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SEVENTH SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING - SEPTEMBER 1975

Further Canadian views on the proposal for reduction in fishing effort
on groundfish stocks in Subareas 2, 3, and 4 in 1976

1. That Contracting Governments other than the coastal states take appropriate action in 1976 to limit fishing effort for groundfish, i.e., all finfish except herring, mackerel, capelin, large pelagics, billfishes, and sharks by persons under their jurisdiction in Subareas 2, 3, and 4 of the Convention Area in accordance with the following:

- (a) Each Contracting Government in 1976 shall reduce the number of days fishing for groundfish by 40% based on the number of fishing days reported in 1973 or 45% based on the average number of fishing days reported in 1972-73, or 50% based on the number of fishing days reported in 1972, for each of the tonnage, gear and area categories listed in the attached regulation and table. Each Contracting Government shall have the option of choosing the base period to be applied to its fleet, provided that the base period selected shall be the same for all tonnage, gear and area categories;
- (b) For each Contracting Government having vessels under its flag using longline gear, the number of days fished by such vessels shall not be reduced but shall be limited to the number of days fished during the selected base period;
- (c) Contracting Governments with less than 300 days fished in a particular tonnage, gear and area category during the selected base period shall not be required to reduce the number of days fished for that tonnage, gear and area category but shall be required to limit the number of days fished in that tonnage, gear and area category to the number of days

fished during the selected base period;

(d) Contracting Governments with the number of days fished during the selected base period for a particular tonnage, gear and area category in excess of 300 shall not in any event be required to reduce the number of days fished in 1976 to less than 300;

(e) Contracting Governments shall be permitted, in establishing their effort allocations for 1976, to transfer effort between tonnage, gear and area categories for all vessels under their flag. Conversion factors used for transfers between vessel tonnage and gear categories shall be based upon averages of statistical data for that Contracting Government reported to the Commission for all of Subareas 2, 3, and 4 for the years 1971, 1972, and 1973. Such transfers involving the movement of fishing effort from area to area shall be limited to 10% of the total number of fishing days for the Contracting Government during the selected base period in the area to which the transfer is made.

2. That Contracting Governments, within 45 days from 29 September 1975, shall submit to the Executive Secretary a list of the number of fishing days to apply in 1976 for each tonnage, gear and area category, in accordance with the requirements stated in paragraph 1 above. Such information shall include:

(a) The single base period which each Contracting Government intends to use in applying the regulation of fishing effort for groundfish by all vessels under its flag;

(b) Proposed amendments, if any, a Contracting Government wishes to make in the statistical data as reported to the Commission for the years 1972 and 1973 upon which the regulation of fishing effort for groundfish is to be applied and an explanation for any such adjustments;

(c) A description of any redistribution of fishing effort for groundfish among the various vessel tonnage, gear and area categories for 1976 that a Contracting

Government wishes to make for vessels fishing under its flag.

3. That the Commission, at the Eighth Special Commission Meeting in January 1976, shall review the data supplied pursuant to paragraph 2 and confirm national allocations for fishing effort in the attached table and as may be amended, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 1 above.

4. That the Commission at the Eighth Special Commission Meeting in January 1976 adopt a resolution to bring the regulations agreed to at the meeting into force as soon as possible following the meeting.

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Regulation and Table

"1. That each national allocation of effort in the attached table is an integral part of this regulation.

"2. That, for any effort allocation for a particular vessel tonnage, gear and area:

(a) Each Contracting Government shall limit the number of days fished (24 hour periods, reckoned from midnight to midnight, during which any fishing took place) by persons under its jurisdiction in the areas referred to in the table to the number of fishing days listed for that Contracting Government or, in the case of Contracting Governments not listed by name, to the amount listed under "Others";

(b) Each Contracting Government mentioned by name in the table shall prohibit fishing by persons under its jurisdiction on the date on which

accumulated reported number of days fished,

estimated unreported number of days fished and,

the number of fishing days estimated to be expended before closure could be introduced,

equal 100 percent of the allowable number of fishing days. Each

Contracting Government mentioned by name in the table shall

promptly notify the Executive Secretary of the date on which

such prohibition has been put into effect. The Executive Secretary

shall promptly inform all Contracting Governments of such

notification.

(c) Each Contracting Government not mentioned by name in the table shall notify the Executive Secretary in advance if persons under its jurisdiction intend to engage in a fishery to which this regulation applies, together if possible with an estimate of the number of fishing days to be expended; and it shall also promptly report the number of days fished by persons under its jurisdiction in the areas mentioned in the table in increments of 25 days.

The Executive Secretary shall notify all Contracting Governments of the date on which

accumulated reported number of days fished,
estimated unreported number of days fished and,
the number of fishing days estimated to be expended before
closure could be introduced,

by persons under the jurisdiction of Contracting Governments not mentioned by name in the table equal 100 percent of the allowable number of fishing days designated for "Others" in the table.

Within 10 days of the receipt of such notification from the Executive Secretary, each Contracting Government not mentioned by name in the attached table shall prohibit fishing by persons under its jurisdiction using vessels of the particular tonnage and gear category in the areas mentioned in the regulation.

Recording of Effort

"3. That all Contracting Governments take appropriate action to ensure that all vessels under their jurisdiction which fish in Subareas 2, 3, and 4 of the Convention Area record their fishing effort on a daily basis according

to position, date, and type of gear.*

Other

"4. That, with regard to any effort allocation, each linear entry in the table shall be considered a separate proposal under Article VIII of the Convention as amended. Further, sub-paragraph 2(c) shall apply to each Contracting Government without a specific effort allocation in any linear entry in the table notwithstanding that sub-paragraph 2(b) may apply to each such Government with respect to another linear entry in the table.

"5. That the effort allocations in the table are without prejudice to future allocations.

* This paragraph of the regulation is not intended to lessen in any way the obligation of Member Countries to report all other data on fishing effort, such as hours fished, in Subareas 2, 3, and 4 of the Convention Area and all data on fishing effort in Subareas 1 and 5 of the Convention Area and Statistical Areas 0 and 6.

ATTACHMENT 2

Table - Integral part of the Proposal for Regulation of Fishing Effort for Groundfish in Subareas 2, 3, and 4 of the Convention Area in 1976

Country	Vessel period tonnage	Gear	DAYS FISHED FOR GROUND FISH						NATIONAL ALLOCATIONS OF FISHING EFFORT (DAYS FISHING)					
			Base data			Area			Area			Area		
			SA2+3K	3LNO	3M	3P	4VWX	SA2+3K	3LNO	3M	3P	4VWX		
Bulgaria	72-73 >2000	OT MWT	- 2	19 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	19 -	- -	- -	- -	- -
Canada ¹	72-73 150-499.9	OT MWT	- -	1,330 -	- -	1,436 47	5,222 76	- -	- -	1,600 -	- -	2,200 50	5,100 100	- -
		LL	-	140	-	44	176	-	-	150	-	50	200	-
	500-999.9	OT MWT	63 11	5,880 2	7 4	1,053 103	2,439 102	- -	- -	7,100 -	500 -	1,500 100	2,400 100	- -
Denmark	73 150-499.9	OT LL	15 150	9 -	- 2,115	- -	- -	- -	- -	15 150	9 -	2,115	- -	- -
	500-999.9	OT MWT	322 -	76 -	- -	- 7	303 43	- -	- -	300 -	76 -	- 7	300 43	- -
France ¹	72-73 150-499.9	OT	-	108	-	288	102	-	-	108	-	288	102	-
	1000-1999.9	OT	411	269	105	109	492	-	-	411	269	105	109	492
FRG ²	73 1000-1999.9	OT	243	13	6	-	-	-	-	243	13	-	-	-
	>2000	OT	1,090	71	33	-	5	-	-	839	81	38	-	5
GDR	72-73 500-999.9	OT	2	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
	1000-1999.9	OT	914	76	-	1	69	-	-	504	76	-	1	69
	>2000	MWT	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	-
		OT	224	10	-	-	-	-	-	224	10	-	-	-
		MWT	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-
Japan	73 1000-1999.9	OT	-	1	-	1	9	-	-	-	1	-	1	9
	>2000	OT	-	78	-	31	170	-	-	-	78	-	31	170
Norway	72-73 150-499.9	OT	58	-	7	-	-	-	-	58	-	7	-	-
		LL	377	35	111	313	56	-	-	377	35	111	313	56
	500-999.9	OT	82	-	3	-	-	-	-	82	-	3	-	-
		LL	77	-	-	-	-	-	-	77	-	-	-	-
	1000-1999.9	OT	37	-	-	-	-	-	-	37	-	-	-	-
Poland	73 1000-1999.9	OT	-	-	-	-	37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	>2000	OT	2,101	448	68	10	8	-	-	1,261	300	68	10	40

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Table - (Continued)

DAYS FISHED FOR GROUND FISH NATIONAL ALLOCATIONS OF FISHING EFFORT
(DAYS FISHED)

Country	Base Vessel period tonnage	Gear	Base data														
			SA2+3K					Area									
			3LNO	3P	4VWX	SA2+3K	3LNO	3M	3P	3M	3P	4VWX					
Portugal 73	500-999.9	DV	200	116	7	-	-	200	-	116	7	-	-	200	-	116	7
		CN	359	-	-	-	-	300	-	-	-	-	-	300	-	-	-
	1000-1999.9	OT	1,942	165	217	592	1,066	1,165	355	165	217	355	1,066	1,165	355	165	217
		DV	52	27	7	-	-	52	-	27	7	-	-	52	-	27	7
		CN	584	17	2	-	-	350	-	17	2	-	-	350	-	17	2
	>2000	OT	752	34	119	266	490	451	266	34	119	266	490	451	266	34	119
Romania	72-73>2000	OT	33	2	-	10	175	33	10	2	-	10	175	33	10	2	-
		PT	5,240	1,118	1,459	13	47	2,882	13	615	802	13	47	2,882	13	615	802
	150-499.9	PT	1,852	237	740	8	42	1,019	8	237	407	8	42	1,019	8	237	407
	500-999.9	PT	386	128	257	233	245	300	233	128	257	233	245	300	233	128	257
	1000-1999.9	OT	291	57	120	-	3	291	-	57	120	-	3	291	-	57	120
		PT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		OT	1,024	1,902	53	23	-	563	23	1,046	53	23	-	563	23	1,046	53
	500-999.9	OT	94	6	108	7	14	94	7	6	108	7	14	94	7	6	108
	>2000	OT	2,947	154	6,827	1,304	5,046	1,621	1,304	154	6,827	1,304	5,046	1,621	1,304	154	6,827
USSR	72-73	OT	43	-	-	97	60	43	97	-	-	97	60	43	97	-	-
	500-999.9	OT	504	-	85	520	684	504	520	-	85	520	684	504	300	-	85
UK	72	OT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1000-1999.9	OT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
USA ¹	72-73	OT	-	-	607	-	-	-	-	-	607	-	-	-	-	-	700
	150-499.9	MWT	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	30
Cuba	>2000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	810
Others ²	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100

¹ Estimated number of days fished only, not national allocations of fishing effort.

² Others allocation = 100 days fished per effort management area, irrespective of vessel tonnage or gear used.

Explanatory notes to the Table

A number of countries have indicated a preference for one of the three base periods. The preferred base period is included in the attached table. For countries that did not indicate a preference, the base period of 1972-73 has been used. A number of countries have provided adjusted statistics on effort and have suggested conversions between tonnage-gear categories as follows:

- 1) Days fished for FRG in tonnage category 1,000-1,999.9 g.t. has been converted to days fished in tonnage category > 2,000 g.t. using a conversion factor of 0.76.
- 2) Data provided by GDR has allowed revision of days fished in Div. 4VWX. Days fished in tonnage category 500-999.9 g.t. has been converted to days fished in tonnage category 1,000-1,999.9 g.t. using a conversion factor of 1.0.
- 3) Data provided by Japan has allowed revision of days fished in the > 2,000 g.t.
- 4) Days fished by Poland in tonnage category 1,000-1,999.9 g.t. has been converted to tonnage category > 2,000 g.t. using a conversion factor of 0.87.
- 5) Data provided by UK has allowed revision of days fished.

