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ANNUAL MEETING - JUNE 1976<br>Subarea 1 cod: Data for 1975 and estimates of yield for 1976-78<br>by<br>Sv.Aa. Horsted<br>Gr申nalnds Fiskeriundersфgelser<br>Charlottenlund, Denmark

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The present paper follows the same lines as papers on Subarea 1 cod presented at the recent years' mid-term meetings of the Subcommittee on Assessment and at the Annual Meetings of the Commission (Horsted 1973, 1974, and 1975). However, following discussion on the East Greenland cod and on the relation between cod stocks at Weat Greenland and those at Iceland and East Greenland held by the ICES North-Western Working Group, March 1976, also a section on East Greenland cod has been incorporated in the paper.

Although some statistical information on the 1975 fisheries and some further samples may still occur the 1975 data seem to be fairly fully reported at the time when the paper was produced. However, the adequacy of sampling is still far from good and great uncertainty exists in the analyses due to incomplete sampling.

## 2. FOMINAL CATCHES 1974 and 1975

Complete statistics for 1974 has been published recently in Statistical Bulletin, Vol.24. The quality of data has been improved insofar as the break down by areas and gear is concerned. For the first time all catches have been reported by division, but not all by month and gear.

Table 1 gives the 1974 nominal catch by division and gear category.
The 1975 oatches have generally been fairly well reported currently month by month in the proviaional monthly TAC-species reporting, and also preliminary annual statistics was received from several countries prior to the Assessment Meeting, April 1976. However, some uncertainty exists as to the break down by gear. Paking the 1974 break down by gear as a guideIlne it does, however, seem possible to give the provisional 1975 catches by division and gear as in Table 2.

Of the 47-48 thousend tons landed in 1975 about 7000 tons were taken in local fisheries outside the Convention Area. Thus the catch under the quota regulation may be only 40 thousand tons as compared to the quota of 51 thousand tons. The 1975 catch 1a, however, slightiy above the TAC for 1976 (45 100 tons).

## 3. PRENDS IN EPFORT AND CATCH PER UNIT EFPORT

A comparison of effort between yeara is rather difficult, partly due to some changes in gear and vessel type (introduction of set gill nets, for example), and partly due to the wide fluotuations in catch per unit effort between various seasons, eapecially for the trawlers.

Some analyses to evaluate the trends in overall effort since 1968 have, however, been attempted here.
i) Regarding cod as most evenly distributed in the months July-October incl. and considering the Spanish Fleet of 150-499 GRT pair trawlers as the one in which the least changes have taken place since 1968 the Spanish effort of this category in the months mentioned have been raised to effort corresponding to total catches for the years 1968-1971. Thereafter the Spanish effort has decreased to a level so low that the use of Spanish effort as a basis for total effort aeems to be too uncertain.

The actual calculation was based on figures for each division. The Spanish basis effort for Subarea 1 as a wole is set out in Table 3, whereas the resultant overall effort 18 given in Table 4.

This analysis points to a $50 \%$ decrease in effort from the 1968-69 level to the 1970-71 level. Catch per effort seems to have decreased by about $1 / 3$ from 1968 to 1969 but remained rather stable from 1969 to 1971. The decrease in effort was most pronounced in the northern divisions (Divs.1A-1D) and correapondingly less pronounced in Divs. 1E-1F. Catch per unit effort was higher in all years in Dive. 1A-1D than in Divs. 1E-1F, but trends in catch per unit effort was the same in the two areas.
ii) The above analyses only allowed consideration of material up to the end of 1971. However, since catches have declined further aince then another exercise to illustrate trends in effort was made.

For a number of vessel and gear categories (by countries) the catch and effort are reported throughout the period 1968-74. Setting each country/vessel/gear category effort by 1968 to index 1000 the trend in effort for each category can be followed through the period by the annual index relative to 1968. For each of the categories used the 1968 index was then weighted, weighting factor being the corresponding 1968 eatch. The annual sum of the weighted indices was then raised (by total Subarea 1 catch) to an overall index for Subarea 1 effort. The details of the exeroise are given in Table 5. Fig. 1 illustratea the trends for the four most important categoriea (by 1968), viz. French otter trawlers 1000-1999 GRT, German (FRG) otter trawlers 1000-1999 GRT, German (FRG) otter trawlers 2000 GRT or more, and Spanieh pair trawlers 150-499 GRT. These four categories accounted for $39 \%$ of the 1968-72 catch in Subarea 1. The categories given in Table 5 account for $56-66 \%$ of the total Subarea 1 catch in the years 1968-71, thereafter for $41 \%$ in 1972, $28 \%$ in 1973 but only $8 \%$ in 1974.

The low proportion of the total catch and effort for the proper categories for 1973 and especially 1974 does, of course, increase the uncertainty of the ralsed 1973 and 1974 effort figures. The major reason for the declining proportion of the vessel categories in Table 5 is not only
their absolute decline but also the increase in fishing by categories not contained in the table. This applies especially to fleets operating gill nets and to the Greenlandic trawlers. These latter were not in operation before 1969 and only with rather low effort in 1969 and 1970. Only for 1972-74 is their effort recorded as "hours trawled" whereas for 1969-71 and for 1972-74 the number of "days absent" is recorded. Converting "days absent" to "hours trawled" by means of the overall $1972-74$ conversion factor (11.2 for the 150-499 GRT category, 12.0 for the 500-999 GRT category) the effort of the Greenland trawlers is as given in Table 6.

The catch per hour of the Greenland trawlers is of the same order as that of Spanish pair trawlers, 150-499 GRT. The Greenland effort in 1974 would thus correspond very roughly to the Spanish effort in Table 5 for the years 1969 and 1971, i.e. the Greenland 1974 effort would contribute by a weighted index value of about 150 in Table 5. The corresponding Greenland catch in 1974 was 11294 tons. Using these extra values for 1974 would mean to raise a weighted effort of 200 at a catch of 15185 to a catch of 47935. This would lead to a total raised value of 631 or 355 relative to 1968. This seems to confirm the 1974 value found by the exercise in Table 5.

The trends in effort occurring from this exercise are that there was a decrease in effort by about $30 \%$ from 1968 to 1969 , and further by some $40 \%$ from 1969 to 1970 whereas the effort has remained rather stable in the 1970-74 period at a level of about $1 / 3$ of the 1968 level.

No learning factor or factors for possible increasing efficiency of gears have been taken into account in these analyses. However, if such factors do act then the decline in stock abundance is more pronounced than expressed by the catch-per-effort figures obtained from Table 5. These abundance indices are as follows:

| YEAR | 1968 | 1969 | 1970 | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| c.p.u.e.-INDEX | 100 | 80 | 75 | 87 | 66 | 46 | 35 |

If the effort and catch-per-unit-effort figures found (p.3) reflect the true situation in the cod fishery in the Subarea then it can be stated that the drastic reduction in catches since 1968 can be ascribed partly to a reduction in the stock and partly to a reduction in effort, both of about the same effect, viz. to reduce the 1968 level by about $1 / 3$ each, leading to a 1974 catch level of $1 / 8-1 / 9$ of the 1968 level.

## 4. MEAN LENGTH AND WEIGHT OF AGE GROUPS IN 1974

A length sample supplied by the UK for 1975 gives mean length for the total sample of 64.9 cm and mean weight 2.098 kg . Supposing this is gutted weight and applying a conversion factor of 1.22 the corresponding round fresh mean weight is 2.56 kg , which seems to fit well with the normal mean length/mean weight relation.

For analysis of mean length and weight by age groups, however, only Danish samples were available to the author when the present paper was produced. These samples are presented in Table 7.

As will be seen the inshore sample contains fish which in most age groups have a somewhat smaller mean length than the offshore sample, probably due to another selectivity in pound nets than in trawls but maybe also due to the tendency of cod to leave the inshore waters when they grow up to maturity. The small material of fish older than five years in the inshore sample seems to point to this latter explanation. In the following only the offshore samples are considered.

For each age group and for each quarter an unweighted mean of the mean weights given in Table 7 is taken. This unweighted mean is given in the left-hand part of Table 9 . An overall weighted mean of the quarterly mean figures is given at the right-hand part of the same table, weighting factor being the quarterly catches in 1974 given as percentages of the total catch in that year as shown in Table 8.

Also given in Table 8 are the provisional quarterly catches in 1975 as known by mid-March, 1976. However, since information is lacking from some countries, which traditionally have their main fishing in the third quarter, the preliminary 1975 quarterly break down may be so heavily biassed that the 1974 figures may be more proper to use as weighting factors.

The mean weights obtained from the 1975 samples are compared to those obtained from the 1974 samples (Horsted, ICNAF Res.Doc. 75/31) in Table 9. It is seen that for the younger age groups (III-V) the 1975 figures are somewhat higher than the 1974 figures. For age-groups VI-X (among these is the predominant 1968 year-class) there are only minor differences. For age groups older than 10 the material is so limited that a comparison between years is meaningless.

In former years' assesmment three sets of mean weight by age have been used, viz. one set for Diva. 1A-1D, another for Divs. 1E-1F and yet another for Subarea 1 as a whole. The 1975 samples do not allow a divisional break down. This is due in part to the fact that the samples from June and July were obtained from catches taken on trips which covered Diva. 1C-1E. However, comparing the ample from Div. 1E, August to the March and May samples from Div. $1 C$ and Divs. $1 C+1 D$, respectively, it does not seem to lead to any severe bias to use the sare mean weight for Divs. 1A-1D and Divs. 1E$1 F$ for 1975 and for the prognosia, since the most important age groups have about the same mean size in the samples mentioned above.

For age groups older than 10 years it seems most proper to adopt a slowly increasing weight. Plotting the 1974 and 1975 mean weights for ages $X-X V+$ leads to the round figures given below for these year classes. For age-groups III-X the 1975 figures are used. Thus for the present snalyses the following age/wetght table is used:

| AGE | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| :--- | :---: | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: |
| KG | 0.71 | 1.30 | 1.85 | 2.67 | 3.99 | 4.43 | 5.06 | 5.60 | 6.0 | 6.6 |
| AGE | 13 | 14 | $15+$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| KG | 7.7 | 9.0 | 10.5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

It should be pointed out, however, that the use of a single set of mean weights seems proper at present only because the predominant year class (1968) shows no significant difference in mean weight between divisions.

## 5. RESULTS OP RECENT TAGGING EXPERIMEEPS

Tagging experiments on cod in recent years have unfortunately been made to a lesa extent than previously and have been made mainly on small cod discarded from pound net catches in coastal waters and in various fjords.

For judging fishing mortality on fully recruited cod in the offshore fisheries only tagging experiments from offahore and coastal waters are used, and from these only cod bigger than 50 cm when tagged are used.

Such tagging experiments have been pooled for the years 1965-67, 1968-69 and 1970-71 respectively, and for Divs. 1A-1D and Dive. 1E-1F respectively. The recaptures in Subarea 1 from these experiments are given in Table 10.

Provided effort (or rather fishing mortality rate) is constant throughout the period when recaptures are analyzed then the slope of the regression line of $\log$ (recapture rate by year) should indicate the instantaneous total mortality rate, 2 , in the area.

The equations for the regression lines are also found in Table 10. However, as demonatrated in Section 3, the effort in the period 1968-74 has not been stable, but decreasing. Therefore the regression lines in Table 10 will overestimate the total mortality rate. As a first rough estimation to overcome this bias the number of recaptures for the 1968-69 experiments have been adjusted by the factor of 1.4 for recapture years 2-4, corresponding to the relation between the 1969-70 level of effort and the level in the following couples of jears (see Table 5, bottom line). The reapture rates for the $1968-69$ experiments for Subarea 1 as a whole is hereby changed to

| YEAR | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \% recaptures | 1.44 | 0.63 | 0.25 | 0.06 |

The regression line on $\log _{e}$ (recapture rate) is expressed by $y=1.54-1.05 x$.

This slope 1s practically the same as that obtained from the 1965-67 pooled experiments also given in Table 10. One would, therefore, be inclined to state that no significant change in mortality rates has taken place in recent years. However, the material of recaptures is very scarce since 1968 with low recapture percentages compared to former years when percentages of about 20 were common. Uncertainty as to recovery of tags in modern fisheries and to proper reporting of recovered tags does also seem to have increamed. Therefore, less attention should probably be paid to the slope in these experiments than to the fact that total recapture rate has decreased considerably and especially to the fact that effort mas decreased as mentioned in Section 3. The tagging experiments do therefore, not point to a need for a revision of the $F$ value used in last year's analyses, i.e. that overall $F$ in 1973 is set about 0.35 . The same value is initially adopted for 1974 and 1975 for fully recruited age groups.
6. TUMBERS IAADED BY AGE GROUPS IN 1974 and 1975

Numbers landed per age group for the years 1965-73 were given in Rea. Doc. $75 / 31$ (Horsted l.c.) together with preliminary figures for 1974.

Revised figures for 1974 and preliminary figures for 1975 are found in Table 11. It will be seen that the 1968 year-class was the most predominant one in both years and in northern and southern divisions. Although fish of the 1968 year-class are considered to have increased their mean weight by about $44 \%$ from 1974 to 1975 the mean weight of the total landings does not seem to vary much. This seems to be due to a rather strong inflow of younger age groups in 1975 as compared to 1974.

In both years the catches by otter trawls are represented by samples, and the variation between these aamples is rather snall. For the F.R.Germany estimates of numbers landed were directly supplied (A.Meyer, pers. communication) except for Divs. 1A-1D in 1975. For most of the other countries Danish samples were used. The greatest uncertainty is connected with the gill net and long line catches for which no samples were available in 1974 and 1975.

It was, therefore, necessary to construct a sample. This was done in the way that a Portuguese gill net sample for 1973 from Div 1D was compared to a Danish otter trawl sample for the same division and year. The ratio between each age group for these two aamples was then taken as valid also for 1974 and 1975 and a gill net sample constructed from the otter trawl samples from these years.

For the fisheries off East Greenland the same figures as those used by the ICES North-Western Working Group, March 1976, have been adopted. These are based on estimates by A.Meyer (pers.comm.) of numbers by age in the German catches and were raised to the total catch for the ICES Subarea XIV. The figures are set out in Table 12 for the years 1965-75. The mean weights in the bottom line of the table is calculated on the basis of the 1975 mean weighta for West Greenland cod as set out in Table 9.

## 7. IMFORMATION ON FUTURE RECRUITMENT

Hecruitment of Subarea 1 cod to the fisheries starts at an age of 3-4 years. The year classes in question for recruitment in 1975-78 are thus year-classes 1971-75.

Predictions of the strength of the 1975 year-class can at present be made only on hydrographic and plankton observations in 1975. These will be described in details in the Danish Research Report, 1975. Temperatures indicate that the year class could be relatively better than those after 1968, and the occurrence of larvae in the plankton in Dive. 1B-1D in July also seems to point to the possibility of a year class of moderate to average strength.

The 1974 year-clags so far has shown no signs of a noteworthy strength, although the temperatures in 1974 were better than in the previous years after 1968, but not as good as in 1975. The year class 1s, therefore, considered poor in the prognosis.

The greateat interest for the prognosis is connected with the new information on the 1973 year-olass. On the basis of temperatures and larval surveys this year class was previously judged to be slightly better than the preceeding 1971 and 1972 year-classes, but up to the beginning of 1975
it was not considered to be more than just better than these very poor year classes.

However, the Danish hauls with fine meshed otter trawls in Divs. 1C1E revealed a great 1nflow of this year class throughout 1975.) Furthermore the year class seams to have accounted for a considerable discard rate in the coastal poundnet fishery in 1975. Also German groundfish surveys in Div. $1 F$ in December 1974 showed the 1973 year-class to be relatively very abundant (Meyer, 1975). Probably the year class originates to a great extent from spawning off East Greenland. Its' absolute strength is difficult to Judge as long as it has not been fished commercially, but as a preliminary judgment it is considered to be of the same order as the 1966 and 1968 year-classes. These two year classes in the VPA-analyses are both in the order of 60 million fish in Divs.1A-1D but seem to differ somewhat in Dive. 1E-1F, the 1966 year-class being in the order of 15 million fish, the 1968 year-class in the order of 35 million fish, all figures as 3 years old (beginning of the year). A mean figure of 25 million fish is chosen as the strength for Divs.1E-1F.

The 1972 and 1971 year-classes have been considered poor in the past. The 1975 samples do not lead to a revision regarding the 1972 year-class. However, it should be noted that the 1971 jear-class has been observed as relatively abundant both in the only commercial F.R.Germany sample in Div. ic (otter trawl, April), where $83 \%$ of the sample was made up of this year class. Also in some Danish samples the 1971 year-class has had a higher abundance than expected. The only UK sample (length sample, Div.1E, May) converted by Danish age/length key to age frequency shows $38 \%$ of the 1968 year-class and $31 \%$ of the 1971 year-class. However, the high relative abundance of this newly recruited year class may be due to a rather steep decline of the 1968 year-class at West Greenland, possibly due to emigration to East Greenland, where in 1975 about $50 \%$ by numbers of the FRG landings seem to consist of this year class.

The following values for recruitment (thousands of 3 years old fish) have been used in the forecasts.

| Year class | Numbers $x 10^{-3}$ |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $1 \mathrm{~A}-1 \mathrm{D}$ |  | E-1F | Sub | area |
| 1970 | 13000 | 7 | 000 | 20 | 000 |
| 1971 | 30000 | 10 | 000 | 40 | 000 |
| 1972 | 20000 | 5 | 000 | 25 | 000 |
| 1973 | 60000 | 25 | 000 | 85 | 000 |
| 1974 | 30000 | 10 |  | 40 | 000 |
| 1975 | 40000 | 10 |  | 50 |  |

[^0]| YEAR | 1965 | 1966 | 1967 | 1968 | 1969 | 1970 | 1971 | 1972 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| input F | 0.70 | 0.60 | 0.70 | 0.77 | 0.55 | 0.30 | 0.30 | 0.30 |

The valuen for 1965-69 were adopted from Schumacher (1971, Table 2). These valuea together with for $1973=0.35$ gave the following atraight mean values of F for fully recruited age groups (ages 6-14 for Divs.1A-1D, 7-14 for 1E-1F and Subarea 1 as a whole).

| YEAR | 1965 | 1966 | 1967 | 1968 | 1969 | 1970 | 1971 | 1972 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| F, Divs. 1A-1D | 0.45 | 0.52 | 0.68 | 0.80 | 0.62 | 0.29 | 0.45 | 0.65 |
| F, " 1E-1F | 0.49 | 0.61 | 0.55 | 0.51 | 0.39 | 0.59 | 0.62 | 0.52 |
| F, Subarea 1 | 0.46 | 0.54 | 0.62 | 0.69 | 0.54 | 0.36 | 0.49 | 0.61 |

Most of the many analyes carried out by various persons and working groups (e.g. Horsted, l.c., Schumacher, l.c., Anon. 1973) have used values of $F$ in 1968 about 0.80 for the Subarea 1 as a whole with $F$ in Divs.1A-1D above this value and $F$ in Diva. $1 \mathrm{E}-1 \mathrm{~F}$ below the value.

If the 1968 value of $F=0.80$ for Subarea 1 as a whole is maintained as the likely one, and if one considers the trends in effort as described in Section 3, Table 5 as indication of changes in $F$ values, then one would assume approximate $F$ values for Subarea 1 as a whole to be

| 1968 | 1969 | $1970-74$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0.80 | 0.55 | 0.30 |

Remembering that the effort values did not take learning factor and gear development into account it may be proper to raise the last figure from 0.30 to 0.35 , the same value as initially adopted in Section 5.

Taking into account that the decrease in effort has been moat pronounced in the northern diviaions (Table 4) it may be proper to assume the following set of $F$ values for the northern and southern divisions, respectively.

|  | 1968 | 1969 | $1970-74$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Divs. 1A-1D | 1.00 | 0.59 | 0.35 |
| H 1E-1F | 0.50 | 0.50 | 0.35 |
| Suberes 1 | 0.80 | 0.55 | 0.35 |

For analyes of Dive.1E-1F and East Greenland combined the values for 1965-69 are taken as for Divs.1E-1F separately, whereas for the years 197075 the value of 0.22 used by the North-Western Working Group for 1975 is used.

For the years 1965-67 the initial input $P$ is taken as the mean values for fully recruited age groups mentioned in the beginning of this section. The stook-record tables have been worked out on the basis of these values and other parameters already mentioned. However, also other runs of the VPA were made with various input values of $F$. These runs, available to the Assessment Subcommittee, includes the following sets of F-values.

| RUN 1. | 1965 | 1966 | 1967 | 1968 | 1969 | 1970 | 1971 | 1972 | 1973-75 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 11 a | 0.70 | . 60 | . 70 | . 77 | . 55 | .30 | . 30 | . 30 | . 35 |

These values are those used in last years' VPa-analyses as mentioned in the beginning of this section

| RUN 2. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | 1965 | 1966 | 1967 | 1968 | 1969 | 1970 | 1971 | 1972 | 1973-75 |
| 1. Subarea 1 | 0.46 | .54 | .62 | .69 | .54 | .35 | .35 | .35 | .35 |
| 2.Divs.1A-1D | 0.45 | .52 | .68 | .80 | .62 | .35 | .35 | .35 | .35 |
| 3. " 1E-1F | 0.49 | .61 | .55 | .51 | .39 | .35 | .35 | .35 | .35 |
| 4. " I | 0.49 | .61 | .55 | .51 | .39 | .22 | .22 | .22 | .22 |

The values are for the years 1965-69 those obtained as mean values in last year's VPA-analyses by the P-values in Run 1 (see first part of this section). The value of 0.22 for Diva.1E-1F plus East Greenland for recent years is the one used by the North-Western Working Group for the year 1975.

## RUN 3.

| 1. Subarea 1 | 0.46 | .54 | .62 | .80 | .55 | .35 | .35 | .35 | .35 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2. Dive. $1 \mathrm{~A}-1 \mathrm{D}$ | 0.45 | .52 | .68 | 1.00 | .59 | .35 | .35 | .35 | .35 |
| 3. $\quad 1 \mathrm{E}-1 \mathrm{~F}$ | 0.49 | .61 | .55 | .50 | .50 | .35 | .35 | .35 | .35 |
| 4. n " | 0.49 | .61 | .55 | .50 | .50 | .32 | .32 | .32 | .22 |

These values are those referred to in the text above and in the stockrecord sheets.

For all three runs and all four areas the runs were made both with 1974 and with 1975 as the last year of data. (The computer outprints are coded accordingly, e.g. 2, 3, $75=$ run 2, Divs. 1E-1F with 1975 as last year of data).

## 9. OTHER PARAMETERS FOR VPA-ANALYSES AND PROGNOSIS

The natural mortality for all age groups is taken as $\mathrm{M}=0.20$, the value used in all previous assessments.

A coefficient of emigration is added to the above mentioned M-value for age-group 7 and older fish to cover the spawning migration to East Greenland - Iceland. As in former years this coefficient is 0.15 for Divs. 1E-1F and 0.05 for Subarea 1 as a whole. When Divs. 1E-1F and East Greenland are combined the coefficient is set at 0.29 , the same value as used by the ICES Morth-Western Working Group, March 1976.

Partial recruitment is taken as in former analyses (Anon., 1973). The values for Divs. $1 \mathrm{E}-1 \mathrm{~F}$ are considered valid also for East Greenland. The values are

| Age group | Divs.1A-1D | Divs. 1E-1F | Subarea 1 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3 | $9 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| 4 | 27 | 8 | 25 |
| 5 | 64 | 41 | 50 |
| 6 | 100 | 67 | 80 |
| older | 100 | 100 | 100 |

Prognosis have been made both with 1974 and with 1975 as the last year with data. In both cases the 1975 weight-by-age values are adopted (Section 4, Table 9). For calculation of biomass prior to 1975 the 1974 weight-by-age figures are used.

For the prognosis inside Subarea 1 the recruitment given in Section 7 was used. For the recruitment at East Greenland the arbitrary assumption was made that recruitment is equal to the predicted recruitment in Divs. 1E-1P, but this assumption may be far from the actual situation.

Prognosis were carried out for the following set of future $F$ values (for fully recruited age groups)

1) $\mathrm{F}=0.35$ in all areas and years
2) $F=0.56$ in Divs. $1 A-1 D$

F = 0.65 in " 1E-1F and at East Greenland $\mathrm{F}=0.60$ in Subarea 1 as a whole
These values are considered to be the $F_{\text {max }}$ values
3) $F=0.35$ in Dive. $1 \mathrm{~A}-1 \mathrm{D}$
$F=0.45$ in " $1 E-1 F$ and at East Greenland
$F=0.40$ in Subarea 1 as a whole
These values are considered to be the $F_{0.1}$ values
10. RESULTS OF THE ANALYSES AND DISCUSSION

The various VPA runs all gave results very similar to those obtained last year for the years 1965-1970. However, for 1971 and more recent years one remarkable difference between last year's analyses and the present analyses oocur, viz. that the stock figures for the important 1968 year-class now are only about half the values obtained last year. Did we overestimate the strength of the year olass last year or are the present input data biassed so that the strength of the year class is now underestimated ? Anyway, the author was rather surprised to see that the 1968 year-class did not account for a rather higher percentage of the 1975 otter trawl catches than was the case. Evidently, so was Dr.Arno Meyer. In his personal communication to the author when supplying FRG data for 1975 Dr.Meyer refrained from giving German catch by numbers and age groups for Divs. 1A-1D because his only sample was a commercial sample from a factory trawler (Div.1C,April) consiating mostly of the 1970-71 year-classes. Dr. Meyer writes: "Probably this sample is not representative for all the catches. ... I suppose, that especially the March catches consisted mostly of 1968 cod". The Danish otter trawl samples did, however, confirm that although the 1968 year-class was very important also an unexpected inflow of small cod occurred in the first quarters of the year when the best trawl catches are obtained (figs. 2 and 3). The actual Subarea 1 oatches of the 1968 year-class as calculated from the 1974 and 1975 samples was 6938 and 4935 thousand fish for the two years respectively (Table 11) as compared to forecasts ranging from 8949 to 12253 thousand fish for 1974 and from 7484 to 10247 thousand fish for 1975, F in both years taken as only 0.20. So evidently the year class strength was overestimated previously or the year class has had an extremely abrupt decline due to a higher exploitation rate in 1973 than assumed or due to higher natural mortality, including not least emigration. Also one other factor should be mentioned in the discussion, namely the increasing proportion of catches taken by gill nets and long lines in the years after 1970. By 1974 these two gears accounted for slightly more than $1 / 3$ of the total catch againat less than $10 \%$ in 1970. This could drastically have changes the partial recruitment figures used due to the tendency of these gears to catch big and old fish. If the 1968 year-class was actually recruited to a less extent than presumed then the stock figures obtained in the analyses carried out here are somewhat underestimated. This does, however,
not explain the difference between last year's forecasts and the actual catches. It does, therefore, seem likely that the strength of the 1968 yearclass was overestimated previously, although present judgment may be somewhat on the low side of the true figures.

The results of the VPA runs regarding values of $F$ are shown in Tables $15 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{h}$ (for VPA runs 3174 through to 3475 ). The corresponding results regarding stock size and composition are given in Tables $16 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{h}$. The forecasts for the jears 1976-78 based on the $F$ values mentioned in Section 9, p. 11 are available as computer printouts. The total catches and biomass forecasted for each of the areas are also set out in Table 17. In the same table is indicated that part of the predicted catches which is made up of the yearclasses 1971-75. The prediction of this part of the catch is, of course, associated with exactly the same uncertainties as those associated with the judgment of the year-class strength of these year ciasses (plus uncertainties on all other parameters).
11. COD AT EAST GREENLAND

In its' report to the Commission at the Annual Meeting 1975 STACRES pointed out that the matter of managing the Subarea 1 cod fisheries, so as to take stock/recruitment relationship into account, also involves regulation of fisheries off East Greenland (in the NEAPC Area).

The status of the East Greenland cod and the fisheries there has recently been examined by the ICES North-Western Workin Group, March 1976. Their findings will be made available to ICNAF. It should be noted here, that data for Divs. 1E-1F catches by numbers have been slightly revised after the N.-W. Working Group's Meeting. However, the East Greenland catch-by-number data here used are the same as those used by the Working Group. Also VPA runs for Divs. 1E-1F and East Greenland combined carried out here differ from the runs in the N.-W. Working Group in that input $F$ values for the years 1970-75 are taken as 0.22, while the Working Group used this figure for 1975 only but a figure of $F=0.50$ for all preceeding years. In the forecasts various $F$ values have been used as indicated in Table 17.

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TABLE 1 Nominal catoh (metric tons $\times 10^{-3}$ ) of cod in Subarea 1, 1974 according to TCNAF Stat. Bull. Vol. 24. Catches reported as taken by unknown gear by Denmark $P$ (total 4911 tons) have been assumed to be mainly gill-net catches ( 4000 tons) but may include some long-line catches, the rest ( 911 tons) trawl catches. These trawl catchos have been allocated to the divisions in the same proportion as the Danish (G) trawl catches for Divs. 10-1F.
Catches under unknown gear in the table are oraenland small-boat catches, the main gear being pound net.

| Div. | Otter | trawl | Setgill net | Long line | Unicnown | TOTAL |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 A |  | 36 | - | - | 454 | 490 |
| 1B |  | 387 | 1004 | 112 | 926 | 2429 |
| 1 C | 7 | 309 | 4845 | 298 | 1449 | 13901 |
| 1 D | 7 | 737 | 7305 | 38 | 2588 | 17668 |
| 1E | 5 | 439 | 1884 | 1434 | 1628 | 10385 |
| 17 | 1 | 214 | 234 | 21 | 1593 | 3062 |
| TOTAL | 22 | 122 | 15272 | 1903 | 8638 | 47935 |

TABLE 2 Preliminary nominal catch (netrio tona $\times 10^{-3}$ ) of cod in Subarea 1, 1975. Catches obtained either as reported for the Assesament Meeting, April 1976 or from provisional monthly catch atatistica (ICMAF C. L $76 / 15$ ). In cases where only total catch for the subares was reported the break-down on divisions (and in some cases alao gear) was taken to be proportionally equal to the 1974 break-down. Catches reported under unknown gear in the table are Greenland small-boat catches, the main gear belng pound net.

| Div. | Otter trawl | Set gill net | Long line | Unknown | TOPAL |  |
| :---: | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| 1A | 24 | - | - | 170 | 194 |  |
| 1B | 366 | 502 | 194 | 1036 | 2098 |  |
| 1C | 17572 | 2788 | 513 | 1269 | 22142 |  |
| 1D | 4454 | 4312 | 227 | 2286 | 11279 |  |
| 18 | 3490 | 171 | 1029 | 1062 | 7292 |  |
| 1F | 2846 | 146 | 364 | 1158 | 4514 |  |
| TOTAL | 28752 | 9459 | 2327 | 6981 | 47 | 519 |

TABLE 3. Subarea 1 cod. Catch (tons), effort (hours trawled) and catch per unit effort (tons/hour) of Spanish pair trawlers, 150-499 GRT, July - October incl., 1968-74.

| YRAR | 1968 | 1969 | 1970 | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Spanish catch (tons) <br> July-0ct. | 17748 | 18545 | 12509 | 16062 | 1047 | 1000 | 211 |
| Spanish effort(hrs) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| July-Oct. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Spanish c.p.u.e.

| July-Oct. | 1.66 | 1.07 | 0.99 | 1.10 | 0.43 | 0.48 | 0.32 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


| Spanish catch July-0ct | 82.6 | 84.6 | 71.5 | 72.7 | 59.0 | 53.4 | 39.7 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

in \% of Spanish annual catch

| Spanish catch July-0ct | 4.5 | 8.6 | 10.8 | 13.2 | 1.0 | 1.6 | 0.4 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| in \% of total annual |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Subarea l catch |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| TABLE 4. Subarea 1 cod. Total annual nominal Effort unit is one hour fished by S been obtained by raising (for each July - October incl. to total catch is given in Table 3. |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| YEAR |  | 1968 | 1969 | 1970 | 1971 |
| Dive.1A - 1D | tons | 279539 | 144331 | 62447 | 77017 |
|  | hrs. | 171022 | 137155 | 65532 | 67340 |
|  | tons/hr. | 1.63 | 1.05 | 0.95 | 1.14 |
| Divs.1E - $1 F$ | tons | 114001 | 70476 | 53550 | 44163 |
|  | hrs . | 94506 | 96258 | 65160 | 47396 |
|  | tons/ hr . | 1.21 | 0.73 | 0.82 | 0.93 |
| Subarea 1. | tons | 393540 | 214807 | 115997 | 121180 |
|  | hrs. | 265528 | 233683 | 130692 | 114736 |
|  | tons $/ \mathrm{hr}$. | 1.48 | 0.92 | 0.89 | 1.06 |

Table 5. Subarea 1 cod. Catch (tons), effort and effort indices relative to 1968 for the major vessel/ gear categories, 1968-1974. d.f. = days fished, hrs $=$ hours fished.


TABLE 6. Subarea 1 cod. Effort for the Greenland trawlers 1969-74. Hours trawled in 1969-71 obtained from "days absent" converted by the 1972-74 proportion between "days absent" and"hours trawled".

|  | Year | 1969 | 1970 | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Days absent | 146 | 281 | 270 | 252 | 244 | 178 |
|  | Hours trawled | 1642 | 3160 | 3036 | 3072 | 2614 | 1894 |




[^2]TABLE 8 Hominal aatch of Subarea 1 cod by quarter of the year. Only catches specified by month are used for the percontages.

| Quarter: |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Total specified catch (\% of total) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1974 | tons | $\begin{array}{r} 4593 \\ \hline 11.5 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 14602 \\ 36.5 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 12667 \\ 31.6 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 8191 \\ 20.4 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 40.053 \\ & (83.6 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| 1975 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { tons } \\ & \text { \% } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 13430 \\ 37.4 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 12037 \\ 33.6 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 4907 \\ 13.7 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5487 \\ 15.3 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 35861 \\ & (75.5 \%) \end{aligned}$ |

TABLE 2 Kean weight (kg round, fresh) by age as obtained from Table 7, offshore
amples and weighted by quarterly mean oatch index for 1974 as given in Table 8. The weighted mean figures obtained by the 1974 samples as preaented in Res.Doc. $75 / 31$ are shown for comparison.

| Age group | Jiveighted mean by quarter |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Veighted annual } \\ \text { mean } \end{gathered}$ | Rea. Doc. $75 / 31$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| III | - | 0.71 | - | - | 0.71 | 0.65 |
| IV | 1.31 | 1.34 | 1.25 | - | 1.30 | 0.99 |
| V | 1.88 | 1.81 | 1.79 | 1.99 | 1.85 | 1.68 |
| vI | 3.23 | 2.83 | 2.52 | 2.30 | 2.67 | 2.77 |
| VII | 4.22 | 3.72 | 3.41 | 5.25 | 3.99 | 3.84 |
| VIII | 5.30 | 4.59 | 3.93 | - | 4.43 | 4.72 |
| II | 6.73 | 5.34 | 4.13 | - | 5.06 | 5.34 |
| $\mathbf{x}$ | 9.02 | 6.00 | 3.89 | - | 5.60 | 5.34 |
| XI | - | 7.92 | - | - | 7.92 | 5.48 |
| XII | 9.15 | 4.78 | 4.15 | - | 5.16 | 5.39 |
| XIII | - | 6.11 | - | - | 6.11 | 8.70 |
| XIV | 11.35 | 7.61 | - | - | 8.51 | 10.19 |
| $\underline{X}+$ | 12.41 | - | 9.27 | - | 10.11 | 10.74 |

TABLE 10
Cod tagged by Denmark in ICNAF Subarea 1 (exeluding fjords) 1965-67, 1968-69 and 1970-71. Only cod 50 cm or more when tagged are included. Some recaptures may otill occur in the 1970-71 experiments 4 th year. $x$ ) indicates that although no recaptures are reported one recapture has been used in the regresoion analyses.

| Diviaion and period of tagging |  | Nos. <br> tagged | Recaptures in Subarea 1 in year of tagging ( 0 ) and first to fourth calendar yeart after fear of tagging in numbers and an percentage of numbers tagged |  |  |  |  |  |  | Regression lines of $\log _{e}$ (\% recapt.) excl. year 0. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4+ | TOTAL |  |
| 1965-67 | 1A-1D |  | 1890 | Nos. \% | $\begin{gathered} 64 \\ 3.39 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 141 \\ & 7.46 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 44 \\ 2.33 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 11 \\ 0.58 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 6 \\ 0.31 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 266 \\ 14.07 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & y=3.02-1.09 x \\ & y=2.72-0.86 x \\ & y=2.95-1.01 x \end{aligned}$ |
|  | 1E-1F | 869 | Non. \% | $\begin{gathered} 11 \\ 1.27 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 42 \\ 4.83 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 30 \\ 3.45 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 14 \\ 1.61 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 3 \\ 0.35 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 100 \\ 11.51 \end{array}$ |  |  |
|  | Subarea 1 | 2759 | Nos. \% | $\begin{gathered} 75 \\ 2.72 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 183 \\ & 6.63 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 74 \\ 2.68 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 25 \\ 0.91 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 9 \\ 0.33 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 366 \\ 13.27 \end{array}$ |  |  |
| 1968-69 | 1A-1D | 1574 | Nos. \% | $\begin{gathered} 15 \\ 0.95 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 22 \\ 1.40 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 6 \\ 0.38 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1 \\ 0.06 \end{gathered}$ | - | $\begin{array}{r} 44 \\ 2.80 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & y=2.00-1.58 x \\ & y=1.13-0.73 x \\ & y=1.57-1.17 x \end{aligned}$ |  |
|  | $1 E-1 F$ | 651 | Nos. \% | $\begin{gathered} 6 \\ 0.92 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 10 \\ 1.54 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 4 \\ 0.61 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 3 \\ 0.46 \end{gathered}$ | x) | $\begin{array}{r} 23 \\ 3.53 \end{array}$ |  |  |
|  | Subarea 1 | 2225 | Nos. \% | $\begin{gathered} 21 \\ 0.94 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 32 \\ 1.44 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 10 \\ 0.45 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 4 \\ 0.18 \end{gathered}$ | x) | $\begin{array}{r} 67 \\ 3.01 \end{array}$ |  |  |
| 1970-71 | 1A-1D | 801 | Nos. $\%$ | - | $\begin{gathered} 16 \\ 2.00 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1 \\ 0.12 \end{gathered}$ | x) | - | $\begin{array}{r} 17 \\ 2.12 \end{array}$ | $y=1.63-1.4 \mathrm{ix}$ |  |
|  | 1E-1F | 779 | Nos. \% | $\begin{gathered} 47 \\ 6.03 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 21 \\ 2.70 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 9 \\ 1.16 \end{gathered}$ | x) | - | $\begin{array}{r} 77 \\ 9.88 \end{array}$ | $y=2.73-1.52 x$ |  |
|  | Subarea 1 | 1580 | Nom. \% | $\begin{gathered} 47 \\ 2.97 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 37 \\ 2.34 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 10 \\ 0.63 \end{gathered}$ | x) | - | $\begin{array}{r} 94 \\ 5.95 \end{array}$ | $y=2.85-1.83 x$ |  |

TABLE 11. Numbers of cod $\left(x 10^{-3}\right)$ per age group in nominal catches 1974 and provisional figures for 1975.

| Age group | 1A - 1D | $\begin{aligned} & 1974 \\ & 1 \mathrm{E}=2 \mathrm{~F} \end{aligned}$ | Sub. 1 | 1A - 1D | $\begin{aligned} & 1975 \\ & 1 E-1 F \end{aligned}$ | Sub. 1 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3 | 242 | 101 | 343 | 6 | 38 | 44 |
| 4 | 875 | 204 | 1079 | 1440 | 544 | 1984 |
| 5 | 2109 | 275 | 2384 | 1590 | 528 | 2118 |
| 6 | 4324 | 2614 | 6938 | 2399 | 135 | 2534 |
| 7 | 937 | 198 | 1135 | 2901 | 2034 | 4935 |
| 8 | 1363 | 443 | 1806 | 1129 | 235 | 1364 |
| 9 | 702 | 98 | 800 | 901 | 1.98 | 1099 |
| 10 | 119 | 75 | 194 | 505 | 140 | 645 |
| 11 | 99 | 78 | 177 | 10 | 17 | 27 |
| 12 | 92 | 60 | 152 | 20 | 5 | 25 |
| 13 | 193 | 79 | 272 | 5 | 10 | 15 |
| 14 | 106 | 41 | 147 | 26 | 23 | 39 |
| $15+$ | 11 | - | 11 | 12 | 0 | 12 |
| Total | 11172 | 4266 | 15438 | 10934 | 3907 | 14841 |
| Nom.catch(tons) | 34488 | 13447 | 47935 | 35713 | 11806 | 47519 |
| Calculated mean weight | 3.09 | 3.15 | 3.11 | 3.27 | 3.02 | 3.20 |

TABLE 12. Numbers of cod ( $\mathrm{xclo}^{-3}$ ) per age group in nominal catches off East Greenland (ICES Subarea XIV). orking Group, March 1976.

| Age group | 1965 | 1966 | 1967 | 1968 | 1969 | 1970 | 1972 | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 | 1975 (prov.) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3 | - | 28 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4 | 4 | 25 |
| 4 | 131 | 21. | 145 | 104 | 31 | 66 | 25 | 27 | 25 | 63 | 25 |
| 5 | 35 | 470 | 302 | 630 | 252 | 76 | 171 | 85 | 197 | 22 | 149 |
| 6 | 91 | 89 | 2346 | 502 | 849 | 500 | 159 | 254 | 126 | 488 | 38 |
| 7 | 879 | 137 | 564 | 2505 | 770 | 1539 | 1051 | 295 | 250 | 176 | 344 |
| 8 | 661 | 1071 | 210 | 238 | 2103 | 1060 | 3785 | 1299 | 82 | 185 | 68 |
| 9 | 1484 | 359 | 1292 | 62 | 170 | 1715 | 1580 | 3184 | 710 | 52 | 36 |
| 10 | 59 | 418 | 492 | 144 | 38 | 237 | 1326 | 818 | 959 | 329 | 9 |
| 11 | 27 | 23 | 371 | 69 | 82 | 32 | 171 | 470 | 222 | 259 | 29 |
| 12 | 139 | 3 | 37 | 27 | 68 | 63 | 19 | 136 | 72 | 65 | 23 |
| 13 | 29 | 27 | 17 | 5 | 24 | 48 | 4. | 26 | 19 | 11 | 7 |
| 14 | 41 | 18 | 49 | 10 | 7 | 16 | 9 | 22 | - | - | 2 |
| 15+ | 137 | 18 | 32 | 15 | 29 | 11 | 5 | 31 | 7 | 2 | - |
| Total | 3713 | 2682 | 5857 | 4321 | 4423 | 5363 | 8305 | 6647 | 2673 | 1656 | 755 |
| Nom.catch(tons) | 14497 | 12870 | 24732 | 15701 | 27771 | 20907 | 31516 | 26629 | 11752 | 6553 | 3435 |
| Calculated mean weight | 3.90 | 4.80 | 4.22 | 3.64 | 4.02 | 3.90 | 3.79 | 4.01 | 4.40 | 3.96 | 4.55 |


 hour but not total sbence (indicated by $O$ ).

| Year | Date | ReP.EO. | W0.01 haule | Total tiae tramied (sinutes) | Number of cod per hour and age group |  |  |  |  |  | oup <br> VIII + |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1966 | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \text { Apr } \\ & 1-2 A p r \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 3941 \\ 3964 /-5 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 105 \\ 95 \end{array}$ | 2 0 | $\begin{aligned} & 96 \\ & 31 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 214 \\ 33 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 395 \\ 57 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 78 \\ & 11 \end{aligned}$ | 22 | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \\ & 5 \end{aligned}$ |
| 1969 | $\begin{aligned} & 8-9 \text { Jan } \\ & 21 \text { Feb } \\ & 4 \mathrm{Mar} \\ & 7-8 \mathrm{May} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4142 \\ & 4164 \\ & 4168 \\ & 4213 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \\ & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 3 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 183 \\ 45 \\ 120 \\ 180 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 70 \\ 103 \\ 65 \\ 273 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 208 \\ & 261 \\ & 157 \\ & 130 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 68 \\ 109 \\ 89 \\ 12 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 27 \\ 41 \\ 47 \\ 8 \end{array}$ | 8 8 9 0 | $\begin{array}{r} 13 \\ 4 \\ 6 \\ 1 \end{array}$ |
| 1970 | 4-5 Jun | 4376 | 3 | 171 | 6 | 6 | 35 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 1971 | $\begin{aligned} & 17-21 \text { Jam } \\ & 13-14 \text { May } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4512 \\ & 4530 \end{aligned}$ | $3^{\circ}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 146 \\ & 217 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 240 \\ & 229 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 60 \\ & 29 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 95 \\ & 16 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 9 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ | 2 0 | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ |
| 1973 | $\begin{aligned} & 6-7 \text { Feb } \\ & 17-18 \mathrm{Apr} \\ & 22 \text { Jun } \\ & 23 \text { Oet } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4718 \\ & 4738 \\ & 4754 \\ & 4865 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \\ & 3 \\ & 2 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 180 \\ & 180 \\ & 120 \\ & 120 \end{aligned}$ | 1 8 0 0 |  | 0 + + + | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \\ & 1 \\ & 6 \\ & 3 \end{aligned}$ |  | 1 0 + 2 | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ |
| 1974 | $8+21$ Jan 10 Jus | $\begin{aligned} & 4876 / 7 \\ & 4913 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \\ & 3 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 180 \\ & 180 \end{aligned}$ | 0 0 | $35$ | $\begin{array}{r} 15 \\ 2 \end{array}$ | 2 | $\begin{aligned} & 5 \\ & 4 \end{aligned}$ | 0 1 | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ |
| 1975 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 9-16 Jen } \\ & 23-24 \mathrm{Apr} \\ & 18-19 \mathrm{Jun} \\ & 19-20 \text { Aug } \\ & 700 \mathrm{t} \\ & 10-11 \text { Hov } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 5016 \\ & 5031 \\ & 5043 \\ & 5110 \\ & 5134 \\ & 5158 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \\ & 3 \\ & 3 \\ & 3 \\ & 1 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 165 \\ 180 \\ 180 \\ 157 \\ 30 \\ 120 \end{array}$ | 12 1 0 0 0 | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ | 4 0 0 0 | 2 0 0 0 | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ | 2 0 0 0 | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ |
| 1976 | 20-21 Jan | 5176 | 3 | 165 |  | $114^{x}$ |  |  |  |  |  |

x)

Otolithe from this eample not yet received, but to judge from length diatribution more than gof of the total of 114 cod per hour are of the 1973 year-clasa.

Number of cod per hour trawled on the standard station FRWDERIKSHAB ISBLINK, 62*27'N 52*14'V, depth ab. 240 m. Otter trawl, 36 mm cod end mesh size. + indicates lessethan one cod per hour but not total absen (indicated by 0 ).

| YEAR | DATE | REF. HO 0 | HO.OF <br> HAULS | TOTAL TIME <br> TRAFLED (minutes) | NUMBER OF COD PER HOUR AND AGE GROUP |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | II | III | IV | V | VI | VII | VIII+ |
| 1975 | 29 Apr | 5032 | 3 | 180 | 48 | 9 | + | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  | 6 May | 5033 | 3 | 150 | 59 | 11 | + | 0 | 0 | 0 | + |
|  | 26 Jun | 5049 | 3 | 180 | 44 | 2 | 1 | + | 0 | 2 | 0 |
|  | 26 Aug | 5117 | 3 | 180 | 23 | 14 | 8 | 8 | 3 | 20 | 2 |
|  | 20 Hov | 5161 | 3 | 150 | 38 | 32 | 6 | 2 | + | 1 | 0 |


the last agegrour is a plus group

| $\operatorname{COD~1A-1D}$ | COD | 1E-1F | F46/56. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | FISHING MORTALITIES EY YEAR AND BY AGE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| AGE |  | 1965 | 1906. | 1967 | 1968 | 1969 | 1970 | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 |
| 3 |  | 0. 08 | 0. 01 | 0. 03 | 0. 05 | 0. 01 | 0. 00 | 0. 00 | 0. 00 | 0. 01 | 0. 01 |
| 4 |  | 0. 18 | 0. 06 | O. 10 | 0. 18 | 0. 23 | 0.05 | 0. 085 | 0. 15 | 0. 12 | 0. 06 |
| 5 |  | 0. 34 | 0. 31 | 0. 34 | -. 37 | 0. 30 | 0. 30 | 029 | 0. 51 | 0. 39 | O. 17 |
| A |  | -. 40 | 0. 46 | 0. 57 | 0. 65 | 0. 52 | 0. 38 | 0. 47 | 0. 62 | O. 30 | 0. 29 |
| 7 |  | 0. 5.5 | 0. 51 | 0. 80 | 0. 77 | 0. 82 | 0. 58 | 0. 64 | 0. 42 | 0. 27 | O. 18 |
| 8 |  | 0. 46 | 0. 64 | 0. 49 | 0. 56 | 0.76 | 0. 66 | 1. 05 | 0. 81 | 0. 27 | 0. 32 |
| $\%$ |  | 0. 63 | 0. 40 | 0. 63 | 0. 72 | 0.62 | 0. 41 | 0. 8.4 | 1. 18 | 1. 38 | 0. 25 |
| 10 |  | 0. 45 | - 72 | 0.66 | 0.63 | 0.52 | 0. 35 | 0. 54 | 0. 74 | 0. 92 | 0. 97 |
| 11 |  | 0. 63 | 0. 46 | 0. 46 | 0. 77 | 0.39 | 0. 29 | 0. 52 | 0.65 | 0. 47 | 0. 96 |
| 12 |  | -. 53 | 0. 36 | 0. 29 | 0.51 | 0. 59 | 0. 25 | 0. 26 | 1. 02 | 0. 35 | 1. 19 |
| 13 |  | 0. 17 | 0. 61 | 1. 20 | 0. 19 | 0. 21 | 0. 35 | 0. 25 | 1. 00 | 0. 36 | 0. 95 |
| 14 |  | 0.09 | 0. 70 | 0. 6.9 | 1. 41 | 0. 57 | 0. 22 | 0. 44 | 0. 51 | 0. 79 | 1. 95 |
| 15 |  | 0. 46 | 0. 54 | 0. 62 | 0. 80 | 0. 55 | 0. 35 | 0. 35 | 0.35 | 0. 35 | 0. 35 |
| MEAN-F A\% $=$ | 7 | 0. 50 | 0. 51 | 0. 60 | 0.71 | 0. 75 | 0. 54 | 0.79 | 0. 87 | 0. 37 | 0. 31 |
| AGE |  | 1975 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 |  | 0.04 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 |  | 0.09 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 |  | 0. 18 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8 |  | 0. 28 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7 |  | 0. 35 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8 |  | 0. 35 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $?$ |  | 0. 35 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 |  | 0. 35 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11 |  | 0. 35 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12 |  | 0. 35 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13 |  | 0. 35 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 14 |  | 0. 35 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15 |  | 0. 35 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| MEAN-F $A=7$ |  | 0. 35 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | THE LAST AGEGROUP IS A PLUS GROUP |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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| - | Fishing | MORTA | TIES | EY YE | AR AND | Ey AD |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\therefore$ AE | 1965 | 1Fós | 1787 | 1968 | 1767 | 1970 | $1 \ni 71$ | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 |
| 3 | 0. 12 | 0. 00 | 0. 05 | 0.06 | 0.01 | 0. 00 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 003 |
| 4 | 0. 25 | 0.07 | 0. 18 | 0. 30 | 0. 29 | 0.07 | -. 12 | ف. 18 | 0. 16 | 0.09 |
| 5 | -). 38 | 0. 31 | 0.49 | 0. 59 | 0. 41 | 0. 33 | 0. 34 | 0. 79 | 0. 49 | a. 22 |
| 6 | 0. 43 | 0. 54 | 0. 67 | - 83 | 0. 62 | -. 44 | 0. 54 | 9. 74 | 0. 43 | 0. 35 |
| 7 | 0. 51 | 0. 50 | 0. 82 | O. 84 | 1. 01 | 0. 60 | 0. 54 | 0. 51 | D. 25 | 0. 35 |
| 8 | 0. 49 | - 41 | 0. 49 | 0.57 | 0. 78 | 0. 46 | 0. 89 | 0.65 | 0. 35 | 0. 35 |
| $\ni$ | 0.53 | 0. 38 | 0. 71 | 0.32 | 0. 67 | 0. 19 | 0. 54 | 0.89 | 0. 66 | 0. 35 |
| 10 | o. 41 | 0.54 | 0.71 | 0. 81 | 0.63 | 0. 20 | o. 37 | D. 45 | 0. 36 | 0. 35 |
| 11 | 0.66 | 0. 46 | 0.60 | 0. 91 | 0. 43 | o. 15 | o. 39 | 0. 47 | 0. 24 | 0. 35 |
| 12 | 0. 51 | 0. 30 | 0. 26 | -. 79 | 0.69 | -. 24 | o. 25 | 0. 70 | 0. 23 | 0. 35 |
| 18 | 0. 21 | 0.64 | 1. 30 | 0. 20 | 0. 14 | -. 26 | 0. 17 | 1. 04 | 0.17 | 0. 35 |
| 14 | 0.05 | 0. 88 | -0. 74 | 1. 48 | 0.69 | 0. 09 | 0. 45 | 0. 58 | 1.06 | 0. 35 |
| 15 | O. 45 | 0. 52 | 0.65 | 1. 00 | 0.59 | 0. 35 | 0. 35 | 0. 35 | 0. 35 | 0. 35 |
| MFAN-F A: $=7$ | 0. 49 | 0.44 | 0. 63 | 0. 77 | 0. 82 | 0.42 | 0. 58 | 0. 58 | 0. 30 | 0. 3.5 |

THE LAET AGEGROUF IS A FLUS GRDUP

the last agegroup is a plus group


THE LAST AGEGROUP IS A PLUS GROUP

| NIFTTIJAL | Pロp | ULA | TI | $\mathbf{N}$ | NaL | $Y \leq$ |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| COD 1E-1F |  |  |  |  |  |  | $6 /$ |  | - | 375 |
| - | FISHING | MORTA | ITIES | BY YE | AR AND | BY AG |  |  |  |  |
| AGE | 1765 | 1966 | 1967 | 1968 | 1969 | 1970 | 1971 | 1772 | 1973 | 1974 |
| 3 | 0. 00 | 0. 01 | 0. 00 | 0. 00 | 0. 00 | 0. 00 | 0. 00 | 0. 00 | 0. 00 | 0. 00 |
| 4 | 0. 03 | 0. 04 | 0. 01 | 0. 04 | 0. 01 | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0. 12 | 0. 05 | 0. 04 |
| 5 | 0. 18 | 0. 29 | 0. 09 | 0. 18 | 0. 19 | 0. 20 | 0. 14 | 0. 25 | 0. 31 | 0. 30 |
| 6 | 0. 36 | 0. 23 | 0. 35 | 0. 41 | 0. 43 | 0. 30 | 0. 47 | 0. 4.5 | 0. 25 | -0. 26 |
| 7 | 0. 59 | 0. 63 | 0. 53 | 0. 58 | 0. 58 | 0. 51 | 0. 80 | 0. 33 | 0. 41 | 0. 16 |
| 8 | 0. 42 | 1. 08 | 0. 62 | 0. 47 | 0. 60 | 0.69 | 1. 04 | 0. 74 | 0. 21 | 0. 38 |
| 9 | 0. 71 | 0. 54 | 0.42 | 0. 48 | 0. 35 | 0. 62 | 0. 91 | 1. 16 | 1. 45 | 0. 14 |
| 10 | 0. 62 | 0. 96 | 0.53 | 0.28 | 0. 23 | 0. 72 | 0.57 | 0. 67 | 1. 27 | 0. 85 |
| 11 | 0. 60 | 0. 56 | 0. 20 | 0.42 | 0. 33 | 1. 31 | 0. 65 | 0.34 | 0. 35 | 1. 42 |
| 12 | 0. 65 | 0. 53 | 0. 48 | 0. 14 | 0. 42 | 0. 28 | 0. 58 | 0. 48 | 0. 13 | 0. 80 |
| 13 | 0. 15 | 0. 58 | 0. 99 | 0. 17 | 0. 29 | 0. 68 | 0.41 | 0. 80 | 0. 16 | 0. 54 |
| 14 | 0. 12 | 0. 40 | 0. 59 | 1. 28 | 0. 11 | 0.44 | 0. 53 | 0. 32 | 0. 35 | 2. 83 |
| 15 | 0. 49 | 0. 61 | 0. 55 | 0. 50 | 0. 50 | 0. 35 | 0. 35 | 0. 35 | O. 35 | 0. 35 |
| MEAN-F A>= 7 | 0. 53 | 0. 75 | 0. 53 | 0. 55 | 0. 55 | 0. 57 | 0. 82 | 0. 69 | 0. 57 | 0. 34 |
| AGE | 1975 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | 0. 00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | 0. 03 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | 0. 14 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6 | 0. 23 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7 | 0. 35 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8 | 0. 35 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7 | 0. 35 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | 0. 35 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11 | 0. 35 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12 | 0. 35 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13 | 0. 35 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | - |  |
| 14 | 0. 35 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15 | 0. 35 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| MEAN-F AD $=7$ | 0. 35 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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VIFTLAAL FOOLBLATYON ANALYSIS
COD 1E-1F COD ICES SUBAREA XIV STOCK IN NUMEERS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR

| MSE | 1965 | 1966 | 1967 | 1968 | 1989 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3 | 114929 | 186931 | 57709 | 18880 | 19564 |
| 4 | 178612 | 94096 | 151955 | 47204 | 15451 |
| 5 | 55718 | 143907 | 75218 | 123313 | 37656 |
| 6 | 11288 | 40775 | 99530 | 58412 | 70732 |
| 7 | 29406 | 7460 | 29160 | 66420 | 38397 |
| 8 | 26298 | 13429 | 3251 | 12996 | 29956 |
| 9 | 9735 | 12562 | 5118 | 1386 | 6085 |
| 10 | 1414 | 3576 | 5712 | 1875 | 662 |
| 11 | 1080 | 850 | 1336 | 2424 | 943 |
| 12 | 2215 | 519 | 320 | 495 | 1191 |
| 13 | 487 | 832 | 273 | 146 | 265 |
| 14 | 420 | 259 | 347 | 127 | 82 |
| 15 | 484 | 207 | 121 | 1.19 | B1 |
| TOT. | 432085 | 505202 | 430050 | 333796 | 241025 |
| AGE | 1970 | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 |
| 3 | 9728 | 41293 | 2260 | 8684 | 27873 |
| 4 | 16018 | 7965 | 33098 | 1849 | 7103 |
| 5 | 12494 | 12900 | 6439 | 25000 | 1437 |
| 6 | 27747 | 8812 | 9400 | 4338 | 15675 |
| 7 | 59700 | 19273 | 5218 | 5475 | 2558 |
| 8 | 17879 | 28669 | 8500 | 2408 | 2395 |
| 7 | 13179 | 7857 | 10106 | 3097 | 1216 |
| 10 | 3023 | 5339 | 2660 | 2602 | 809 |
| 11 | 343 | 1180 | 1771 | 793 | 601 |
| 12 | 457 | 119 | 436 | 597 | 270 |
| 13 | 565 | 207 | 51 | 120 | 284 |
| 14 | 123 | 236 | - 105 | 7 | 51 |
| 15 | 43 | 48 | 115 | 41 | 5 |
| TOT. | 161300 | 133897 | 80868 | 55012 | 60277 |
| AGE | 1975 |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | 19894 |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | 22726 |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | 5574 |  |  |  |  |
| 6 | 910 |  |  |  |  |
| 7 | 10043 |  |  |  |  |
| 8 | 1280 |  |  |  |  |
| 9 | 988 |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | 629 |  |  |  |  |
| 11 | 194 |  |  |  |  |
| 12 | 118 |  |  |  |  |
| 13 | 72 |  |  |  |  |
| 14 | 106 |  |  |  |  |
| 15 | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| TOT | 62536 |  |  |  |  |
| RUN | 325 | . 18 |  |  |  |
| RUN |  |  |  |  |  |

TABLE 17. Part 1. Farecasts for cod catohe and apawning biomass (age 6+) at the beginning of the gear at Greenland (1975-) 1976-78 by variou level of exploitation. Fis instantaneous fishing mortality rate for fully reoruited age groupw. Pigurea in brackets (given only in Part 1 and 4) indicate that proportion (\%) of the catoh and spawning biomass which in made up of year-classes 1971-75. Catch and biomass figures in thousand metric tons, round fresh weight.

| Area | Basic  <br> year F in <br> basic  <br> year  |  | 1975 |  |  | 1976 |  |  | 1977 |  |  | 1978 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | F | catch | ap.bioma | F | catch | sp.biom. | F | catch | tp. biom. | F | catch | sp.biom. |
| Subarea 1 | 1974 | 0.35 | . 20 | $\begin{aligned} & 29.2 \\ & (7.3) \end{aligned}$ | 161.5 | . 20 | $\begin{gathered} 29.0 \\ (21.3) \end{gathered}$ | 145.8 | . 20 | $\begin{gathered} 31.1 \\ (43.3) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 158.0 \\ & (30.8) \end{aligned}$ | . 20 | $\begin{gathered} 35.7 \\ (65.3) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 158.6 \\ & (51.5) \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  |  | . 35 | $\begin{aligned} & 48.2 \\ & (7.6) \end{aligned}$ | 161.5 | . 35 | $\begin{gathered} 43.0 \\ (23.8) \end{gathered}$ | 128.0 | . 35 | $\begin{gathered} 43.2 \\ (49.1) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 127.0 \\ & (34.3) \end{aligned}$ | . 35 | $\begin{gathered} 47.8 \\ (72.2) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 118.0 \\ & (57.2) \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  |  | . 40 | $\begin{aligned} & 54.0 \\ & (7.8) \end{aligned}$ | 161.5 | . 40 | $\begin{gathered} 46.6 \\ (24.7) \end{gathered}$ | 122.5 | . 40 | $\begin{gathered} 45.9 \\ (51.1) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 118.3 \\ & (35.4) \end{aligned}$ | . 40 | $\begin{gathered} 50.3 \\ (74.3) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 107.3 \\ & (59.0) \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  |  | . 60 | $\begin{aligned} & 74.9 \\ & (8.2) \end{aligned}$ | 161.5 - | . 60 | $\begin{gathered} 56.6 \\ (28.4) \end{gathered}$ | 103.0 - | . 60 | $\begin{gathered} 52.4 \\ (58.7) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 89.6 \\ (56.5) \end{gathered}$ | . 60 | $\begin{gathered} 56.0 \\ (81.8) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 74.6 \\ (66.1) \end{gathered}$ |
|  | 1975 | 0.35 | - | - | - | . 20 | $\begin{gathered} 27.5 \\ (21.9) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 137.6 \\ - \end{gathered}$ | . 20 | $\begin{gathered} 30.3 \\ (43.5) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 153.2 \\ & (30.6) \end{aligned}$ | . 20 | $\begin{gathered} 35.1 \\ (65.4) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 154.7 \\ & (51.3) \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  |  | - | - | - | . 35 | $\begin{gathered} 45.4 \\ (22.6) \end{gathered}$ | 137.6 - | . 35 | $\begin{gathered} 45.4 \\ (46.6) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 135.6 \\ & (32.1) \end{aligned}$ | . 35 | $\begin{gathered} 49.3 \\ (70.0) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 123.7 \\ & (54.5) \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  |  | - | - | - | . 40 | $\begin{gathered} 50.9 \\ (22.8) \end{gathered}$ | $137.6$ | . 40 | $\begin{gathered} 49.4 \\ (47.7) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 130.4 \\ & (32.6) \end{aligned}$ | . 40 | $\begin{gathered} 52.5 \\ (71.4) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 115.0 \\ & (55.6) \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  |  | - | - | - | . 60 | $\begin{gathered} 70.9 \\ (23.7) \end{gathered}$ | $137.6$ | . 60 | $\begin{gathered} 61.2 \\ (51.9) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 111.1 \\ & (34.5) \end{aligned}$ | . 60 | $\begin{gathered} 60.7 \\ (77.0) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 86.2 \\ (59.9) \end{gathered}$ |

PABLE 17, Parts 2 and 3. (See text to Part 1).

| Area | Basic year | F in basic year | 1975 |  |  | 1976 |  |  | 1977 |  |  | 1978 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | F | catch | sp.biom | F | catch | 8p. biom. | 7 | catch | sp.biom. | F | catch | sp.biom |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Divs } \\ & 1 \mathrm{~A}-1 \mathrm{D} \end{aligned}$ | 1974 | 0.35 | . 20 | 19.7 | 99.8 | . 20 | 20.7 | 92.7 | . 20 | 23.4 | 106.5 | . 20 | 28.0 | 112.0 |
|  |  |  | . 35 | 32.4 | 99.8 | . 35 | 30.5 | 80.5 | . 35 | 32.3 | 84.2 | . 35 | 37.2 | 81.2 |
|  |  |  | . 56 | 47.6 | 99.8 | . 56 | 38.9 | 66.1 | . 56 | 38.2 | 61.1 | . 56 | 42.6 | 53.0 |
|  |  | 0.35 | - | - | - | . 20 | 20.7 | 93.8 | . 20 | 23.6 | 107.8 | . 20 | 28.1 | 112.8 |
|  | 1975 |  | - | - | - | . 35 | 34.1 | 93.8 | . 35 | 35.1 | 94.4 | . 35 | 39.1 | 88.1 |
|  |  |  | - | - | - | . 56 | 50.3 | 93.8 | . 56 | 45.2 | 78.5 | . 56 | 46.4 | 62.7 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dive. } \\ & \text { IE-1F } \end{aligned}$ | 1974 | 0.35 | . 20 | 8.6 | 52.1 | . 20 | 7.4 | 43.9 | . 20 | 7.2 | 45.1 | . 20 | 8.4 | 41.0 |
|  |  |  | .35 | 14.1 | 52.1 | . 35 | 10.9 | 38.7 | . 35 | 10.0 | 37.1 | . 35 | 11.5 | 31.6 |
|  |  |  | . 45 | 17.5 | 52.1 | . 45 | 12.5 | 35.7 | . 45 | 11.1 | 32.7 | . 45 | 12.8 | 26.9 |
|  |  |  | . 65 | 23.3 | 52.1 | . 65 | 14.6 | 30.3 | . 65 | 12.2 | 25.8 | . 65 | 14.4 | 19.8 |
|  | 1975 | 0.35 | - | - | - | . 20 | 6.0 | 35.0 | . 20 | 6.3 | 39.0 | . 20 | 7.8 | 37.1 |
|  |  |  | _ | _ | - | . 35 | 9.9 | 35.0 | . 35 | 9.5 | 35.0 | . 35 | 11.2 | 30.5 |
|  |  |  | - | - | - | . 45 | 12.3 | 35.0 | . 45 | 11.0 | 32.6 | . 45 | 12.8 | 26.9 |
|  |  |  | - | - | - | . 65 | 16.6 | 35.0 | . 65 | 13.2 | 28.3 | . 65 | 14.9 | 21.0 |


| Area | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Basic } \\ & \text { year } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{Fin} \\ & \text { bagic } \end{aligned}$year | 1975 |  |  | 1976 |  |  | 1977 |  |  | 1978 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | F | catch | sp.biom. | P | catch | ap.biom. | F | catch | sp.biom. | F | catch | 日p.biom. |
|  |  |  | . 20 | $\begin{aligned} & 18.2 \\ & (1.8) \end{aligned}$ | 116.9 | . 20 | $\begin{gathered} 14.0 \\ (14.0) \end{gathered}$ | $87.1$ | . 20 | $\begin{gathered} 13.1 \\ (35.8) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 84.5 \\ (31.4) \end{gathered}$ | . 20 | $\begin{gathered} 15.0 \\ (69.1) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 73.5 \\ (56.6) \end{gathered}$ |
|  |  |  | . 35 | $\begin{aligned} & 29.9 \\ & (1.9) \end{aligned}$ | 116.9 | . 35 | $\begin{gathered} 20.7 \\ (16.0) \end{gathered}$ | $76.8$ | . 35 | $\begin{gathered} 18.2 \\ (41.2) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 69.9 \\ (35.2) \end{gathered}$ | .35 | $\begin{gathered} 20.9 \\ (75.7) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 57.6 \\ (62.8) \end{gathered}$ |
|  | 1974 | 0.22 | . 45 | 37.0 $(1.9)$ | 116.9 | . 45 | $\begin{gathered} 23.8 \\ (17.4) \end{gathered}$ | $70.7$ | . 45 | $\begin{gathered} 20.4 \\ (44.9) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 62.0 \\ (37.9) \end{gathered}$ | . 45 | $\begin{gathered} 23.6 \\ (79.6) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 49.4 \\ (66.6) \end{gathered}$ |
|  |  |  | . 65 | $\begin{aligned} & 49.5 \\ & (2.1) \end{aligned}$ | 116.9 - | . 65 | $\begin{gathered} 27.9 \\ (20.4) \end{gathered}$ | 60.0 | . 65 | $\begin{gathered} 22.7 \\ (52.2) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 49.3 \\ (43.2) \end{gathered}$ | . 65 | $\begin{gathered} 27.3 \\ (86.0) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 37.3 \\ (73.6) \end{gathered}$ |
|  |  |  | . 20 | 8.0 $(4.0)$ | 45.7 | . 20 | $\begin{gathered} 7.9 \\ (24.7) \end{gathered}$ | $45.0$ | . 20 | $\begin{gathered} 9.6 \\ (48.5) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 60.8 \\ (43.5) \end{gathered}$ | . 20 | $\begin{gathered} 13.0 \\ (79.0) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 60.5 \\ (68.7) \end{gathered}$ |
| Divs. |  |  | . 35 | $\begin{aligned} & 13.3 \\ & (4.2) \end{aligned}$ | 45.7 | . 35 | $\begin{gathered} 12.0 \\ (27.3) \end{gathered}$ | $40.3$ | . 35 | $\begin{gathered} 14.0 \\ (53.4) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 52.2 \\ (47.0) \end{gathered}$ | . 35 | $\begin{gathered} 19.0 \\ (83.6) \end{gathered}$ | $\left(\begin{array}{c} 49.2 \\ (73.3) \end{array}\right.$ |
| plus | 1974 | 0.50 | . 45 | $\begin{aligned} & 16.4 \\ & (4.3) \end{aligned}$ | $45.7$ | . 45 | $\begin{gathered} 14.2 \\ (29.0) \end{gathered}$ | $37.5$ | . 45 | $\begin{gathered} 16.1 \\ (56.6) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 47.3 \\ (49.4) \end{gathered}$ | . 45 | $\begin{gathered} 21.8 \\ (86.2) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 43.2 \\ (76.1) \end{gathered}$ |
| East Greenland |  |  | . 65 | $\begin{aligned} & 22.1 \\ & (4.6) \end{aligned}$ | $45.7$ | . 65 | $\begin{gathered} 17.3 \\ (32.8) \end{gathered}$ | $32.5$ | . 65 | $\begin{gathered} 18.9 \\ (62.8) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 39.3 \\ (53.9) \end{gathered}$ | . 65 | $\begin{gathered} 25.9 \\ (90.4) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 33.8 \\ (81.1) \end{gathered}$ |
|  |  |  | . 22 | $\begin{gathered} 8,8 \\ (4.0) \end{gathered}$ | $45.7$ | . 22 | $\begin{gathered} 8.5 \\ (25.1) \end{gathered}$ | $44.3$ | . 22 | $\begin{gathered} 10.3 \\ (49.3) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 59.5 \\ (44.0) \end{gathered}$ | .22 | $\begin{gathered} 14.0 \\ (79.6) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 58.8 \\ (60.3) \end{gathered}$ |
|  |  |  | - | - | - | . 20 | 11.3 | 68.7 | . 20 | 11.5 | 73.6 | . 20 | 14.0 | 67.8 |
|  |  |  | - | - | - | . 35 | 18.8 | 68.7 | . 35 | 17.4 | 66.3 | . 35 | 20.6 | 56.1 |
|  | 1975 | 0.22 | - | - | - | . 45 | 23.3 | 68.7 | . 45 | 20.3 | 61.8 | . 45 | 23.7 | 49.7 |
|  |  |  | - | - | - | . 65 | 31.4 | 68.7 | . 65 | 24.5 | 53.9 | . 65 | 28.1 | 39.3 |



Fig. 1. Subarea 1 cod: trends in effort for some vessel categories, 1968-74.


Fig. 2. Subarea 1 cod samples, 1975. Commercial otter trawlers.


Fig. 3. Subarea 1 cod samples, 1975. Coumercial otter trawlers.


[^0]:    8. VALUES OF INSTANTANEOUS FISHING MORTAIITY RATE (F) POR VIRTUAL POPULATION ANALYSES
    In Section 5 it was argued that a probable value of $F$ for fully recruited age groups in the years $1973-1975$ could be 0.35 .

    For years prior to 1973 the values of f for oldest age group used in last year's VPA-analyses (Horsted l.c.) were

[^1]:    Anon., 1973. Report of the IOES/ICNAF Working Group on Cod Stocks in the North Atlantic. Cons.int.Explor.Mer, Coop.Res.Rep.33:1-52 (also ICNAF Res.Doc. 72/33).
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    (The report was not yet adopted by ICES when this paper was produced but references are made to those aections which were made available to the ICNAF Assessment Meeting, March 1976).

[^2]:    x) Includen gome fish below 40 er which weuld be discarded before landing in a conmercial fishory or wich to mome extent would escape through meshes in a trawl fishery with 130 mm cod-end meah aise.

