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U.S. Proposal for International Quota Regulation  
of the Fishery for Herring in Division 5Z of Sub-  
area 5 of the Convention Area and Adjacent Waters  
to the West and South within Statistical Area 6

"1. That the Contracting Governments take appropriate action to regulate the catch of herring, *Clupea harengus* L., by persons under their jurisdiction fishing in Division 5Z of Subarea 5 of the Convention area and in adjacent waters to the west and south within Statistical Area 6 so that the aggregate catch of herring by persons taking such herring shall not exceed 33,000 metric tons in 1977.

"2. That competent authorities from each Contracting Government listed below shall limit, in 1977, the catch of herring from Division 5 of Subarea 5 and adjacent waters to the west and south within Statistical Area 6, taken by persons under their jurisdiction, to the following amounts:

Bulgaria	100 metric tons
Canada	1,000 metric tons
Cuba	700 metric tons
France	1,000 metric tons
Federal Republic of Germany	4,725 metric tons

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German Democratic Republic	4,825 metric tons
Poland	5,100 metric tons
Romania	100 metric tons
USSR	3,400 metric tons
USA	12,000 metric tons
Others	50 metric tons

"3. Each Contracting Government mentioned by name in paragraph 2 shall take appropriate action to prohibit the taking of herring during 1977 by persons under its jurisdiction fishing for stocks or species in Division 5Z of Subarea 5 of the Convention Area and in adjacent waters to the west and south within Statistical Area 6 on the date which accumulated reported catch.

the quantity estimated to be taken before closure could be introduced, and

the likely incidental catch of herring in all other fisheries, equal 100 percent of the allowable catch indicated for it in paragraph 2 above.

"4. That the herring fisheries in Division 5Z of Subarea 5 of the Convention area and in adjacent waters to the west and south within Statistical Area 6 be restricted to the period 15 August to 30 September 1977 and to an area bounded by straight lines joining the following coordinates:

42° 10' N; 69° 00' W

42° 10' N; 68° 35' W

41° 30' N; 68° 35' W

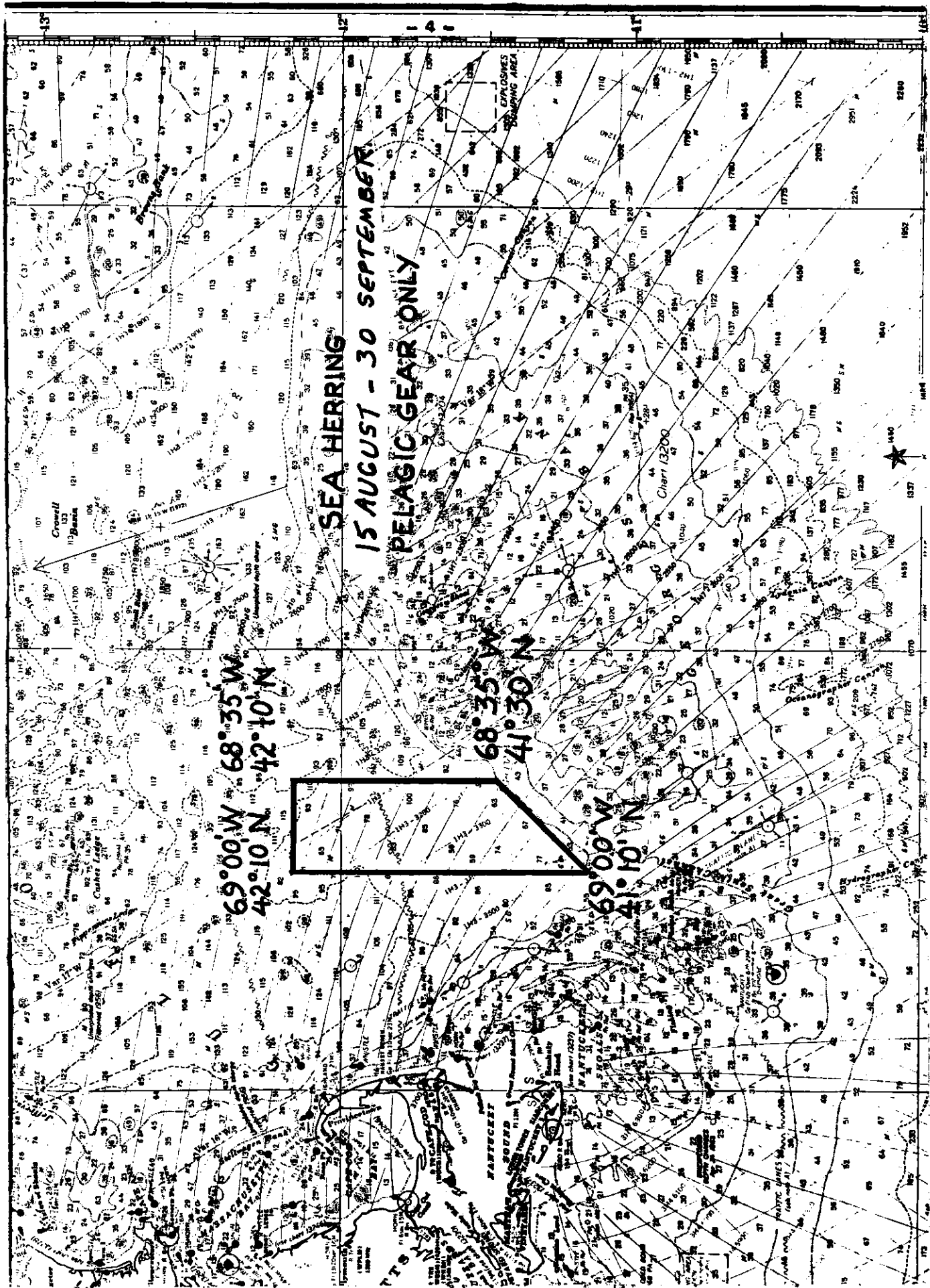
41° 10' N; 69° 00' W

"5. That the Contracting Governments prohibit the taking of herring with fishing gear other than pelagic fishing gear (purse seines or true mid-water trawls, using mid-water trawl doors incapable of being fished on the bottom), and prohibit the attachment of any protective device to pelagic fishing gear or employing any means which would, in effect, make it possible to fish for demersal species in the area described in paragraph 4.

"6. That to minimize the risk of exceeding the amounts listed in paragraph 2 above, and in order to avoid impairment of fisheries conducted for other species which take herring incidentally, the Contracting Governments shall limit persons under their jurisdiction fishing for other species to having in their possession on board (either at sea or at the time of off-loading) herring caught in Division 5Z of Subarea 5 and in adjacent waters to the west and south within Statistical Area 6 in amounts not exceeding 5% by weight of all fish on board. Should it be observed during an inspection that during the first seventy-two hours of fishing after entering the fishery a vessel is taking herring in amounts greater than that permitted, the inspector shall note this fact on the report of inspection and bring it to the attention of the master. Such observation in itself shall not be considered an infringement.

"7. That the provisions of paragraphs 4, 5, and 6 above shall not apply to vessels of the coastal states."

NOTE: Attached is a chart illustrating the area affected by this proposal.



SEA HERRING  
15 AUGUST - 30 SEPTEMBER  
PELAGIC GEAR ONLY

69°00'W 68°35'W  
42°10'N 42°10'N

68°35'W  
41°30'N

69°00'W  
41°10'N

