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Joint Proposal by Canada and the United States of America

The Commissioners of the United States of America and Canada request that the Commission consider and adopt the following proposal:

That the size limit regulations entered into force on 11 January 1975 for herring be amended to read as follows:

Proposal for International Size Limit Regulation of the Fishery for Herring in Subareas 4 and 5 of the Convention Area and in Adjacent Waters to this West and South within Statistical Area 6

1. That the Contracting Governments take appropriate action to prohibit the taking or possession of herring, *Clupea harengus* L., less than 9 inches (22.7 cm), measured from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail fin, by persons under their jurisdiction, except as provided below, in those portions of Division 4W south of 44°52'N latitude and Division 4X south of 43°50'N latitude of Subarea 4, in Subarea 5 and in statistical area 6.
2. That the Contracting Governments may permit persons under their jurisdiction to take herring less than 9 inches (22.7 cm) measured as specified in paragraph 1 above so long as such persons do not have in possession on board a vessel engaged in fishing for sea fish or in the treatment of sea fish herring under this size limit in an amount exceeding 10% by weight or 25% by count of all herring on board the vessel caught in the areas specified in paragraph 1 above which can be identified as to size at the time of inspection.
3. Should it be observed during an inspection under the Scheme of Joint International Enforcement that a vessel is taking herring less than 22.7 cm in excessive amounts during the first forty-eight hours of fishing since entering the fishery within the areas specified in paragraph 1 above, the inspector shall note this fact on the inspection report and bring it to the attention of the Master. Such observation in itself shall not be considered an infringement.