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Joint US-Canadian Proposal for International Size Limit Regulation of the Fishery for Mackerel in Subareas 3, 4, and 5, and Statistical Area 6

Noting the views set forth in ICNAF Commissioners Document 75/23 the United States and Canada suggest that the following regulation be reviewed by joint Panels 3-5 for recommendation to the Commission for adoption:

- "1. That the Contracting Governments take appropriate action to prohibit the taking or possession of mackerel, Scomber scombrus, less than 10 inches (25 cm), measured from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail fin, by persons under their jurisdiction, except as provided in paragraph 2 below, in Subareas 3, 4, and 5 and Statistical Area 6.
- "2. i) That Contracting Governments may permit persons under their jurisdiction to take mackerel less than 10 inches (25 cm) measured as specified in paragraph 1 above so long as such persons do not have in possession on board a vessel mackerel under this size limit in an amount exceeding 10% by weight or 25% by count of all mackerel on board the vessel caught in areas specified in paragraph 1 above which can be identified as to size at the time of the inspection.  
  
"ii) Should it be observed during an inspection under the Joint Enforcement Scheme that a vessel is taking an excessive amount of undersize mackerel, in any one trawl haul or seine set, the inspector shall note this fact on the inspection report and bring it to the attention of the master. Such an observation in itself shall not be considered an infringement."

