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Special Meeting

Press Notice

A Special Meeting of the North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission took place in Bergen from 13-15 January 1975. The President, Mr G. Mücklinghoff (Federal Republic of Germany), was in the Chair. Delegations attended from the following Contracting States:

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

Observers represented the Governments of Canada, Italy, and the United States of America, the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea, FAO and the European Economic Community.

2. Demersal Fish Stocks in the North-East Arctic

Arcto-Norwegian Cod

The Members of the Commission present agreed unanimously a Recommendation establishing a quota system for Arcto-Norwegian cod in the North-East Arctic in 1975 based upon a total allowable catch of 810,000 metric tons. The allocations of each country would be as follows:

	<u>Metric Tons</u>
Denmark (Faroe)	11,000
France	30,500
German Democratic Republic	10,000
Germany, Federal Republic of	29,500
Norway	305,000
Poland	7,000
Portugal	7,000
Spain	7,000
United Kingdom	98,000
USSR	305,000

In addition, Belgium, Iceland, Ireland, the Netherlands and Sweden may each catch a maximum of 500 metric tons during 1975.

The Commission further agreed that, where a national quota is filled before the end of the year, the Contracting State may nevertheless permit its vessels to continue to fish provided such permission is limited to fishing with gill nets, long lines or hand lines.

Coastal Cod Stocks

The Commission agreed that there should be added to the Norwegian quota for Arcto-Norwegian cod 40,000 metric tons representing an estimated average annual catch of coastal cod (which is deemed to be a separate stock), and that the amount of coastal cod to be added to the USSR quota should be determined later in the light of recommendations by ICES.

3. Future Exploitation of the Arcto-Norwegian Cod Stocks

The Members of the Commission present adopted unanimously the following Resolution proposed by the Norwegian delegation:

"Member Countries point out that although rational regulations may serve to reduce fluctuations in the fishery there may still in future occur fluctuations in total yield and in the composition of catches. Experience has shown that fluctuations in total yield and yield of mature cod often move in opposite phases. This may cause problems in adjusting the coastal fishery of Arcto-Norwegian cod to a system of annual quotas.

"Member Countries recognise this and will endeavour to take due account of it in the establishment of possible future regulations taking into account scientific advice."

4. Further Meetings

The Commission accepted an invitation from the Soviet Union that at a meeting to be held in Leningrad in March the Contracting States should consider in conjunction with the Member States of ICNAF problems of enforcement arising in the North Atlantic as a whole.

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