A.a. 4)

ICNAF Comm.Doc. 75/22
(Revised)

ANNUAL MEETING - JUNE 1975

Note by US Commissioners on the national licensing of vessels engaged in fishing for sea fish or in the treatment of sea fish in the Convention Area or Statistical Areas 0 and 6

At the Special Meeting of STACTIC held 4-7 March 1975 in Leningrad, USSR, the United States proposed a system of vessel registration for Member Governments as a means of improving compliance with the Commission's complex system of quota regulations. It is the US view that positive action must be taken in this area at the 1975 Annual Meeting, and in light of this further study has been given to the views expressed by Members of the Committee on the principles and proposals considered at that time. Accordingly, in an attempt to facilitate agreement, the United States proposes that the following modified proposal be considered by STACTIC for referral to the full Commission:

That pursuant to paragraph 5 of Article VIII of the Convention as amended by the 1963 Protocol, the following arrangements for national licensing of vessels engaged in the fishing for sea fish or in the treatment of sea fish be made for the purpose of more effectively managing the fisheries of the Northwest Atlantic Ocean:

"1. All vessels engaged in fishing for sea fish or in the treatment of sea fish in the Convention Area or Statistical Areas 0 and 6 shall be licensed by the Flag State. A report of this licensing shall be filed with the ICNAF Secretariat prior to 1 January of each year, when possible, or in a timely manner following departure of the vessel from its home port, or by message as soon as possible if the Flag State changes the terms of its license.

"2. Such report shall include:

- (a) Name of vessel, both native and Latin alphabet spelling,
- (b) Official number of Flag State registry,
- (c) Home port and nationality of vessel,
- (d) Owner of vessel,
- (e) Master of vessel,
- (f) Certification that master has been provided with the regulations in force for the area or areas where the vessel will be conducting fisheries,
- (g) Principal target species of the vessel while engaged in fishing for sea fish or in the treatment of sea fish in the Convention Area or Statistical Areas 0 and 6, or purpose of the vessel engaged in the treatment or handling of sea fish while in the Convention Area or Statistical Areas 0 and 6.

"3. A copy or report of the licensing shall be maintained aboard the vessel and shall be made available to any authorized inspector conducting an inspection under the provisions of the Scheme of Joint International Enforcement.

"4. If the activities or purposes of any properly licensed vessel as stated on the license form are changed, endorsements with the changes noted shall be submitted to the ICNAF Secretariat as soon as possible after the date of the change, and message endorsements may be appended to the license form aboard the vessel to reflect the Flag State's authorization for such changes.

"5. The ICNAF Secretariat will provide to Member Governments requesting such information monthly listings of all such vessels licensed to operate in the Convention Area or Statistical Areas 0 and 6, including the activities the vessels are authorized to conduct."