

Adjournment Debate

She asked about the amount of freight space on airlines going to Europe. The hon. member should remember that the government does not control any of the airlines that travel back and forth to Europe. It is not under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transport who set the regulations in place for how the airlines operate.

More particularly, with respect to the groundfish quotas for 1992 for the Scotia-Fundy region, the groundfish plan on December 23 was released for the coming year. The total allowable catches for the Atlantic groundfish were set at the level scheduled within the multi-year groundfish plan which was introduced in 1991. The decisions announced for 1992 were based on the advice of CAFSAC, the Canadian Atlantic Fisheries Scientific Advisory Committee. They are also the product of consultations throughout the year with the fishermen's organizations, the industry and the provincial government.

The management measures introduced in 1991 for the 4VN winter cod fishery will continue to protect the juvenile cod and control dumping and the discarding of fish and enhance the data base for assessing the stock. Observer coverage, which had reached about 70 per cent

the year before will be raised to 100 per cent and a program of observer-estimated catch will be established for 1992. As well, to alleviate the concern about the migration of the 4T cod to division 4VS, catches in the 4VS between January to April will be limited to 12,000 tonnes, based on the 4VS catch average of recent years.

For 1992 the fishermen will not be forced to transfer quotas. Under the current system transfers of fish are only acted upon after they have been requested by licence holders. At no time are fishermen requested to transfer quotas to companies.

The future of the Atlantic groundfish industry rests on responsible fisheries management. This means looking at the issues in a careful, open manner. It also means reconciling the needs of groups and communities for economic benefits today with the overriding duty to conserve and sustain the resource for future generations.
[Translation]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The motion that the House do now adjourn is deemed to be adopted. The House therefore stands adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow, pursuant to Standing Order 24(1).

The House adjourned at 5.33 p.m.