

Herring Sub-Committee

Chairman: Mr. Árni Fridriksson.

The Committee met at 9.30 a.m. on 2nd October 1952.

I. Proceedings.

Contributions were made by Mr. F. Devold, Dr. E. Bertelsen, Mr. O. Stefansson (read by the Chairman), and Dr. K. A. Andersson on the investigations carried out during 1951-1952 in the respective countries. During the ensuing discussion a summary was given by the Committee members from the other countries. A number of contributions concerning herring investigations was postponed to be treated in the Pelagic Committee.

With regard to the note, submitted to the Sub-Committee by the Consultative Committee, from M. le Gall, "L'esprit des Annales Biologiques", agreement was expressed with the principals laid down when the "Annales Biologiques" were founded.

Mr. Árni Fridriksson was re-elected Chairman.

II. Programme of Work.

1. It was decided to conform to a common plan in searching for herring and to carry out hydrographic work on the Atlantic-Scandian herring in May and June in 1953. The investigations are to be continued as in 1952.
2. The desirability of another set of cruises in August was recognized and the Chairman was asked to contact the members for this purpose by correspondence.
3. It was handed over to the Chairman and Dr. Tåning to consider by correspondence an international co-operation of research on the stocks of herring in the southern North Sea by the countries especially interested.
4. Herring investigations in general, tagging included, will be continued and, if possible, extended.

III. Recommendations.

1. The Herring-Sub-Committee does not consider it necessary to establish a special Sub-Committee, as proposed by the Hydrographical-Biological Sub-Committee; they are, however, in favour of extending collections of plankton on the cruises as planned.
2. The Herring Sub-Committee recommends that provisions should be made for attendance by seaweed experts from all member countries from time to time at the meetings of Council.
3. The Herring Sub-Committee recommends that provisions be made for contributions on fish detection (acoustically and optically) to be read at the next meeting of Council before the Pelagic Committee.
4. The Herring Sub-Committee supports the recommendation put forward by the North Western Area Sub-Committee that hydrographic material from the herring cruises in the Norwegian sea be published.