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DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND OCEANS

INFORMATION ITEM
Members of the Legislative Assembly

Attention: Mr. Gordon Wray

In response to questions raised and motions passed during the Committee of the Whole sittings in early March of this year, I have the following information for all interested members.

Northern Shrimp Fisheries

The attached map outlines fishing zones of Davis Strait, Hudson Strait East, Hudson Strait West and Ungava Bay.

Areas OB, 2G, 2H and areas 1C, 1D, 1E and 1F are part of the North Atlantic Fishery Organization (NAFO) and are managed by international convention with advice on harvesting in Canadian Waters (areas OB, 2G, 2H) being provided by the Canadian Atlantic Scientific Advisory Committee (CAFSAC).

The areas of Hudson Strait and Ungava Bay (HSE, HSW and UBY) are new Canadian domestic statistical areas with some limited potential for a shrimp fishery. The tentative quota allocations on the advice of CAFSAC for 1983 are 750 (t) for Hudson Strait East and 100 (t) for Ungava Bay.

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The allocation of shrimp quotas for areas HSE, HSW and UBY will not take place until the Government of the Northwest Territories has been consulted and had the opportunity to participate in the planning and allocation process. A meeting with officials of the Government of the Northwest Territories is scheduled for May 16, 1983 to discuss this issue.

The 1983 shrimp fishing plan for the NAFO areas (OB, 2G, 2H and 1) will proceed as they have for the past number of years (first started in 1977). The quota allocations for Area OB is 5000 (t) with a 2000 (t) reserve for foreign vessels and 500 (t) for area 2G.

Shrimp fisheries were conducted in Hudson Strait (West of Resolution Island) and in Ungava Bay (by Makavik Corporation) in 1979 and 1980. Landings were 90 (t) in 1979 and 240 (t) in 1980. No fisheries were reported during 1981 or 1982.

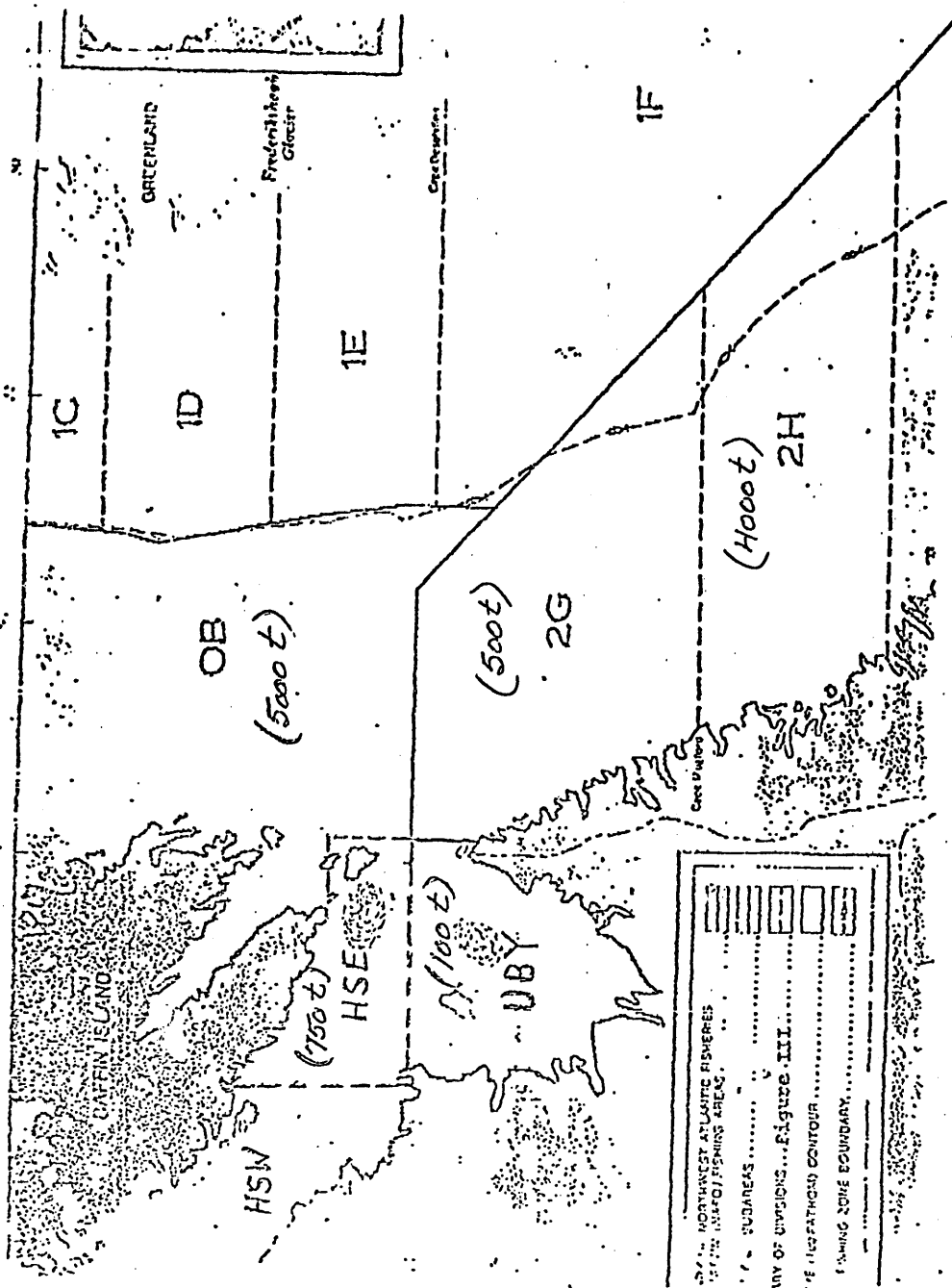
Research work has been conducted in these areas in 1979 and 1982 and as a result of this research, a conservative exploitation rate of twenty-five percent (25%) of the estimated bio-mass has been set.

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans looks forward to future consultations with the Government of the Northwest Territories on the development, allocation and management of these fisheries.



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Attachment.



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