

Baltic Area Sub-Committee

Chairman Dr. Chr. Hessle.

The Committee met at 9.30 a.m. on 1 October 1952.

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I. Proceedings.

1. The following reports were presented and discussed:
 - a) Professor R. Jurva: The variations of the largest yearly freezing in the Baltic and the fluctuation in the length of the ice winters since the eighties.
 - b) Professor E. Halme: Quantitative classification of the stock of fish in the sea off Helsinki.
 - c) Dr. S. Segerstråle: Complementary notes on the increase in the salinity off the coast of Finland and its influence upon the fauna.
 - d) Dr. G. Alm: Swedish investigations on the stock of salmon and the salmon fishery during the last years.
2. The stock of fish and the regulation of the fishery in the southern part of the Baltic were discussed. In this connection Dr. Aage J. C. Jensen reported on Danish market measurements of the plaice in Bornholm, and on the fishery and stock of cod in the Baltic. It was agreed that more attention should be paid to the problems of the fluctuations of the fish stock and the fishery in this district.
3. The Sub-Committee considered the following questions raised by the Consultative Committee:-
 - a) As regards the Annales Biologiques the committee was of the opinion that the principles laid down for the scope of that publication had been adhered to and that they should remain in force.
 - b) As seaweed plays a very inconsiderable part in the economy of the Baltic the sub-committee refrained from expressing an opinion on the question whether seaweed investigations should be discussed at the meetings of the Council.
 - c) Regarding the question of a special scientific meeting next year the committee was of the opinion that the subject should be the cod.
4. Dr. Chr. Hessle was re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

II. Programme of Work.

It was agreed to re-adopt this year's programme as that of the coming year.