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Mid-Term Meeting

Press Notice

A Mid-Term Meeting of the North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission took place in Hamburg from 4th-8th November, 1974. The President, Mr G. Mücklinghoff (Federal Republic of Germany) was in the Chair. Delegations attended from all Contracting States, namely:-

Belgium, Denmark, France, the German Democratic Republic, Germany (Federal Republic of), Iceland, Ireland, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United Kingdom.

Observers represented the Government of the United States of America, the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea, FAO, OECD and the European Economic Community.

2. Demersal Fish Stocks in the North Sea

Cod, Haddock and Whiting

The Commission agreed a Recommendation establishing a quota system for cod, haddock and whiting in the North Sea in 1975 based upon total allowable catches of 236,000, 275,000 and 189,000 tons, respectively. The allocations for each country would be as follows:-

	<u>Cod</u> <u>Tons</u>	<u>Haddock</u> <u>Tons</u>	<u>Whiting</u> <u>Tons</u>
Belgium	14,500	3,000	3,700
Denmark	41,000	55,000	82,000
France	16,500	10,000	27,000
German Democratic Republic	1,000	200	500
Germany, Federal Republic of	24,500	6,500	2,800
Netherlands	26,000	14,000	14,000
Norway	8,500	10,000	3,800
Poland	3,000	1,500	-
Sweden	8,800	6,200	1,900
United Kingdom	84,000	106,000	44,000
USSR	6,400	60,000	7,000
Others (total)	1,800	2,600	2,300

In addition the Commission agreed that the nature of the mixed fishery concerned was such that a measure of flexibility should be incorporated into the Recommendation by permitting the quota of any Contracting State for an individual species to be increased by 10 percent or 500 tons, whichever is the greater, provided the total of that State's quota for the three species as a whole is not exceeded.

Sole and Plaice

The Commission agreed a Recommendation to establish a quota system for sole and plaice in the North Sea in 1975 based upon total allowable catches of 12,500 tons and 126,000 tons, respectively. The allocations for each country would be as follows:-

	<u>Sole</u> <u>Tons</u>	<u>Plaice</u> <u>Tons</u>
Belgium	1,200	5,500
Denmark and Faroes	600	30,000
France	350	2,500
Germany, Federal Republic of	500	5,500
Netherlands	9,200	47,000
United Kingdom	600	34,500
Others (total)	50	1,000

The Commission also agreed that vessels exceeding 50 GRT and 300 HP should be prohibited from trawling for sole and plaice inside the coastal waters off the mainland coasts of Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany (Federal Republic of), and the west coast of Denmark up to the latitude of 56°30' north.

3. Sole and Plaice Stocks in the English Channel

The Commission agreed a Recommendation to establish a quota system for sole and plaice in the English Channel in 1975 based upon total allowable catches of 1,400 tons and 3,260 tons, respectively. The allocations for each country would be as follows:-

	<u>Sole</u> <u>Tons</u>	<u>Plaice</u> <u>Tons</u>
Belgium	100	70
France	870	1,880
United Kingdom	405	1,280
Others (total)	25	30

4. Sole and Plaice Stocks in the Bristol Channel

The Commission agreed a Recommendation to establish a quota system for sole and plaice in the Bristol Channel in 1975 based upon total allowable catches of 700 tons and 800 tons, respectively. The allocations for each country would be as follows:-

	<u>Sole</u> <u>Tons</u>	<u>Plaice</u> <u>Tons</u>
Belgium	400	130
France	100	160
United Kingdom	190	500
Others (total)	10	10

5. Sole and Plaice Stocks in the Irish Sea

The Commission agreed a Recommendation to establish a quota system for sole and plaice in the Irish Sea in 1975 based upon total allowable catches of 1,700 tons and 5,100 tons, respectively. The allocations for each country would be as follows:-

	<u>Sole</u> <u>Tons</u>	<u>Plaice</u> <u>Tons</u>
Belgium	725	250
France	155	270
Ireland	105	1,300
Netherlands	245	20
United Kingdom	455	3,210
Others (total)	15	50

6. Future Regulations on Sole and Plaice Stocks

The Commission resolved that, in future, catch limitations of sole and plaice in the areas referred to above should follow more closely the advice of the Liaison Committee of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea on the total allowable catches necessary to restore the stocks, and at the same time to give more weight than has been possible on this occasion to the interests of fishing fleets with a consistent historic performance.

7. Herring Stocks in the Celtic Sea

The Commission agreed a Recommendation to establish a quota system for herring in the Celtic Sea in

the period from 1st April, 1975 to 31st March, 1976 based upon a total allowable catch of 25,000 tons. The allocations for each country would be as follows:-

	<u>Tons</u>
France	3,600
Ireland	14,000
Netherlands	5,000
United Kingdom	800
Others (total)	1,600

8. Mackerel in the North Sea, Skagerrak and Kattegat

The Commission made a Recommendation limiting the catches of mackerel for industrial purposes in the North Sea, Skagerrak and Kattegat during the first half of 1975 to an amount between 2,500 tons and 10,000 tons for each Contracting State, to be calculated by reference to that State's catches in the same period of 1972 or 1973.

9. Cod Stocks in the North East Arctic

The Commission considered the possibility of regulating catches during 1975 of Arcto-Norwegian cod in the North East Arctic and, at the invitation of the Norwegian Government, agreed to meet again in Bergen from 13th-15th January 1975 to discuss this question further.

10. Closed Season for Herring in the North Sea and Skagerrak

The Commission agreed that in the light of the quota arrangements finally agreed at its Twelfth Annual Meeting in Bonn, the question of a closed season during the first half of the year for herring fishing in the North Sea and Skagerrak should in future be a matter for individual decision by Contracting States rather than the subject of a Recommendation by the Commission.

11. Future Meetings

In addition to the Special Meeting on North East Arctic Cod due to take place in Bergen in January 1975, the Commission confirmed that its Thirteenth Annual Meeting would be held as planned from 21st-27th May, 1975.

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