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Background Information

The extension of fisheries jurisdiction by states bordering the Northwest Atlantic Ocean (west of 42°W and north of 35°N) resulted in the negotiation of a new convention on multilateral cooperation in the area with regard to fisheries. Consequently, the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO) was established on 1 January 1979 to replace the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries (ICNAF) which originated in 1950. The Scientific Council of NAFO, in assuming responsibility to provide a forum for consultation and cooperation on fishery science in the Northwest Atlantic, considered the establishment of a primary fisheries journal to be an essential part of its function if its mandate was to be successfully met. The first volume of the Journal was published in December 1980.

Aims and Scope

The Journal provides an international forum for the primary publication of original research papers on fishery science in the Northwest Atlantic, dealing with environmental, biological, ecological and fishery aspects of the living marine resources and ecosystems. While the Journal is intended to be regional in scope, papers of general applicability and methodology, irrespective of region, may also be considered. Both practical and theoretical papers are eligible for consideration. Space is provided for notes and letters to the editor to facilitate scientific discussion of published papers. Space is also provided for relevant notices. All papers are peer-reviewed to determine their suitability for primary publication. Associate Editors who are experts in the fields of biological oceanography, vertebrate fisheries biology, invertebrate fisheries biology and biomathematics, arrange for the peer-reviews and ensure that the papers accepted for publication meet the high standards required for this scientific journal. Manuscripts approved for publication are accepted with the understanding that

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