

They reviewed Canadian proposals for the conservation and management of the fish stocks off the Canadian Atlantic Coast. These proposals were first advanced at the June 1975 meeting of ICNAF and are scheduled for further discussion at the special ICNAF meeting to be held at Montreal in September. They involve a substantial reduction in foreign fishing effort for groundfish, a reduction in the total allowable catch of threatened stocks and higher quotas for the coastal state in accordance with its harvesting capacity. The Canadian side stressed the importance Canada attaches to securing agreement on these proposals. The Norwegian side emphasized that a substantial reduction in fishing effort is required both in the NEAFC and in the ICNAF areas. Norway would continue to work actively for solutions reflecting this need, and would at the ICNAF meeting later this month maintain its broad support for Canada's efforts.

The Canadian side was composed of L.H. Legault, Director General, International Fisheries and Marine Directorate, Department of the Environment as Chairman, and M.B. Phillips, Department of External Affairs.

The Chairman of the Norwegian side was H. Vindenes, Deputy Director General, Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.