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Regulatory measures for shrimp (*Pandalus borealis*) in Subarea 1

by

the Danish delegation

At the 1976 Annual Meeting, no decision was taken on regulatory measures for shrimp in Subarea 1, and the question was deferred to the Special Commission Meeting in December 1976.

A re-assessment of the shrimp stock will take place before the Meeting. Therefore, proposals for TAC in 1977 cannot be tabled at the present stage.

Most probably, it will be appropriate to break down an overall TAC by areas (ICNAF Divisions or specific fishing grounds). Reference is made to the Report of the Assessments Subcommittee (Page 10 of Summ.Doc. 76/VI/22; also page 73 of *Redbook* 1976) which states, *inter alia*, that if the TAC is not broken down, over-fishing may occur locally.

Further, attention is drawn to the Subcommittee's discussions on the desirability of a mesh size regulation and on the possible existence of nursery grounds.

Consequently, Denmark submits for consideration that specific proposals on regulatory measures may include a broken-down TAC, closed areas and mesh size regulations.