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APPENDIX

### The Use of Large-meshed Otter Trawls in the New England Fishery.

As the result of experiments and commercial tests in 1931 and 1932 the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries has recommended to New England otter trawl operators from time to time during the past four years, the use of cod-ends with mesh measuring not less than  $4\frac{3}{4}$  inches, stretched measure. Up to the beginning of 1937, these recommendations were followed by but one or two operators. However, in November, 1936, the Board of Directors of Federated Fishing Boats of New England and New York (an organization including practically all of the New England operators of large and medium-sized otter trawlers) unanimously voted that the members of the Federation should begin the use of larger-meshed otter trawls as recommended by the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries, to begin

February 1st, 1937, and continue for a period of six months, unless terminated at an earlier date by vote of the Board of Directors. The agreement was to apply to all boats with an overall length of more than 70 feet, catching fish other than redfish, *Sebastes marinus*, and whiting, *Merluccius bilinearis*, landed at Maine and Massachusetts ports. Later, the beginning date was postponed to April 1st in order to enable the members to clear up their old supplies of small-meshed cod-ends. The agreement is in force at the present time.

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