

Journal of Northwest Atlantic Fishery Science



Volume 29

Printed and Distributed by:
Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization
P. O. Box 638, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
Canada B2Y 3Y9

December 2001

Journal of Northwest Atlantic Fishery Science

Scientific publications by ICNAF and NAFO have been in existence since ICNAF began in 1949 with the *ICNAF Special Publication Series* dealing with Proceedings of scientific symposia. The *ICNAF Research Bulletin* was started in 1964 to provide a means of publishing results of scientific research relevant to ICNAF. The *ICNAF Research Bulletin* was terminated in September 1979 after the issue of Number 14. The first volume of the *NAFO Journal of Northwest Atlantic Fishery Science* was published in December 1980, after NAFO came into force replacing ICNAF in 1979.

The Northwest Atlantic fisheries have a rich history, and a great deal of research has been sponsored and encouraged by NAFO, and its predecessor ICNAF, and has been a leader in international organizations in the application of science to fishery management and in the regulation of fisheries. In accordance with its mandate to disseminate information on fisheries research to the scientific community, the Scientific Council of NAFO publishes the *Journal of Northwest Atlantic Fishery Science*, which contains peer-reviewed primary papers, and *NAFO Scientific Council Studies*, which contains unrefereed papers of topical interest and importance to the Scientific Council. Lists of these and other NAFO publications are given on the back of this issue.

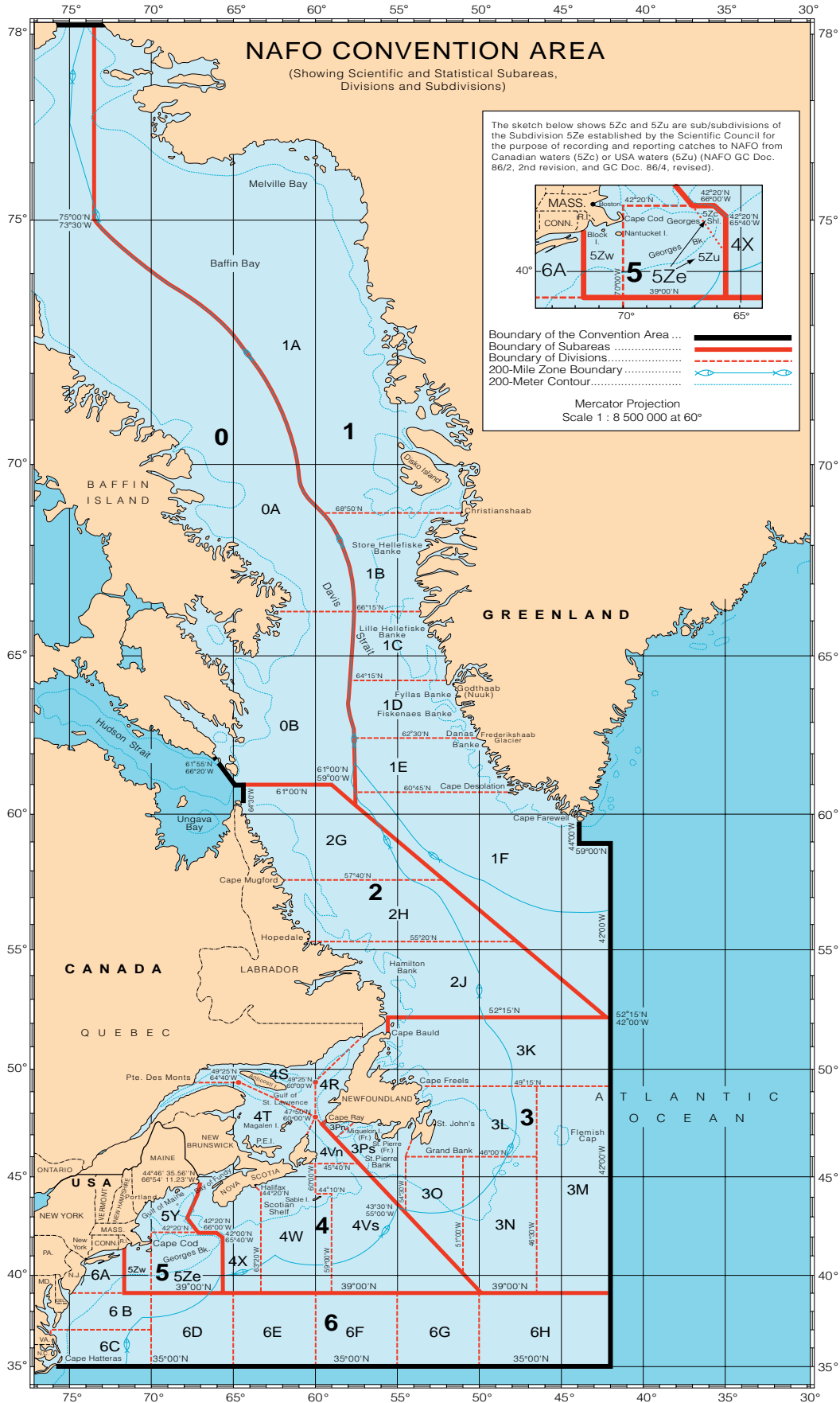
Editorial Policy

The Journal provides an international forum for the primary publication of original research papers, with emphasis on 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 methodological and review papers, irrespective of region, are considered. Space is available for notes and letters to the editor to facilitate scientific discussion of published papers. Both practical and theoretical papers are eligible. All papers are peer-reviewed to determine their suitability for primary publication. Associate Editors arrange for the peer-reviews and ensure that the papers accepted for publication meet the high standards required for the Journal. Manuscripts approved for publication are accepted with the understanding that they are not copyrighted, published or submitted elsewhere except in abstract form. There are no page charges.

Editorial Board

Associate Editors:

- D. B. Atkinson, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada (*Vertebrate Fisheries Biology*)
- K. F. Drinkwater, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada (*Physical and Fisheries Oceanography*)
- H.-J. Rätz, Institut für Seefischerei, Hamburg, Germany (*Vertebrate Fisheries Biology*)
- F. M. Serchuk, National Marine Fisheries Service, Woods Hole, Massachusetts, USA (*Vertebrate Fisheries Biology*)
- P. A. Shelton, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada (*Biomathematics*)
- V. Siegel, Institut für Seefischerei, Hamburg, Germany (*Invertebrate Fisheries Biology*)
- T. Amaratunga, Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization Secretariat, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada (*Technical Editor*)



Foreword

In accordance with its mandate to disseminate information on fisheries research to the scientific community, the Scientific Council of NAFO publishes the *Journal of Northwest Atlantic Fishery Science*, which contains peer-reviewed primary papers and notes on original research, and *NAFO Scientific Council Studies*, which contains review papers of topical interest and importance to the current and future activities of the Scientific Council. Both publications have included proceedings of Special Sessions or Symposium of the Scientific Council as well as individually submitted papers. The idea of a series of invited papers for publication in the *NAFO Journal* was first raised by the Standing Committee on Publications of the Scientific Council in 1985 as one way to enhance the scope of the *Journal* and to stimulate broader interest in it. Some previous issues of the *Journal* were dedicated to such invited papers.

The present issue of the *Journal* is compiled with current scientific papers as reviewed and edited by some members of the Editorial Board.

December 2001

Tissa Amaratunga
Technical Editor
Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization
Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
Canada

Contents

NIELSEN, J. R. and M. ANDERSEN. Feeding Habits and Density Patterns of Greenland Cod, <i>Gadus ogac</i> (Richardson 1836), at West Greenland Compared to Those of the Coexisting Cod, <i>Gadus morhua</i> L.	1
STEIN, M., and J. LLORET. Forecasting of Air and Water Temperatures for Fishery Purposes with Selected Examples from Northwest Atlantic	23
SALERNO, D. J., J. BURNETT, and R. M. IBARA. Age, Growth, Maturity, and Spatial Distribution of Bluefish, <i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i> (Linnaeus), off the Northeast Coast of the United States, 1985–96.....	31
MORGAN, M. J. Time and Location of Spawning of American Plaice in NAFO Divisions 3LNO	41
RIKHTER, V. A., I. K. SIGAEV, V. A. VINOGRADOV, and V. I. ISAKOV. Silver Hake of Scotian Shelf: Fishery, Environmental Conditions, Distribution, and Biology and Abundance Dynamics.....	51
Notices	93
Scientific Publications of NAFO	97

