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Canadian request for advice on the scientific basis for management
of certain fisheries within national fisheries limits

At the Ninth Special Commission Meeting (December 1976), Article VI of the International Convention for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries was amended so that, "Notwithstanding the provisions of Article I, the Commission may provide to coastal state parties to the Convention, at their request, advice on the scientific basis for management of fisheries within national fisheries limits".

As all Member States are aware, effective 1 January 1977, Canada extended its jurisdiction over living resources of adjacent waters to 200 miles and is presently exercising sovereign rights for the purpose of exploring and exploiting, conserving and managing these resources. Bearing in mind Article VI of the Convention as amended, Canada considers it desirable that the Commission provide advice on the scientific basis for management of certain stocks within Canadian fisheries limits for 1978. Canada therefore requests that the Commission at its 1977 Annual Meeting provide advice on the scientific basis for management of the following stocks in 1978:

Cod	- Divisions 2G and 2H
Cod	- Divisions 2J and 3KL
Cod	- Divisions 3N and 3O
Redfish	- Divisions 3L and 3N
Redfish	- Division 3O
Redfish	- Subarea 2 and Division 3K
Capelin	- Divisions 3L, 3N, 3O and 3P
Capelin	- Subarea 2 and Division 3K
Witch	- Divisions 2J, 3K and 3L
Witch	- Divisions 3N and 3O
Greenland Halibut	- Divisions 2J, 3K and 3L
Yellowtail flounder	- Divisions 3L, 3N and 3O
American plaice	- Subarea 2 and Division 3K
American plaice	- Divisions 3L, 3N and 3O
Roundnose Grenadiers	- Subareas 2 and 3
Squid (<i>Illex</i>)	- Subareas 3 and 4
Silver Hake	- Divisions 4V, 4W and 4X
Argentines	- Divisions 4V, 4W and 4X

It is suggested that the status of these stocks be assessed by the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (STACRES) and the relevant subcommittee prior to the 1977 Annual Meeting of the Commission.

It is further suggested that, subject to the concurrence of the other coastal state concerned, the Commission provide advice on the scientific basis for management in 1978 of the stocks listed below, and that the status of these stocks also be assessed by STACRES and the relevant subcommittee prior to the 1977 Annual Meeting of the Commission.

Shrimp	- Subarea 1
Greenland Halibut	- Subarea 1 and Statistical Area 0
Roundnose Grenadiers	- Subarea 1 and Statistical Area 0

Canada will provide a further Commissioner's Document describing the options it wishes STACRES to consider in assessing these stocks and projecting future stock levels.