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U. S. Proposal to Amend International Quota Regulation
of the Fishery for Haddock in Subarea 5

At the 1974 Annual Meeting of the Commission paragraph 3 of the regulations was amended by changing the language to conform with regulations implemented elsewhere in the Convention Area. (Proposal 18, adopted 14 June 1974).

Adoption of these provisions resulted in a prohibition against fisheries for crustaceans and scallops during the periods the closure is in effect.

The United States does not believe that this was the intent of the Commission. Accordingly, it is proposed that paragraph 3 of the regulation be amended as follows:

"3. That the Contracting Governments take appropriate action to prohibit persons under their jurisdiction from using fishing gear other than pelagic fishing gear (purse seines or true midwater trawls, using midwater trawl doors incapable of being fished on the bottom) and from attaching any protective device to pelagic fishing gear or employing any means which would in effect make it possible to fish for demersal species during March, April and May in areas of Subarea 5 bounded by straight lines connecting the following coordinates in the order listed:

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| (a) 69°55'W, 42°10'N | (b) 67°00'W, 42°20'N |
| 69°10'W, 41°10'N | 67°00'W, 41°15'N |
| 68°30'W, 41°35'N | 65°40'W, 41°15'N |
| 68°45'W, 41°50'N | 65°40'W, 42°00'N |
| 69°00'W, 41°50'N | 66°00'W, 42°20'N. |

The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to vessels that fish in area (a) with hooks having a gape of not less than 3 cm, or to vessels that fish in areas (a) and (b) with gear designed to fish for crustaceans and scallops."

