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Status of national reporting of information  
required for various commission publications

by Assistant Executive Secretary

1. The Secretariat, in its effort to collate and publish various documents pertinent to the Commission's requirements, is consistently hampered in its attempts to disseminate reports promptly by the lack of concern on the part of various Member Countries of ICNAF to adhere to deadlines for the submission of national reports to the Secretariat. The following table indicates the status of national reporting of information required by certain deadlines in 1975 (X = report received as on 15 September 1975). Deficiencies in reporting inevitably cause delays in the preparation of the material for various publications of the Commission.

Country	1974 List of Fishing Vessels (31 Jan. 1975)	STATLANT 21B (30 June 1975)	Discards for 1974 (15 July 1975)	Translation	
				Inspection Questionnaire (Annual Meeting 1975)	Report of Inspection
Bulgaria					
Canada	X	X	X	X	X
Denmark	X	X			
France		X			
Fed. Rep. Germany	X	X	X	X	X
German Dem. Rep.	X	X	X	X	X
Iceland	X <sup>1</sup>	X <sup>1</sup>	X <sup>1</sup>		
Italy	X	X		X	X
Japan	X	X	X	X	X
Norway	X	X	X	X	
Poland	X	X		X	X
Portugal	X	X	X		
Romania	X	X		X	
Spain	X	X		X	
USSR				X	
UK		X	X	X	X
USA	X	X	X	X	X

<sup>1</sup> Reported no fishing in 1974

2. List of Fishing Vessels for 1974. These data were requested by Circular Letter 74/56 (issued 9 Dec. 1974) with the request that they be forwarded to the Secretariat by 31 January 1975. Cabled reminders were sent to various countries in April and again in July. Reports from 4 countries are still outstanding.
3. STATLANT 21B Catch and Effort Statistics for 1974. The deadline for the submission of these data is 30 June 1975. While some reports were received prior to the deadline, most of those available now

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arrived during the past two months. The compilation of tables for Statistical Bulletin Volume 24 for 1974 is hampered by absence of reports from two countries at this time. Cabled reminders were sent on 23 July 1975.

4. Discard Statistics for 1974. These data were requested by Circular Letter 75/18 (issued 4 March 1975) with the request that the reports be airmailed to reach the Secretariat before 15 July 1975. As noted in the foregoing Table, reports from 7 countries are still outstanding. These data are essential for stock assessments and Member Countries are again urged to implement procedures for collecting such information for their fisheries.
5. Translation of Inspection Questionnaire and Report of Inspection. The Joint ICNAF/NEAFC Meeting on Joint International Enforcement, held at Leningrad, USSR, on 4-7 March 1975, recommended "that Member Countries of ICNAF and NEAFC take immediate steps to translate into their language the revised Inspection Questionnaire and the Report of Inspection Form and forward the translations to the Secretariats of ICNAF and NEAFC before their 1975 Annual Meetings". A further recommendation requests the Secretariat to issue a revision of the Handbook containing the ICNAF International Inspection Scheme Translations (Circular Letter 75/30). It will be noted from the foregoing Table that Secretariat is still waiting for returns from several countries.