Title: The preliminary studies on Chinese summer closed fishing season system and its efficiency

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Abstract:

The paper introduces and analyses first the evolution, actuality and current problems of the summer closed fishing season system of China. The summer closed fishing season system is formally actualized in 1995. Till 2006, all waters of China is managed by the very system. During summer closed fishing season of 2005, 120 thousands of fishing vessel and one million fishermen were prohibited to undertake fishing activities in Chinese waters. The paper gives the detail arrangement of the waters, fishing gears and time of summer closed fishing season system. The paper also analyses the characteristics of Chinese marine fishing industry such as complicated fishery resources, huge fishing labor force and special fishing organization system and why there is a huge transaction cost in the course of undertaking the summer closed fishing season system. Finally, in the paper the authors discuss how to construct an effective fishing cooperative organization for reducing the administrational cost and improving the economic efficiency of summer closed fishing season system.