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Secretary of Interior Stewart Udall will welcome the delegates at the opening session of the Eleventh Meeting of the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, Monday, June 5 at 10:00 a.m. in the International Conference Suite of the Department of State. The first half-hour of the session will be open to the general public

The International Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Commission is engaged in planning and coordinating programs of fisheries research which are carried out by the fisheries agencies of the member governments in the Northwest Atlantic Ocean. Its meetings are largely devoted to reports and discussion of current research and plans for future years. In addition from time to time the Commission recommends to Governments the adoption of regulations for certain fisheries of the area, for purposes of conservation of the resources. The Commission is composed of one to three Commissioners from each contracting government and meets annually at Halifax, Nova Scotia, its headquarters, or at some other place in North America or Europe.

Member countries of the Commission are Canada, Denmark, France, Federal Republic of Germany, Iceland, Italy, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom, and the United States. Observers are expected to attend from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the other international fisheries commissions of which the United States is a member, the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea, and the Government of Poland. The meeting will be in session through June 10.

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