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SECOND ANNUAL MEETING - SEPTEMBER 1980

Report of the General Council of NAFO

Tuesday, 9 September, 1000 hrs
Friday, 12 September, 1030 hrs

1. The Second Annual Meeting of the General Council was called to order by the Chairman, Dr A. W. May (Canada), at 1000 hours, 9 September 1980, in the Fort William Ballroom of Hotel Newfoundland, St. John's, Canada.
2. After the customary salutations to all delegations (Appendix I) and a welcome to the new Executive Secretary, who was assisting at his first annual meeting of NAFO, the Chairman asked that the provisional agenda be adopted. The delegate of the USSR requested that an annotated agenda be always distributed before an annual meeting because it facilitates the work of the delegates in preparing for the meeting. This was duly noted by the Executive Secretary. The delegate of Canada proposed the insertion of a new item in the agenda - election of officers. It was pointed out that, upon the first election of officers, they had immediately taken the chair at the beginning of the First Annual Meeting and, consequently, they were now presiding over their second annual meeting. On the other hand, it was pointed out that they had not yet served for two years. It was finally agreed that the question had to be discussed and a new item 10 (a) - election of officers - was inserted. With this modification, the agenda (Appendix II) was then approved.
3. The Chairman informed the Council that, under Agenda Item 16, Other Business, he would include the documents of the ICES agreement with NAFO (GC Doc. 80/IX/10) and the ICES invitation to a "Dialogue Meeting" in October (GC Doc. 80/IX/9).
4. Under Agenda Item 3, Appointment of Rapporteur, the Chairman proposed that, as was already pre-empted, the Rapporteur for the General Council meeting be the Executive Secretary, This was agreed.
5. Under Agenda Item 4, Admission of Observers, the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES), Spain, and the USA were admitted as observers. The observer from Spain thanked the Council and declared that all national formalities for ratification of the NAFO Convention had been initiated and, as soon as an acceptable agreement was concluded with Canada, Spain would proudly take her place as a member of the Organization.
6. Under Agenda Item 5, Publicity, the Chairman proposed that this be handled in the usual manner, by which the Chairman, with the assistance of the Executive Secretary, would issue a press statement at the end of the proceedings.
7. The attention of all delegates was called to the Proceedings of the First Special Meeting of the General Council, March 1980 (GC Doc. 80/IX/6) and their approval requested. These proceedings were then approved.
8. Under Agenda Item 7, Review of Membership, it was concluded that no alterations had taken place.
9. Under Agenda Item 8, Rules of Procedure, these were approved by the Council as they seemed satisfactory and no comment was made or previously received.
10. Agenda Items 9 and 10 and all finance items were referred to STACFAD.
11. It was decided that it was too early to table the remaining items in the agenda and, after a new timetable had been agreed to proceed with, the meeting recessed.
12. The General Council reconvened at 1030 hours, Friday, 12 September, and then obtained agreement on a further plan of action and a timetable of the session to terminate the Annual Meeting.
13. It was proposed from the Chair that no election of officers was necessary before the next Annual Meeting because it seemed much more practical to allow the elected officers to serve for their two years. This was agreed.

14. The delegate of Canada called the attention of the Council to the concern of the Scientific Council in regard to the timely supply of all the scientific data required by the Organization, especially catch and effort data, and appealed to all delegations to see to it that their respective authorities would enforce the duty of supplying those data. The General Council supported this appeal.
15. Under Agenda Item 17, Time and Place of Next Meeting, it was agreed that a special meeting of the Organization was required because of the management and other questions which were already pending from the discussions of the present meeting. It was further agreed that the Second Special Meeting of NAFO would take place in Halifax during 31 March-2 April at a suitable location to be arranged by the Executive Secretary.
16. Under Agenda Item 18, Other Business, the meeting agreed that Mr Letaconnoux (EEC) would represent NAFO in the Dialogue Meeting of ICES in October 1980 and it also adopted the terms of the agreement with ICES (GC Doc. 80/IX/10).
17. As STACFAD and the Fisheries Commission had not yet circulated their reports, the meeting recessed until the afternoon.
18. On Friday afternoon, the Chairman called the Council to order to consider the report of STACFAD and to deal with the items of the agenda still under consideration.

Speaking on the recommendations which dealt with his pension scheme, the Executive Secretary thanked STACFAD for their deliberations but wished to clarify that, although the period of five years was to serve as the basis for the calculations, this did not imply that he should be forced to retire at the end of that period as, unless his health failed, he did not foresee that he would intend to retire then. Therefore, if he did not retire, the Organization should be called to review the situation and decide not later than early in the fifth year how to continue the scheme in subsequent years. The Council expressed its agreement that no idea of a forced retirement after five years was at all implied, the services of the Executive Secretary being most welcome as long as he would wish to continue.

The Council then approved the Report of STACFAD (Appendix III) and all its recommendations, with the small addition that the Executive Secretary's pension scheme should be reviewed during the fifth year in time for a decision to be taken, applicable to the sixth and subsequent years, as necessary as long as the Executive Secretary wished to continue serving.

19. The Press Statement appears as Appendix IV to this report.
20. Adjournment. There being no other business, the Chairman, after the traditional compliments, adjourned the meeting at 1630 hours, 12 September 1980.

NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANIZATION

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OPENING PROCEDURES

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3. Appointment of Rapporteur
4. Admission of Observers
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ADMINISTRATION

6. Approval of Proceedings of First Special Meeting, March 1980 (GC Doc. 80/IX/6)
7. Review of Membership of
 - (a) General Council
 - (b) Fisheries Commission
8. Review of Rules of Procedure (Annu. Rept. Vol. 1, Part 3.B, Appendix III)
9. Review of Financial Regulations (Annu. Rept. Vol. 1, Part 3.B, Appendix II)
10. Administrative Report (GC Doc. 80/IX/7)
 - (a) Election of officers

FINANCE

11. Review of conditions of appointment of the Executive Secretary (GC Doc. 80/IX/6)
12. Review of transfer of Assets and Liabilities from ICNAF to NAFO
(Auditor's Reports for 1 July 1978 to 30 June 1979, and for 1 July 1979 to 31 December 1979)
13. Financial Statement, 1980 (GC Doc. 80/IX/7)
14. Budget Estimate, 1981 (Appendix I to Agenda for STACFAD)
15. Budget Forecast, 1982 (Appendix II to Agenda for STACFAD)
16. Report of STACFAD

CLOSING PROCEDURES

17. Time and Place of Next Meeting
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19. Press Statement
20. Adjournment

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Report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Administration (STACFAD)

Thursday, 11 September, 1200 and 1600 hrs

1. Opening and Election of Chairman. The meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance and Administration (STACFAD) was convened in the unavoidable absence of the chairperson, Miss D. E. Pethick, as reported to the Committee by the Chairman of the General Council, Dr May, with the following representatives of Contracting Parties participating: Mr J. S. Beckett (Canada), Mr M. Marcussen (EEC), Dr W. Ranke (German Democratic Republic), Messrs K. Seki, Y. Ito, and J. Fujita (Japan), Mr F. Bergesen, Jr (Norway), Captain A. S. Gaspar and Mr J. Miranda Mendes (Portugal), and Mr A. A. Volkov (USSR). Mr R. J. Kelly from the International Fisheries Commissions Pension Society was present as an adviser at the invitation of Dr A. W. May. The Chairman of the General Council noted the need to elect a *pro tem* chairman. Mr Bergesen proposed, and it was unanimously accepted, that Mr J. S. Beckett would take the chair during the present meeting. The Chair was then occupied by Mr Beckett and Dr May withdrew.
2. Rapporteur. The Executive Secretary was appointed Rapporteur.
3. Adoption of Agenda. The provisional agenda, as circulated, was adopted.
4. Review of Membership. Mr Marcussen pointed out that, according to the Rules of Procedure, the membership of the Committee is open to more than five members and that the EEC would wish to have a representative on the Committee. This was agreed as well as the presence of the representative of Japan and his colleagues and the presence of Mr J. Miranda Mendes accompanying Captain A. S. Gaspar from Portugal.
5. Review of Financial Regulations. The Committee unanimously adopted the Financial Regulations after it was considered that they had been in force since June 1979 and no comments had been received.
6. Review of Transfer of Assets and Liabilities from ICNAF to NAFO. The Committee acknowledged the contents of the Auditor's Report concerning this point and approved the transfer and its amount (\$120,571).
7. Review of Conditions of Appointment of the Executive Secretary. The Executive Secretary introduced GC Doc. 80/IX/6 and the Memorandum designated for STACFAD Agenda Item 7 which had been distributed previously to the members of STACFAD. This dealt, in particular, with the fact that Captain Cardoso could not qualify for the present pension plan organized by the Pension Society. The Chairman invited Mr R. J. Kelly to address the Committee on the problem as seen from the Pension Society. Mr Kelly explained to STACFAD that there were two alternatives: the creation of an *ad hoc* pension plan, or alteration of the Pension Scheme to permit the inclusion of Captain Cardoso. This latter process would be long and laborious since it would have to be acceptable to all the other Commissions, and it would cost by 1985, the earliest date in which a pension could be claimed, in the neighbourhood of Cdn \$60,000. After this explanation, the Chairman asked the Executive Secretary to withdraw since the discussion the Committee had to have on the subject would touch upon his personal interest and, consequently, could proceed much more comfortably in his absence.

The Committee discussed then the conditions of appointment of the Executive Secretary and, particularly, the pension question. STACFAD considered that provision of a pension plan was one of the conditions of appointment and

recommends

that, since modifying the existing Pension Society Scheme is inappropriate due to cost and the implications for all other Commissions covered, the General Council approve a procedure whereby Captain Cardoso will develop a proposal for a pension plan, this plan to be based upon a contribution from the Organization up to the amount that it would have contributed to the Pension Society Pension Scheme had Captain Cardoso qualified to join it. This amount should be calculated over a period of five years with due attention paid to the higher cost to the Organization of averaging such payments over this period, if necessary to the plan to be proposed, since under the Pension Scheme the cost in the later part of the period would be much higher than in the earlier part.

STACFAD also

recommends

that, since delaying approval of a plan until the next meeting of the Council could result in significant losses in the current taxation year, the Chairman of the General Council be empowered to approve a proposal for a pension plan that conforms with the above description and, that pending such development and adoption of a pension plan, the *ad hoc* plan already in place should be continued in which the Organization contributes 8.9% of the Executive Secretary's gross salary.

This was agreed.

8. Review of International Fisheries Commissions Pension Society Pension Indexing. The Executive Secretary informed the Committee that, in the case of Mr L. R. Day, as the first case that came up for indexing, the Pension Society had recommended that the Canadian Consumer Index should be used to cover the annual increase in cost of living. At present, this indexing comes to about 10%. This method was approved and recommended by STACFAD as the method to follow in all pension indexing for the Organization.
9. Administrative Report and Financial Statements for 1980 (NAFO/GC Doc. 80/IX/7). These were considered in detail by STACFAD and approved in all matters which concern the Committee. In relation to the outstanding contributions of Spain and Romania, STACFAD learned that a letter from the Spanish Fisheries Authorities advised the Executive Secretary that payment would take place very shortly and that failure to pay was only due to an error in administrative procedures. STACFAD

recommended

that the General Council, in the person of the President of the Organization, express to the Romanian Government the gravity of the situation and press for urgent payment.

All the financial statements of the Report were approved after it was agreed that any approved expenses with superannuation and annuities not budgeted for would be taken from Accumulated Surplus and that, since it is expected that an extra Cdn \$2,000 will be necessary for publications, the Budget Estimate for 1981 will be converted to \$502,000 with \$57,000 being taken from Accumulated Surplus so that the billing (Annex 1) will be as calculated.

10. Review of Accumulated Surplus Account. This was reviewed and approved in the light of the considerations made above.
11. Budget Estimate for the Fiscal Year Ending 31 December 1981 (Annex 2). 12. Budget Forecast for the Fiscal Year Ending 31 December 1982 (Annex 3). These were reviewed and approved with the modifications introduced and explained above.
13. Billing Date for the Fiscal Year Ending 31 December 1981. This was approved as 15 February 1981 in accordance with regulations.
14. Time and Place for 1981, 1982, and 1983 Annual Meetings. The following dates and arrangements were discussed and approved for confirmation of tentative reservations made:

1981 - Scientific Council - 9-14 September in BIO;
 - General Council and Fisheries Commission - 14-17 September in the Lord Nelson Hotel, Halifax.

STACFAD

recommended

that, if no invitation is received within the year for another location for the Annual Meeting, the following arrangements be provisionally approved.

1983 - Scientific Council - 7-12 September in BIO;
 - General Council and Fisheries Commission - 13-16 September in the Lord Nelson Hotel, Halifax.

15. Other Business. STACFAD

recommended

that the Chairman be empowered to sign and approve any formalities necessary for the opening of bank accounts, whenever this is required.

Furthermore, STACFAD

recommended

that the Executive Secretary study a system to be proposed in time to the International Fisheries

Commissions Pension Society to improve as much as possible the transferability and early retirement conditions under the Pension Scheme of that Society for the employees of the Secretariat.

16. Adjournment. The meeting of STACFAD adjourned at 1800 hours, 11 September 1980.

NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANIZATION

SECOND ANNUAL MEETING - SEPTEMBER 1980

Preliminary calculation of billing for Contracting Parties against proposed estimates of \$500,000.00 for the 1981 financial year (based on 13 Contracting Parties to NAFO, effective 1 January 1981)

Budget estimate..... \$ 502,000.00
Deduct: Amount from Accumulated Surplus..... 57,000.00
Funds required to meet 1981 budget..... \$ 445,000.00

60% of funds required = \$ 267,000.00
10% of funds required = 44,500.00
30% of funds required = 133,500.00
\$ 445,000.00

APPENDIX III
Annex 1

Contracting Parties	Nominal Catches for 1978	% of Total Catch in the Convention Area	\$ of Canadian Funds	Coastal States 10%	10% Canadian Funds	Divided Equally Amongst 13 Contracting Parties	Total Amount Due from Each Contracting Party (\$ Canadian Funds)
1. Bulgaria	1,718	0.12	\$ 320.40	-	-	\$ 10,269.23	\$ 10,589.63
2. Canada	946,272	67.59	180,465.30	946,272	\$ 38,715.00	10,269.23	229,449.53
3. Cuba	12,534	0.90	2,403.00	-	-	10,269.23	12,672.23
4. Faroe Islands	17,600	1.26	3,364.20	-	-	10,269.23	13,633.43
5. GDR	7,132	0.51	1,361.70	-	-	10,269.23	11,630.93
6. Iceland	-	-	-	-	-	10,269.23	10,269.23
7. Japan	14,400	1.03	2,750.10	-	-	10,269.23	13,019.33
8. Norway	15,077	1.08	2,883.60	-	-	10,269.23	13,152.83
9. Poland	17,628	1.26	3,364.20	-	-	10,269.23	13,633.43
10. Portugal	20,997	1.50	4,005.00	-	-	10,269.23	14,274.23
11. Romania	3,975	0.28	747.60	-	-	10,269.23	11,016.83
12. USSR	200,261	14.30	38,181.00	-	-	10,269.23	48,450.23
13. EEC	142,508	10.18	27,180.60	142,508	5,785.00	10,269.23	43,234.83
	1,400,102	100.01%	\$ 267,026.70	1,088,780	\$ 44,500.00	\$ 133,499.99	\$ 445,026.69

NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANIZATION

SECOND ANNUAL MEETING - SEPTEMBER 1980

Preliminary Budget Estimate, 1981

1. Personal Services	
(a) Salaries	\$ 277,000
(b) Superannuation and Annuities	18,000
(c) Additional help	1,000
(d) Group medical and insurance plans	5,000
(e) Contingencies	20,000
2. Travel	4,000
3. Transportation of Things	1,000
4. Communications	25,000
5. Publications	15,000
6. Other Contractual Services	35,000
7. Materials and Supplies	16,000
8. Equipment	5,000
9. Annual and Mid-Year Meetings	25,000
10. Computer Services	40,000
11. Contingencies	<u>15,000</u>
	\$ 502,000

NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANIZATION

SECOND ANNUAL MEETING - SEPTEMBER 1980

Preliminary Budget Forecast, 1982

1. Personal Services	
(a) Salaries	\$ 299,000
(b) Superannuation and Annuities	18,000
(c) Additional help	1,000
(d) Group medical and insurance plans	5,000
(e) Contingencies	20,000
2. Travel	4,000
3. Transportation of Things	1,000
4. Communications	27,000
5. Publications	15,000
6. Other Contractual Services	37,000
7. Materials and Supplies	17,000
8. Equipment	5,000
9. Annual and Mid-Year Meetings	27,000
10. Computer Services	45,000
11. Contingencies	15,000
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	\$ 536,000

NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANIZATION

SECOND ANNUAL MEETING - SEPTEMBER 1980

Press Notice

1. The Second Annual Meeting of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO) was held at St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada, during 3-12 September 1980, under the chairmanship of Dr. A. W. May, President of NAFO and Head of the Canadian Delegation. The meeting of the Scientific Council during 3-8 September was followed by meetings of the Fisheries Commission and the General Council.
2. Attending the meeting were delegates from the following Contracting Parties: Bulgaria, Canada, Cuba, European Economic Community (EEC), Faroe Islands, German Democratic Republic, Iceland, Japan, Norway, Poland, Portugal, and Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. Observers were present from Spain, United States of America, the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC), and the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES).
3. Decisions reached at this NAFO Meeting included the following:
 - (a) The program of International Joint Enforcement of NAFO Regulations outside the 200-mile economic fishing zone will be continued and expanded in 1981, with commitments by Contracting Parties to increase overall surveillance in Division 3M (Flemish Cap).
 - (b) The International Scientific Observer Program will be continued in 1981.
4. On the basis of scientific advice provided by the Scientific Council from its meeting in June 1980, agreement was reached on conservation and management measures in 1981 regarding total allowable catches (TACs) and allocations for certain fish stocks, three of which are entirely outside the Canadian 200-mile fishing zone in Division 3M and five stocks overlapping the 200-mile fishing zone in Divisions 3L, 3N, and 3O (Table 1). Allocations were also made for a part of the 1981 TAC for the short-finned squid (*Illex illecebrosus*) in Subareas 3 and 4. Conservation measures for the capelin stock in Divisions 3LNO were deferred until the Scientific Council provides scientific advice at its meeting in February 1981, at which time the cod stocks in Divisions 3M and 3NO will also be reassessed.
5. A Special Meeting of NAFO will be held at Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, during 31 March-2 April 1981 to consider advice from the February 1981 Meeting of the Scientific Council. The Third Annual Meeting of NAFO will be held at Halifax during 9-18 September 1981.

22 September 1980

Office of the Secretariat of NAFO
Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada

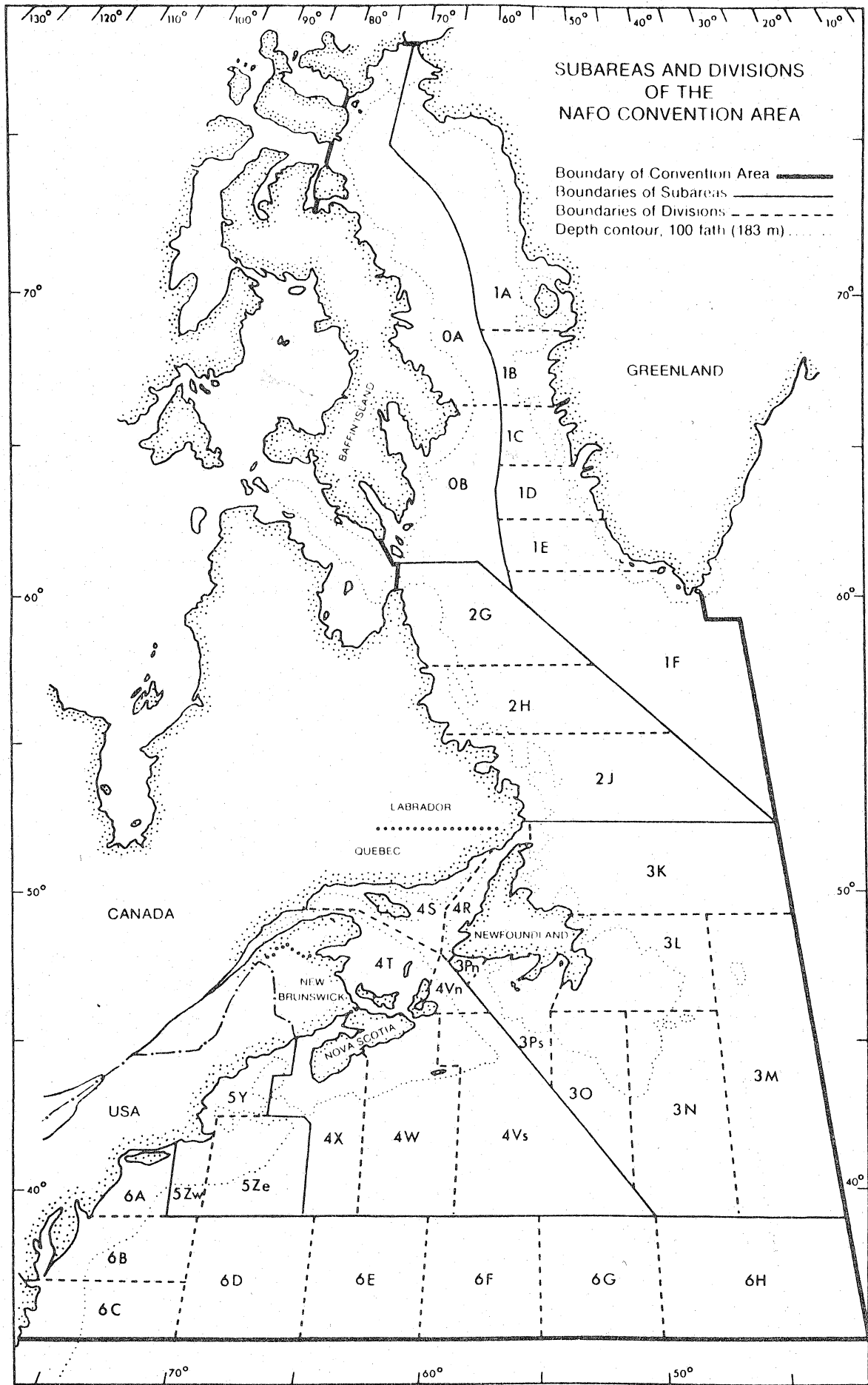


Table 1. Total allowable catches and quotas (metric tons) for 1981 of particular stocks in Subareas 3 and 4 of the NAFO Convention Area. (The values listed include quantities to be taken both inside and outside the 200-mile fisheries zone, where applicable.)

CONTRACTING PARTY	COD		REDFISH		AMERICAN PLAICE		YELLOWTAIL	WITCH	CAPELIN	SQUID (Iceland) 1,2
	3M	3NO	3M	3LN	3M	3LNO	3LNO	3NO	3LNO	3 + 4
Bulgaria	-	-	300	-	-	-	-	-	-	500
Canada	100	3,267	5,500	8,000	250	54,200	20,500	3,000	-	-
Cuba	295	283	1,550	2,250	-	-	-	-	-	2,250
European Economic Community	1,470	70	1,200	-	-	700	400	-	-	-
Faroe Islands (Denmark)	1,775	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
German Democratic Republic	-	-	-	850	-	-	-	-	-	-
Iceland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Japan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Norway	735	-	400	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,250
Poland	305	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Portugal	2,145	367	600	850	250	-	-	-	-	1,000
Romania	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	780	1,447	10,350	12,900	1,000	-	-	-	-	500
Others	50	233	100	150	500	100	100	1,950	50	5,000
Special Reservation	345 ³	3,000 ³	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	8,000 ⁴	8,667 ⁵	20,000	25,000	2,000	55,000	21,000	5,000	150,000	2,250 ³

¹ Any quota listed for squid may be increased by a transfer from any other quota listed for squid or by a transfer from any "coastal state" as defined in Article I, paragraph 3, of the NAFO Convention, provided that the TAC for squid is not exceeded. Transfers made to Contracting Parties conducting fisheries for squid in the Regulatory Area shall be reported to the Executive Secretary, and the report shall be made as promptly as possible.

² The opening date for the squid (Iceland) fishery is 1 July 1981.

³ Reserved for Spain.

⁴ Interim for calendar year, subject to review.

⁵ January to April.